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UN Secretary General's Special Representative for Somalia, Nicholas Kay on the allegations of rape in AMISOM facility

Mogadishu, 18 August 2013 - SRSG Nicholas Kay expresses grave concern over allegations of rape at an AMISOM military facility. He welcomes the announcements by the Federal Government of Somalia and by AMISOM of the establishment of an investigation into the allegations.

“It is important that any investigation is rigorous and prompt. I am encouraged by the President of Somalia’s commitment to a zero-tolerance policy” says SRSG Kay.

“If there is a case to answer, any perpetrator should be prosecuted and held fully accountable while basic rights are protected”, SRSG Kay added.

Sexual violence in Somalia is one of the most serious and urgent human rights challenges facing the government and people of Somalia.

UNSOM continues its mandated activities to promote respect for human rights and the rule of law, especially in the area of sexual violence. UNSOM also promotes access to justice, monitoring and reporting of human rights violations in Somalia.

These endeavours include support to AMISOM troops’ pre-deployment training with induction courses on human rights, International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law.

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