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UN Special Representative on bomb attack in Mogadishu

Mogadishu, 18 March 2013 - The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia, Dr. Augustine P. Mahiga, is shocked and saddened by today's car bombing which occurred near Villa Somalia in the vicinity of the National Theatre in Mogadishu.

Initial reports indicate that at least seven people were killed and many more wounded by a vehicle borne improvised explosive device. There are also reports that a senior Somali security official may have been targeted in the attack.

"Today's assault was entirely unacceptable", said SRSG Mahiga, "Somalia has made great strides forward on the path of progress and stabilization and these cowardly terrorist attacks will only reinforce the determination of the Somali people to persevere. At this sad moment, our thoughts are with family and friends of those injured and killed," the SRSG said.

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