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INTRODUCTION

The June 2026 Monthly Bulletin of the Ministry of Internal Security of the Federal Government of Somalia highlights the Ministry's efforts to strengthen national security, reform security institutions, enhance the capacity of security personnel and staff, and promote cooperation between the Federal Government (FGS), Federal Member States (FMS), and international partners.

During the month, the Ministry prioritized the coordination of security operations, addressing the threats posed by mines and explosive hazards, advancing training and technical support initiatives, and implementing plans aimed at ensuring sustainable security, national stability, and efficient security service delivery.





Director General Opens National Conference on Mines and Explosive Hazards

Mogadishu, Somalia – 24 June 2026: The Director General of the Ministry of Internal Security, Mr. Mohamed Shire, officially opened a conference aimed at strengthening coordination and cooperation in the prevention and management of mines and explosive hazards in Somalia.

The conference was organized by the Somali Explosive Management Authority (SEMA) with support from the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS). Participants included Directors General of Security Ministries from Federal Member States, leaders of SEMA at both federal and state levels, representatives of the United Nations, international organizations, national institutions, and partners working in mine action.

In his opening remarks, the Director General emphasized that mines and explosive remnants remain a major obstacle to security, stability, recovery, and development in Somalia. He highlighted the need for strong national cooperation and effective coordination to reduce the risks posed to Somali citizens.

Discussions focused on:

- Assessing the overall mine and explosive hazard situation in Somalia.
- Reviewing priorities and challenges facing mine action efforts.
- Strengthening cooperation between the Federal Government, Federal Member States, and international partners.
- Harmonizing efforts to reduce the impact of explosive hazards on communities.

Participants also discussed the importance of the proposed SEMA legislation, improving data sharing, harmonizing strategic communications, and mobilizing resources required to implement national mine action priorities.

The conference provided an opportunity for government institutions and partners to present progress updates and explore ways to strengthen collaboration and coordination towards a Somalia free from the threat of mines and explosive hazards.

The National Conference is expected to enhance institutional cooperation, increase support for mine action initiatives, and contribute to building safer communities throughout Somalia.

Director General Chairs Weekly Meeting of Department Directors



Mogadishu, Somalia – 23 June 2026: The Director General of the Ministry of Internal Security of the Federal Government of Somalia chaired the Ministry's weekly meeting of Department Directors. The meeting reviewed the progress of ongoing activities, the overall security situation, the Ministry's modernization efforts, and priority plans for the coming period.

Reports were presented on the work of various departments and measures to strengthen security at the Ministry's headquarters.

The Director General urged department directors to further enhance cooperation, accountability, and the implementation of priority activities to achieve sustainable security and efficient service delivery.



Director General Opens Three-Day Workshop on Media and Security Cooperation

Mogadishu, Somalia – 23 June 2026: The Director General, Mr. Mohamed Shire, officially opened a three-day workshop designed to strengthen cooperation between the media and security institutions.

Participants included representatives of security agencies, journalists, editors, spokespersons, and communication officers from government institutions. Discussions focused on building public trust, strengthening security communications, and combating misinformation and disinformation.

In his opening remarks, the Director General emphasized the importance of close cooperation between media organizations and security institutions to ensure the dissemination of accurate information, enhance public awareness, and support national security.

Workshop sessions covered:

- Media ethics.
- Fact-checking and information verification.
- Crisis communication.
- Mechanisms for strengthening cooperation between media outlets and security institutions.

Director General Closes Federal and State Security Consultation Conference



Mogadishu, Somalia – 22 June 2026: The Director General closed a two-day Security Consultation Conference involving the Federal Government of Somalia and Federal Member States.

The conference focused on strengthening coordination and cooperation among security institutions, implementing the National Security Architecture, and enhancing national security and stability.

Security Ministers from Federal Member States, leaders of security institutions, and senior security officials discussed national security priorities and ways to unify efforts aimed at safeguarding the country.

The conference concluded with a communiqué and a set of decisions intended to strengthen cooperation among security institutions and accelerate efforts toward lasting peace and stability.



Federal Government and Federal Member States Convene Security Coordination Conference



Mogadishu, Somalia – 21 June 2026: The Ministry of Internal Security launched a Security Consultation Conference bringing together the Federal Government and Federal Member States.

The conference focused on strengthening cooperation, coordination, and collaboration among security institutions in order to unify efforts to safeguard national security.

Participants included Security Ministers from Federal Member States, leaders of federal and state security institutions, and senior security officials.

The conference addressed:

- Somalia's overall security situation.
- Development of the National Security Architecture.
- Establishment of unified plans to address security challenges.
- Police reform initiatives.
- Border management.
- Strengthening cooperation among security institutions.

Minister of Internal Security, Hon. Abdullahi Sheikh Ismail (Fartaag), emphasized that close cooperation between the Federal Government (FGS) and Federal Member States (FMS) is a cornerstone for sustainable peace and security.

The Director General, Mr. Mohamed Shire, described the conference as a strategic platform for harmonizing security priorities and developing a unified security system capable of addressing Somalia's security needs.

The conference concluded with practical recommendations and decisions aimed at strengthening security cooperation and advancing lasting peace, stability, and effective governance throughout Somalia.

Ministry Accelerates Institutional Reform and Performance Improvement



Mogadishu, Somalia – 9 June 2026: The Director General chaired a regular meeting of Department Directors and Ministry Advisors focused on accelerating institutional reform, improving operational efficiency, and strengthening cooperation among affiliated institutions and development partners.

