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Kenyan Deputy Speaker visits Mogadishu



Kenya's Deputy Speaker of Parliament Hon. Maalim Farah Mohammed (left) is welcomed in Mogadishu by Col. Bakasumba. Looking on is Special Representative of the AU Commission for Somalia, Mr. Nicolas Bwakira

The Deputy Speaker of Kenya's Parliament Hon. Maalim Farah Mohammed has assured Somalia's Transitional Federal Government and AMISOM of Kenya in particular, and IGAD's support to the peace process in Somalia.

Maalim, together with the Special Representative of the Chairman of the AU Commission, Mr. Nicolas Bwakira, paid a two day visit to Mogadishu beginning Thursday 20th August. They were in the mission area to strengthen relations between Somalia and the neighboring IGAD regional block and to look for ways of supporting TFG by the Kenyan Government and the African continent.

During the visit, the diplomats exchanged views with TFG officials on building effective institutions to enhance the peace process in Somalia.



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They also assessed the security situation and made proposal on how to alleviate the deplorable humanitarian situation in the war torn horn of Africa country.

The Kenya Deputy Speaker of Parliament held discussions with Somali President Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed. He also held meetings at AMISOM Force Headquarters and at both the Uganda and Burundi contingents that constitute AMISOM troops.

Kenya's Deputy Speaker Hon. Maalim Farah Mohammed said that he appreciated the sacrifices AMISOM troops make in their tour of duty amidst very high risks to life and spoke highly of the spirit of Africa to find African solutions to African problems.



AU Special Representative for Somalia ,Mr. Nicolas Bwakira, inspects a guard of honour mounted by AMISOM troops on arrival in Mogadishu



AMISOM Police Conducts Selection Assistant Tests (SAT)



AMISOM Deputy Police Commissioner Oliver Somasa (right), AMISOM Police Chief of Staff Isaac Samson (2nd right), Police Planner, Crowd Chirenje (2nd left) and Danish Police Training Advisor to AU, Anrne Andersen (left) pose with Sierra Leonian Inspector General of Police (centre) during the SAT exercise.

The Police Component of the African Union Mission for Somalia conducted Selection Assistant Tests (SAT) to would be police peace keepers in Somalia. The SAT took AMISOM Police to Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Uganda.

Mr. Isaac Samson, Chief of Staff for AMISOM Police said the aim is to test the English capability, comprehensive ability and driving skills required of the would be peace keeper.

“Passing the SAT Exercises is the only pre-requisite where the SAT team assist the police contributing country to select the best out of the best who are presumed to be able to perform the duties required in the mission.” Said Mr. Isaac Samson, AMISOM Police Chief of Staff

At the end of a tour of four countries, AMISOM Police has managed to identify 500 SAT certified candidates.



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Medical examinations have since been conducted on SAT Certified candidates in Ghana, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. The medical results will be submitted to the AU medical unit for confirmation. “Those who pass the medical examination will be deployed into the mission area” said Commissioner Isaac Samson.

He said, AMISOM Police is still waiting to conduct SAT in other countries such as Malawi who are yet to confirm their willingness to deploy police officers to the Mission area.

“Once deployed in the mission area, they will be involved in training, advising and mentoring the Somali Police Force. Part of the officers will perform support services at AMISOM Police headquarters in Somalia.



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