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## UN Special Representative for Somalia welcomes the recovery of Barawe

**Mogadishu, 6 October 2014** – The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Somalia (SRSG), Nicholas Kay, welcomed the recovery earlier today of the port city of Barawe from Al-Shabaab by the Somali National Army and African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) forces.

"The recovery of Barawe by the Somali National Army and AMISOM forces is a critical milestone in Somalia's path to peace and stability. I welcome this important achievement. I encourage any remaining Al-Shabaab to lay down their arms. Now is the time for peace and political progress for all Somali people." SRSG Kay said.