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### **PRESS STATEMENT 02/2015**

#### **UN Envoy Kay condemns violence and appeals for calm in Defow, Central Somalia**

**Mogadishu, 21 January 2015** – The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General (SRSG) for Somalia, Nicholas Kay, condemned recent violence in Defow, central Somalia. There have been reports of dozens of casualties, including women and children. The SRSG appealed for calm, underlining the need to de-escalate the situation through peaceful dialogue and compromise.

SRSG Kay said “We call on all parties to exercise restraint and respect the role of elders in finding a peaceful solution to the conflict.”

SRSG Kay extended his sincere condolences to the families and friends of those who have suffered as a result of the recent violence.

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