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AMISOM works with Somali Police Force to monitor and vet former officers

Mogadishu-March 17th, 2012; For the past two weeks, the AMISOM Police component has been working with the Somali Police Force (SPF) to facilitate the screening and re-recruitment of former Somali Police Officers who had been displaced from their official positions since the conflict erupted in Somalia over twenty one years ago.

A seven member committee was established on 28th February 2012, and tasked to collect data and screen a target of 600 former Somali police personnel. The AMISOM police component will monitor the screening process and vet the final selection of ex-SPF personal. Currently, 460 former SPF personnel, including 50 females and 410 male, were successfully screened.

Dr. Charles Makono, AMISOM Police Commissioner said;" The former Somali policemen will play a vital role to strengthen the current Police force by transferring their skills and wealth of knowledge to recent recruits. In the spirit of our mandate we will work diligently with the Somali Police Force to ensure that a standardized and vigorous vetting process is in place."

The lack of a central government and protracted conflict in Somalia created a state of lawlessness across the country but following the liberation of Mogadishu from Al-Shabaab terrorists, the Transitional Federal Government has been able to rebuild structures of law and order and re-establish security within the capital.

The AMISOM Police component continues to expand its activities to build the capacity of the Somali Police Force (SPF). Yesterday, AMISOM Police began to monitor the payment of stipends for SPF with donor funds from UNDP, UNPOS and the Japanese government's donations. Currently, AMISOM Police is also training ninety-seven SPF station commanders at Brigadier General Kahiye Police Academy in Mogadishu.

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