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Amnesty – Sexual Violence Is Endemic in Somalia

30 August, 2013 Voice of America (Foreign Media)

- Amnesty International said two decades of conflict have allowed sexual violence to become endemic in Somalia. The human rights group says most victims don't report the attacks to authorities, fearing stigma.
- The United Nations reported in 2012 there were at least 1700 cases of rape in Somali settlements for internally displaced people . At least 70 percent of the attacks, it said, were carried out by armed men wearing government uniforms.

- Amnesty International's senior crisis adviser said a lot "can and must be done" to solve the problem. She admitted it's very difficult because the government controls only part of the country. Many other areas are controlled by armed groups and militias, such as al Shabab.
- "But certainly where government forces are present, it is crucial that they take concrete measures to first of all to ensure security - and notably, if we talk about the IDP camps, the camps for displaced people, where most of the rapes and sexual violence occur. And secondly, more needs to be done to follow up on those cases, which are reported," Donatella Rivera, senior crisis adviser for Amnesty said.

Hundreds in Baidoa Protest against Federal Govt

31 August, 2013 [Garowe Online \(Foreign and Private Media\)](#)

- Hundreds of people took to the streets in Bay regional capital of Baidoa on Saturday against recently signed agreement between Federal Government of Somalia and Jubba Interim Administration.
- The anti-government rally was organized by Bay regional administration and traditional elders and it commenced with demonstrators hoisting banners that read "anti-government slogans".
- Addressing the crowd Malaq Ali Mumin, a well-known traditional elder said, "We have withdrawn our support from the Somali Federal government in Mogadishu, we call on parliamentarians and other federal government officials hailing from this region to come back"
- Following growing tensions between Federal Government of Somalia and Bay and Bakool communities, a meeting held in Baidoa last Thursday by intellectuals and traditional elders announced that federal government officials are barred from arriving in Bay region.

The African Union Concludes a Two-Week Long Workshop On International Humanitarian Law for the Somalia National Army

30 August, 2013 [AMISOM \(Foreign Media\)](#)

- The training, which started on 20 August 2013, was conducted in two phases with a total of 59 officers benefitting. During the training, the officers were taken through critical aspects of IHL especially those aspects that are applicable to the Somalia context; the protection of victims and civilians in armed conflicts; the rules of the conduct of hostilities; the protection of detainees; the

protection of humanitarian and relief personnel and objects; and acts of war crimes in non-international armed conflicts as well as command responsibilities.

- The training resulted, among others, in the adoption of a forward looking strategy and action plan, the need for train-the-trainer courses and the publication, in Somali language, of a code of conduct for the Somalia National Army.

Jubaland Gains Recognition After Intense Bilateral Talks in Ethiopia

28 August, 2013 Garowe Online (Foreign Media)

- Somalia's Jubaland Administration has gained its recognition from Federal Government of Somalia after intense bilateral talks in Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa on Wednesday.
- IGAD brokered talks, which lasted for nearly a week concluded with signing ceremony held in Addis Ababa where the Somali Federal Government's State Minister for Presidency Farah Abdulkadir and the President of Somalia's Jubaland Administration Ahmed Mohamed Islam (Madobe) exchanged a document entitled "Agreement between the Federal Government of Somalia and Jubba Delegation".
- The two sides agreed to "change the name of Jubaland to Jubba Interim Administration" with an existent duration of two years and consisting of Lower Jubba, Middle Jubba and Gedo.
- The two sides which signed the Agreement, State Minister for Presidency Farah Abdulkadir and the President of formerly Jubaland administration and the current leader of Jubba Interim Administration Ahmed Mohamed Islam (Madobe) agreed that the Federal Government will convene and organize a reconciliation Conference on completion of Jubba administration in Mogadishu, followed by another peace building conference in Kismayo.