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## UNTMIS Police and Human Rights Defender Collaborate to Sharpen Ethical Edge in Puntland

UNTMIS Police, in partnership with Puntland's Office of the Human Rights Defender, delivered a workshop on 23-24 February, on the Code of Ethics and Conduct for 15 Puntland State Police commanders (including five women). The training equipped participants with increased knowledge to manage discipline, champion human rights, and improve oversight and accountability within their units. This targeted initiative directly contributes to more ethical and rights-respecting policing in Puntland.

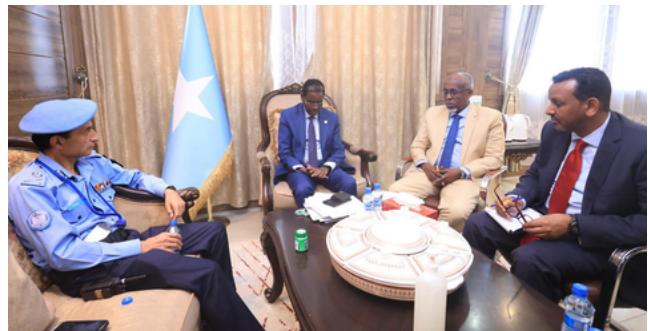


# UN Police Adviser Visits the United Nations Transitional Assistance Mission in Somalia

Faisal Shahkar, United Nations Police Adviser and Director of the Police Division visited UNTMIS 26-28 January 2025, accompanied by Mr. Amin Mohsen, Head of the UN's Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions.

During his visit, Police Adviser Shahkar engaged with key stakeholders, including UNTMIS leadership, senior Somali Government counterparts, and international partners. These discussions reinforced strategic cooperation, enhanced coordination mechanisms, and identified priorities for strengthening police support during the transition. The engagements provided critical insights into the security landscape and opportunities to optimize UN assistance to federal policing efforts.

UN Police Adviser Faisal Shahkar met Minister for Internal Security Gen. Abdullahi Sheikh Ismail (Fartaag) and SPF Commissioner Major General Asad Osman Abdullahi. Discussions centered on continued UN support for Somalia's security sector, extending beyond UNTMIS's 2026 mandate. Key areas include institutional capacity development of the SPF, combating terrorism, and implementing the NSArch. Both Somali officials expressed gratitude for UN support and pledged ongoing collaboration, emphasizing security as a top priority.



Police Adviser with the Federal MoIS, Mr. Abdullahi Sheikh Ismael and DG MoIS, Yusuf Ali Mohamed



Police Adviser with Mr. James Swan, SRSG and Head of UNTMIS



Police Adviser with Somali Police Commissioner General Asad Osman Abdullahi

## Joint Effort Enhances SWS Police Capacity to Support Children Affected by Armed Conflict and Strengthens Community Engagement

In February 2025, UNTMIS Police, in collaboration with HRPG, delivered one-day workshop in Baidoa for 20 officers of the South West State (SWS) Police. The training focused on Children Affected by Armed Conflict (CAAC) and Community Policing, aiming to bolster the police's capacity in child protection and foster stronger community relations, ultimately contributing to a more secure and inclusive Somalia.



## Beyond the Badge UN Woman Police Officer of the Year Award Nominee's Impact Shines in Global Spotlight

Nomination of UNPOL Beby Famelia for the 14th United Nations Woman Police Officer of the Year Award highlighted her exceptional service and significant contributions to policing in Somalia. While the prestigious award ultimately went to Chief Superintendent of Police Zainab Gbla from Sierra Leone, UNTMIS acknowledges UNPOL Famelia's outstanding dedication and professionalism. Her work within the mission has been exemplary, showcasing the vital role women play in strengthening law enforcement and building community trust. Her commitment to serving the people of Somalia remains a source of pride for UNTMIS, and her efforts exemplify the spirit of the award, which celebrates women who excel in promoting peace and security.

