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AU Special Representative for Somalia condemns killings of a journalist and innocent Civilians

Mogadishu-February 29th, 2012; The Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (SRCC), Ambassador Boubacar Gaoussou Diarra has learnt with great sadness of the assassination of the Somaliweyn radio director, Abukar Hasan, a day after the appalling murder of eight civilians among who five were children.

Ambassador Diarra said; 'At this time when Somalia, thanks to the efforts of the international community is trying to lay the critical foundations of a stabile and a democratic state, the assassination of journalists who represent the voices of the people, and the murder of innocent children whose only fault was enjoying the return of peace in Somalia as they played football, is and remains an intolerable crime.'

The SRCC condemns these hideous crimes and calls on all peace loving Somalis to step up their efforts for peace.

'The African Union will not be deterred in its efforts to support the people of Mogadishu as they seek to rebuild their lives following decades of anarchy. This is the sense of all our efforts towards peace in Somalia.' said Ambassador Diarra.

The AU Special Representative for Somalia condoles with the bereaved family and the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia and prays for the quick recovery of the injured.

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