

Somalia Domestic Media Monitoring

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Somalia Gets New Deal

Sept. 20, 2013 the Independent Uganda (Foreign Private Media)

- International donors met Sept.16 to approve a "New Deal" for Somalia to drive its economic and political recovery after two decades of bloody civil war. President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud faced one of "the most difficult challenges in the world", EU foreign affairs head Catherine Ashton said as they went into the meeting.
- Al-Shabaab has claimed that the deal will not have much impact and has said it is likely to be lost in corruption within the internationally backed Mogadishu based government.

- One of the top priorities is to get 1 million students into school in a country with one of the lowest enrollment rates.
- Most of the funding in recent years has gone to security through AMISOM. The total funding has been 1.2 billion euros.

Terrorists Rob Somalia of Healthcare

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- Afgooye Hospital, situated in the agricultural town of Afgooye, 30 km southwest of the Somali capital, Mogadishu, is one of the many health facilities that used to receive support from the international medical charity Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). Because of this support the hospital was able to provide free healthcare to the residents of Afgooye and surrounding areas.
- The current government has had to function with limited financial resources and the continued threat of the extremist Islamist group Al-Shabaab, which has waged a number of recent terrorist attacks on the capital Mogadishu despite being ousted from key cities across this Horn of Africa nation.
- Presidential spokesperson Abdirahman Omar Osman explained that the government's monthly "revenue is roughly three million dollars from Mogadishu's seaport and the airport, and yet the budget we need to execute our daily activities is at least 20 million dollars each month."
- MSF said more than 1,500 staff worked for its medical programmes across Somalia, including in Mogadishu and the two outlying towns of Afgooye and Daynille, as well as eight other towns across the country.
- Mohmaoud Yarow, a health officer in Mogadishu, said the impact of the MSF withdrawal was immediate and health centres that had previously received support from the international charity now have hundreds of people in need of care and many lack the drugs with which to treat them.

AMISOM Holds First Civil-Military Coordination Conference

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- The African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) concluded Wednesday (September 18th) a three-day conference in Mogadishu on promoting humanitarian civil and military co-operation.
- The conference brought together AMISOM civil-military co-ordination officers from all sectors to discuss how best to implement the mission's mandate and enhance co-operation with civilians, particularly focusing gender-based violence and children's rights, AMISOM announced in a press release.
- The initiative strives to help coordinate the continued security in Mogadishu and surrounding districts.