



# UNSOM POLICE NEWSLETTER

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## Joint Police Programme Executive Board Meeting

The DSRSG/P Anita Kiki Gbeho and the Minister of Internal Security Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Sheik Ali co-chaired the Joint Police Programme Executive Board (JPP-EB) meeting in Mogadishu. The JPP-EB approved new work requests totaling \$1.2 million including construction of Dhusamareb and Gaalkacyo (south) police stations; furnishing police stations in Mogadishu; and the procurement of two trucks for the SPF Darwish.

JPP is a programme that consolidates bilateral donor funds geared towards streamlining donor support to policing in Somalia. The funds are donated by UK, EU and Germany.

## UNSOM Police Commissioner visit to Hargeisa, Somaliland and Garowe, Puntland

UNSOM Police Commissioner Ralf Schroeder began his familiarization tour to Somaliland and Puntland Federal Member States from 18 to 22 September. During the visits he had fruitful meetings with Somaliland Minister of Internal Security, Director General Ministry of Justice and Puntland State Minister of Security, Police Commissioner and Transitional Puntland Electoral Commission Chairperson. Both authorities laid out their significant policing priorities and UNSOM Police to provide vital support.







Ralf Schroeder

## UNSOM Police Commissioner Foreword

UNSOM Police is delighted to reintroduce our miniature newsletter depicting our activities and achievements after the Covid-19 wave and the successful completion of the Presidential, House of People and Upper House elections this year. We take the chances and options lying ahead of us and put all our efforts into supporting Somali authorities on their needs, wishes and activities. Personally, I am indeed excited to start my mission, after serving for more than 25 years in the German Federal Police. I entered the Mission beginning of August this year and feel honored and privileged to play my part in the prospective development of Somalia. The entire UNSOM Police section hope you enjoy our little paper and welcome any feedback.

## UNSOM Police Mandate

The UNSOM Police Section is a component of UNSOM's Rule of Law and Security Institutions Group (ROLSIG). UNSOM Police is mandated to provide strategic policy advice to the Somali Government at the federal and state levels to uphold the rule of law, establish and strengthen a capable, accountable, and rights-based federal police services. Among its other mandated functions, UNSOM Police support the Federal Government in implementing the federated policing system, promoting respect for human rights and women's empowerment, promoting child protection, and preventing conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). Besides our primary partner, the Somali Police, UNSOM Police coordinates closely with ATMIS, EUCAP, the UN country team, and international partners. It also coordinates donor support on policing issues.



## Puntland Police leadership visited Sweden to enhance protection of women

A delegation of Puntland State Police visited Sweden from 11-16 to initiate the process of a Gender Strategy for Puntland Police, expansion of the Women Situation Desks in 9 district locations and election security for the planned local elections. The delegation was led by the Puntland Police Commissioner Gen. Mohamed

Haashi and accompanied by UNSOM Police Advisers. Significant information exchange was on protection of women voters, gender equality, gender mainstreaming, and development of Puntland Police Gender Strategy. UNSOM Police and Folke Bernadotte Academy are both supporting realisation of these important facets.



## Visit to Adado Police Training School in Galmudug

On 30 August, the Galmudug Minister of Internal Security was accompanied by UNDP and UNSOM Police to Adado police training school to appreciate the training progress of 200 Galmudug State Police, funded by the Joint Police Programme. This is the first batch of 400 police

officers to be recruited and trained in Galmudug by Somali police officers that received specialized Training of Trainers at the beginning of this year in Mogadishu. UNDP is the implementation partner for this project.





## Graduation of 150 State Police at Kismayo Police Training School

150 Jubaland State Police Officers graduated from Kismayo Police Training School on 29 September. The graduates underwent a 3-month basic recruit training facilitated by Jubaland State Police and ATMIS. The training encompassed Community Policing, Crime Prevention, Vulnerable Groups and Domestic Violence, Public Order Management, International Rule of Law, and Human Rights, among others. This is the

first batch of 300 police officers to be trained in Kismayo as part of the broader stabilisation efforts, aimed at improving security in Lower Juba region. The police recruits were drawn from, and will be deployed in Afmadow, Xagar, Dhobley, Jamame and Bhadhaadhe. The project was funded by the Joint Police Programme donors and supported by UNSOM Police.



## Handover of vehicles for the Galkayo Joint Police Patrol Unit

The Galkayo Joint Police Patrol Unit (JPPU) received two patrol vehicles donated by Qatar to support the city's peacebuilding process. Government officials, police commanders, and JPPU commanders graced the handover ceremony, that took place in Puntland and Galmudug FMS on 03 September.



## HirShabelle State Policing priorities meeting with Minister of Internal Security

On 1 September, the HirShabelle State Minister of Internal Security, Mr. Mohamed Abdirahman Khaire, and the HirShabelle State Deputy Police Commissioner, Col. Hassan Mohammed Ibrahim Kaffi engaged UNSOM Police and UNDP to discuss the State Police refinement of service towards the populace, security concerns, Police Act and the strategic 5-year plan development.



## Featured contributor of the Month

Mr. Ibrahim Ali, a Somali national, is working as the team leader with UNDP's rule of law and security portfolio, particularly the police programme. Ibrahim joined the police programme in 2016 and is co-located with the UNSOM Police Section. Ibrahim works closely with the UNSOM Police Section to ensure that the implementation of police support projects align with the UN's broader priorities in support the Somali government. His main activities are to provide effective technical and advisory services to police reform processes through results-based project management, build capacity of government officials in developing the police legal framework and contribute to the development of standards of police performance and internal rules.