## UNTMIS Police Retreat: Shaping the 2025 Action Plan



A productive two-day retreat for UNTMIS Police concluded with the endorsement of the 2025 workplan, outlining key priorities for the coming year. The retreat, held in Mogadishu, fostered crucial collaboration with key stakeholders. Presentations from EUCLAP, UNDP, PMAG, and AUSSOM highlighted ongoing activities and potential areas for joint initiatives, particularly in supporting police reforms, enhancing community policing, and strengthening investigative capacities. The endorsed workplan will now be implemented, with regular coordination with the Somali Police and other stakeholders.

## UNOCT Explores Support for SPF Operational Command Centre

From March 11-14, UNTMIS Police and EUCAP supported a United Nations Office of Counter Terrorism (UNOCT) scoping mission, to assess potential support for establishing an Operational Police Command Centre at the SPF Headquarters. This initiative aligns with existing EU support to the SPF Darwish through the EU-UN Global Terrorism Threats Facility, aiming to enhance the SPF's operational capabilities.



## UNTMIS Police Participates in Joint Rule of Law programme Technical Committee Meeting

On 5 February, UNTMIS Police participated in the Joint Rule of Law Programme (JRoLP) Technical Committee Meeting in Hargeisa, uniting with key partners including UNDP, UNODC, UN Women, the "Somaliland" Human Rights Commission, and the EU Delegation. The collaborative session focused on a comprehensive review of the JRoLP's achievements in 2024 and the formulation of strategic priorities for the current year. The Annual Work Plan was approved, paving the way for continued progress. In 2025, UNTMIS Police will continue to support initiatives to strengthen crime prevention, effective public event management, and essential human rights training for the "Somaliland" Police. These focused efforts are integral to strengthening law enforcement capabilities and bolstering the overall justice system in "Somaliland."



JRoLP TC Meeting in progress in 'Somaliland'

## Mapping the Path: Community Policing Baseline Assessment by SPC Team

From 12 January to 6 March, the Standing Police Capacity (SPC) Team from Brindisi, Italy, in collaboration with UNTMIS Police and UNDP, conducted a community policing baseline assessment across Somalia's Federal Member States. The assessment, aimed at supporting the implementation of the Joint Police Program Phase II (JPP-II), examined existing community policing practices, structures, and challenges within the Somali Police at the state level. Through engagements with ministry and police leadership, community representatives, and key stakeholders, the SPC team gathered insights to inform future interventions.



SPC Team with Jubaland Ministry of Internal Security and Jubaland State Police officials

## UNTMIS Police Strengthens Coordination with 'Somaliland' Authorities



On 2 March 2025, UNTMIS Police met with the newly appointed Police Commissioner Brig. Gen. Abdirahman Abdilahi Hassan, to discuss policing initiatives and strengthen collaboration. Discussions highlighted the progress of the Crime Prevention Strategy workshops and community policing efforts, with a commitment to finalizing the strategy by the end of 2025. Upcoming projects, such as the Public Event Management workshops and the revitalization of women and child protection desks, were also presented. The Police Commissioner outlined plans for modernizing policing, including a centralized crime database and digitalized OB records, and reactivating the Counter-Terrorism Unit in response to emerging threats.

## Empowering Change: UNTMIS Police Marks International Women's Day

UNTMIS Police celebrated International Women's Day, recognizing the crucial role women play in regional peace and security. The event highlighted their dedication and resilience in a challenging environment. The day served as a reminder of the need to inspire inclusion and further empower women within the mission. International Women's Day is not just a celebration; it's a reminder of the collective responsibility to dismantle systemic barriers and create a world where every woman and girl can thrive. It's a call to inspire inclusion and ensure that women are included in every sector of society. The day's message resonates strongly: achieving gender equality is not just a women's issue, it's a fundamental human right and a cornerstone of a more just and peaceful world.



## Equipping for Impact: HRDDP Workshop Strengthens Somali Police Project



On 26 February, UNDP in partnership with UNTMIS Police and HRPG, held a workshop in Mogadishu on Human Rights Due Diligence Policy compliance for ten participants, including two women, under the Japan-funded project "Support to the Somali Police to Ensure Service Delivery in Fragile and Newly Recovered Areas." The sessions focused on actions to enhance, age verification, gender mainstreaming, and risk mitigation measures. These efforts reinforced the project's commitment to rights-based, accountable policing.