

## **UNSOM Police Newsletter**

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## Edition Highlights

Inauguration of the SPF Commissioner.

Conference of Ministers of Internal Security in Kismayo.

350 new police serving in Jubaland and Galmudug.

New ATMIS Police Commissioner assumes office.

UNSOM celebrates International Women's Day, in Beletweyne, HirShabelle.

### INAUGURATION OF THE SPF COMMISSIONER



SPF Commissioner Brig Gen. Sulub Ahmed Firin was inaugurated on 4 February at the General Kahiye Police Academy (GKPA), in Mogadishu. The Deputy Prime Minister Salah Ahmed Jama, in his address during the inauguration ceremony, identified the two levels of police in Somalia based on the New Policing Model (NPM) as agreed on 24 June 2016 during the National Leadership Forum in Southwest State. The Deputy Prime Minister encouraged a positive working relationship between the Federal Police and State Police Services during the ongoing operations in the country. He emphasized that the police are responsible for maintaining law and order in collaboration with the community to ensure the growth of community policing when responding to terrorism and crime.

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## SECOND BATCH OF 199 POLICE OFFICERS GRADUATE IN GALMUDUG

In January, 199 (172 males and 27 females) police recruits graduated in Adaado, Galmudug. The three-month training was conducted by Somali police trainers, with UNDP as the implementing partner with funding by the Joint Police Programme. This batch will augment the first batch of 200 Galmudug police officers that concluded the basic training in November 2022. The 399 police officers have re-established the Galmudug State Police and are contributing to the stabilisation efforts in the State.

## SECOND BATCH OF 151 POLICE OFFICERS GRADUATE IN KISMAYO

In February, the Jubaland State President Ahmed Mohammed Islam "Madobe" inaugurated the graduation ceremony of 151 police officers (131 males and 20 females). This is the second and last batch of 300 police officers being supported by the Joint Police Programme. The event was attended by State ministers, UN and ATMIS Police. The graduates underwent a 3-month basic recruit training facilitated by Jubaland State Police and ATMIS Police trainers. The curriculum for the training included Human Rights, Policing, Gender, and Professional Standards. The graduates will help in establishing a professional, and sustainable police service in recovered areas, contributing to a stable and secure environment conducive for peace and development in Somalia.











#### SPF POLICE COMMISSIONER VISITS UNSOM POLICE

On 29 March, on his inception visit to UNSOM, the SPF Commissioner Brig Gen. Sulub Ahmed Firin discussed with UNSOM Police the Somali policing developments, and implications of the National Consultative Council and Council of Ministers of Internal Security outcomes relevant to national policing.





#### SECURITY SECTOR GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP







In January, UNDP, UNSOM and DCAF-Geneva Center for Security Sector Governance, organised a Security Sector Governance workshop for FMS, to facilitate and encourage dialogue on a people-centred approach crafting security policies, and sector security governance planning to implement the National Security Architecture.

DCAF presented good practices in terms of policy development, especially in the area of police The **FMS** oversight. representatives at the technical level will foster engagement with security institutions strengthening Somalia Security Sector Governance.

#### **CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF** INTERNAL SECURITY IN KISMAYO



The Conference of Ministers of Internal Security (CMIS) met in Kismayo on 7-9 March. The meeting was attended by federal and state MoIS/MoS and the Somali Police Commissioners (federal and state) and discussed strategic internal security issues.

At the conclusion of the CMIS consensus was reached including:

- Establishment of a technical committee at both levels of the FGS/FMS to provide guidance and recommendations for the JPP Phase II.
- INTERPOL and international relations, as well as police curriculum and training, will be the responsibility of the FGS.
- The criminal investigative unit of the police will follow the 2016 New Policing Model, with the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) operating at the federal level, and the Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) at the state level.



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HANDOVER OF AFMADOW POLICE STATION

The newly constructed Afmadow Police Station in Jubaland State was officially handed over to the State Ministry of Internal Security in January, this brings the number of police stations built by the JPP to nine.

## JOINT POLICE PROGRAMME EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Joint Police Programme Executive Board met in January and March and approved the establishment of a Design Committee, led by the Director-General of MoIS, comprising the UN, Donors and Somali counterparts to commence the design of the Phase II programme. In Phase II, the UN will highlight stabilisation and gender as upcoming priorities.



# HIRSHABELLE STATE NEW POLICING MODEL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MET IN MOGADISHU

A three-day HirShabelle State Technical Committee meeting made up of the State Police and government officials concluded in Mogadishu during February. This enabled the State to update their policing priorities and to plan increased police contributions to the stabilisation process. The Technical Committee used the opportunity to identify a future police generation plan and a non-lethal support project as part of their planning to increase police participation in the stabilisation process.









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## UNSOM AND NEW ATMIS POLICE COMMISSIONER MET IN MOGADISHU.

In March, UNSOM Police Commissioner (PC) Ralf Schroeder and new ATMIS PC Hillary Sao Kanu met to discuss mandate implementation, fostering coordination and collaboration amongst the international partners, success factors and possible challenges associated with the drawdown of ATMIS in 2024.



## REVISION OF SOUTHWEST STATE POLICE ACT PROGRESS IN BAIDOA.

In February, UNSOM Police and UNDP supported the South West State Ministry of Internal Security with the ongoing drafting of the State Police Bill.

#### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION.

UNSOM Gender Office hosted the Beletweyne Field Office International Women's Day. This year's theme, "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality", was aligned with the priority theme for the upcoming 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW-67), Innovation and technological change, and education. The event, organized by UNSOM Police and representatives of all components, recognized the importance of coordinating the event through sports games (volleyball), where all female components, including ATMIS, DNDF, ENDF, UN, SNA, and Somali police participated.





