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- Somali Journalist Assassinated
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**Somali Journalist Assassinated****Somali journalist assassinated in Galkayo**

Sabahi (Foreign Media), July 8, 2013

[http://sabahionline.com/en\\_GB/articles/hoa/articles/newsbriefs/2013/07/08/newsbrief-01](http://sabahionline.com/en_GB/articles/hoa/articles/newsbriefs/2013/07/08/newsbrief-01)

- Somali television journalist Liban Abdullahi Farah, known as Liban Qaran, was assassinated in Galkayo Sunday night (July 7th) by unknown assailants
- Farah is the fifth Somali journalist to be killed this year.
- He represented UK-based Kalsan TV and had previously worked for Radio SBC, Radio Daljir, Codka Nabada Radio and Royal Television.
- The National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ) condemned his killing and called for the Puntland regional administration to investigate the crime

**IFJ Condemns “Cold-Blooded” Murder of Somali Journalist**

International Federation of Journalists (Independent Organization), July 8, 2013

<http://www.ifj.org/en/articles/ifj-condemns-cold-blooded-murder-of-somali-journalist>

- "His murder once again demonstrates the appalling reality facing journalists on a daily basis in Somalia and the vital need to improve the safety and protection of journalists in the country." said IFJ President
- "This latest killing confirms the horrifying reality facing Somali journalists today where intolerance and callous targeting sees another journalist gunned down in Galkayo," added Omar Faruk Osman, NUSOJ Secretary General. "Once again we look to the authorities to take their responsibility and protect journalists from this mindless violence."

### Humanitarian Needs in Somalia

#### **Humanitarian needs in Somalia remain immense, UN official says during visit**

UN News (Independent Organization), July 12, 2013

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=45401#.Uec1-42kp3E>

- Despite gradual improvements in the humanitarian situation in Somalia, the needs remain immense, a senior United Nations relief official said today, calling for greater investment to break the cycle of crisis in the Horn of Africa nation
- An estimated 1 million people in Somalia urgently require humanitarian assistance and a further 1.7 million need sustained support to avoid falling back into crisis, OCHA said in a news release.
- In addition, one in seven children in Somalia is malnourished and polio has recently re-emerged after more than six years without a reported case. But the Somalia Humanitarian Appeal for 2013 is just 33 per cent funded.

#### **Humanitarian crisis takes hold in Kismayo while rivals vie for power**

Sabahi (Foreign Media), July 11, 2013

[http://sabahionline.com/en\\_GB/articles/hoa/articles/features/2013/07/11/feature-01](http://sabahionline.com/en_GB/articles/hoa/articles/features/2013/07/11/feature-01)

- Continuing battles between forces loyal to Jubbaland presidential rivals are exacerbating the already strained humanitarian situation for civilians in Kismayo as security in the city continues to break down, relief workers say
- Last month alone, at least 71 people died and 300 were wounded in the fighting. The escalating insecurity has caused a halt to humanitarian aid and services to the city, leaving hospitals without supplies and people without food and shelter.
- The Somali federal government sent three airplanes to Kismayo July 2nd to transport more than 50 patients to Mogadishu for further medical treatment. Another 26 victims were sent to Galkayo the next day. More than 40 patients -- mostly women and children -- remain at Kismayo Hospital.
- The battles in Kismayo also have displaced thousands of residents, said Abdullahi Mohamed of the Fanole Human Rights and Development Organisation. Most of those fleeing their homes to

neighbouring villages were women and children living without adequate food and shelter, he said.

- Insecurity in Kismayo had already created a humanitarian crisis by impeding the delivery of relief supplies, said Abdulqadir Abdullahi, deputy director of Gurmud, a relief and development organisation in Kismayo.
- "The suspension of the vaccination campaigns that had targeted 24,000 people from all age groups is extremely worrying in light of the outbreak of the polio virus in the southern and central parts of Somalia," he said. "Relief workers cannot do their jobs of providing humanitarian assistance to those affected unless the security situation in Kismayo improves

### Puntland Suspends Elections

#### **Puntland Government Suspends Local Council Elections [Government Release]**

Garowe (Pro-Puntland Media), July 14, 2013

[http://www.garoweonline.com/artman2/publish/Somalia\\_27/Puntland\\_Government\\_Suspends\\_Local\\_Council\\_Elections.shtml](http://www.garoweonline.com/artman2/publish/Somalia_27/Puntland_Government_Suspends_Local_Council_Elections.shtml)

- Having recognized the Government's efforts to implement the democratization process, the existential threat to peace, security and stability; having considered the domestic spoilers and external manipulators funding insecurity in Puntland and having valued the Puntland people's aspirations for good governance, peace and justice, Puntland has suspended its July 15 elections
- The Government calls upon the peace-loving Puntland communities and the Government Forces to protect their unity, security, and stability and against the destructive forces of aggression aiming to destroy the peace in Puntland.

#### **Puntland region postpones local council elections**

Sabahi (Foreign Media), July 14, 2013

[http://sabahionline.com/en\\_GB/articles/hoa/articles/newsbriefs/2013/07/14/newsbrief-03](http://sabahionline.com/en_GB/articles/hoa/articles/newsbriefs/2013/07/14/newsbrief-03)

- The Puntland regional government on Sunday (July 14th) suspended long-awaited local council elections scheduled for Monday, saying the risk of violence was too great to hold them.
- It gave no further details on who it feared would cause the violence and no date has been set for the elections, with the administration saying only they would be held "when it is appropriate".
- "The UN is not part of the elections process, but we welcome the democratisation process in Puntland," Kay said during a joint press conference Saturday, according to Somalia's Garowe Online. But on Sunday, Kay called the suspension "wise" and urged restraint from all sides "following violent clashes", according to AFP.
- Clashes have broken out in political rallies in the region -- including in Galkayo earlier this month in which five people were killed -- although other demonstrations were peaceful

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