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AU Special Representative condemns assassination of Somali MP in Mogadishu

Mogadishu – September 23rd, 2012; The Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission for Somalia, Ambassador Boubacar Diarra, has condemned the assassination of newly elected MP Mustafa Mohamed Mo’alin in Mogadishu.

Mustafa Mohamed Mo’alin was killed in the Waaberi District of Mogadishu as he returned home from prayers on Saturday evening.

“Members of Parliament represent the voice of the Somali people and any attack on parliamentarians is an attack on the people and it is unacceptable. I deplore this attack on a Somali Member of Parliament elected just weeks ago as part of Somalia’s continuing journey of political progress. We offer our sincere condolences to his family. Such criminal and barbaric acts must not be tolerated.” Said ambassador Diarra.

Ambassador Diarra said AMISOM will continue to do all it can to help the Somali security forces to reduce the threat of attacks in Mogadishu. He said through successfully ending the transitional period, Somalia and the Somali people have embarked on a new political beginning. Cowardly attacks such as this will not be allowed to derail that hard won progress.

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