The meeting reviewed:

- Progress in implementing the Ministry's strategic plans.
- Restructuring departments to align with the new government framework issued by the Office of the Prime Minister.
- Improvements in administrative and financial management systems.
- Capacity development of Ministry staff.
- Enhanced cooperation among institutions under the Ministry.

Department Directors presented reports on achievements, challenges, and priority plans for the coming months.

The Director General commended the Directors for their efforts and emphasized accountability, teamwork, and accelerated implementation of modernization and reform initiatives. He stated:

"Strengthening institutional capacity, administrative efficiency, and workforce development are the foundations for delivering quality security services and building government institutions that effectively serve the Somali people."



Minister Meets Chinese Ambassador to Somalia

Mogadishu, Somalia – 8 June 2026: The Minister of Internal Security, Hon. Abdullahi Sheikh Ismail (Fartaag), met with the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Somalia, Mr. Wang Yu.

The meeting focused on:

- Security cooperation.
- Capacity building for security institutions.
- Technical support for Somalia's security and stabilization efforts.

The two sides emphasized the importance of close cooperation based on mutual interests and continued support from international partners.

Discussions also covered training opportunities, staff capacity development, strengthening security institutions, and cooperation in addressing security threats, including mines and explosive hazards.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to further strengthen Somalia-China cooperation in security, institutional development, and support for sustainable peace and stability.

State Minister Participates in National Independence Week Preparatory Committee Meeting



Mogadishu, Somalia – 8 June 2026: The State Minister of Internal Security, Mr. Mohamed Ali Hagaa, participated in the first meeting of the National Independence and Unity Days Preparatory Committee for the 66th anniversary celebrations of 26 June and 1 July.

The meeting was chaired by the Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation, Hon. Ali Yusuf Ali (Hoosh).

Discussions focused on:

- The committee's work plan.
- The significance of National Independence and Unity Days.
- Preparations for commemorations inside and outside Somalia.
- Coordination among government institutions involved in the celebrations.

Participants stressed the importance of cooperation and coordination to ensure successful commemorations that reflect the historical significance of these national occasions.



Director General Participates in High-Level Meeting on ONS–UNMAS Cooperation Framework

Mogadishu, Somalia – 7 June 2026: The Director General participated in a high-level meeting reviewing the cooperation framework between the Office of National Security (ONS) and the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS).

The meeting was attended by the Director General of ONS, Mr. Abdimaalik, and the Head of UNMAS, Ms. Fran O’Grady.

The discussions focused on strengthening cooperation between the Somali Government and international partners in addressing mines and explosive hazards.

The framework serves as a government-led platform that facilitates coordination among government institutions to implement a unified approach to mine action and explosive hazard risk reduction.



Key topics included:

- Implementation of the National Mine Action Strategy.
- Development of weapons and ammunition management plans.
- Strengthening the capacity of Somalia’s security institutions.

Participants also reviewed progress made by the Somali National Army and the Somali Police Force in assuming greater responsibility for explosive ordnance disposal, prevention activities, and weapons and ammunition management.

The meeting praised the important role played by SEMA in coordinating humanitarian mine action efforts and supporting communities affected by mines and explosive hazards.

The Director General reaffirmed the importance of close cooperation among government institutions, security forces, and international partners to strengthen national security and protect Somali citizens.

Minister Honors Somali Officers Completing Advanced Security Training

Mogadishu, Somalia – 3 June 2026: The Minister of Internal Security, Gen. Abdullahi Sheikh Ismail (Fartaag), presided over a ceremony honoring Somali officers who completed advanced training in executive protection and VIP security in Serbia.

Held at the Office of the Prime Minister, the ceremony included the presentation of certificates recognizing the officers’ successful completion of the program.

The officers received specialized training in:

- Modern executive protection techniques.
- Security risk assessment.
- Protection of senior government officials.

The Minister commended the officers for their dedication and newly acquired expertise, emphasizing the importance of such training in strengthening Somalia’s security institutions and enhancing the capabilities of personnel responsible for protecting national leaders.

He noted that Somalia faces a variety of security challenges, making it essential to have highly trained officers capable of preventing and responding to threats targeting national leaders and government facilities.

The training forms part of the Federal Government’s ongoing efforts to improve the professionalism, readiness, and effectiveness of Somalia’s security forces.





Minister Meets Head of EUCAP Somalia



Mogadishu, Somalia – 2 June 2026: The Minister of Internal Security, Gen. Abdullahi Sheikh Ismail (Fartaag), met with a delegation from EUCAP Somalia led by the Head of Mission, Mr. Kęstutis Lančinskas.

The meeting was also attended by the Director General, Mr. Mohamed Shire, and several Ministry Department Directors.

Discussions focused on:

- Strengthening security cooperation.
- Technical assistance and training provided by EUCAP.
- Support to the Somali Police Force, Darwish Forces, and Coast Guard.

The parties also reviewed EUCAP's strategy and discussed aligning future support with the priorities of the Federal Government of Somalia.

The Minister and Director General emphasized the importance of government ownership and coordination of all support provided to Somalia's security institutions.

The Head of Mission reaffirmed the European Union's commitment to continued support for Somalia.

Both sides agreed to hold a technical meeting to advance the EUCAP strategy review process and strengthen future cooperation and support to Somali security institutions.



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