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UN SUPPORTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW SOMALI GOVERNMENT IN JOWHAR

VIDEO

W/S STREETS OF JOWHAR

WOMAN IN COURT

PHONE WIRE/IRRIGATION
SYSTEM

NEW GOVERNMENT/FLAG

W/S RESIDENTS IN STREETS,
CHAOS, EXPLOSION

AUDIO

NARRATION

In this dusty town of Jowhar....80 kilometers from Somalia's capital of Mogadishu....something extraordinary is happening. (7.5)

A court is in session...(2.0)

Telephone lines...drinking water...and canals are being rebuilt. (4.0)

But perhaps most extraordinary of all ---Somalia's new interim government is moving in...relocating from its temporary base in neighboring Kenya...and setting up home on Somali soil for the first time in almost a year. (14.0)

Formed just nine months ago, this government is the fourteenth attempt to restore an effective administration to Somalia since it collapsed into chaos and civil war in 1991. And it's the first attempt to base the government anywhere in Somalia outside of Mogadishu. (16.5)

MILITIAMEN PUSHING VEHICLE
WITH CANNON

A decade and a half of violence among Mogadishu's clansman, criminals and anti-government forces have kept the country's seat of power hostage for too long says Somalia's Prime Minister, Ali Muhamed Gedi. (12)

GEDI ON-CAMERA

GEDI:

"Mogadishu is very risky. Because several governments who were formed during the last fourteen years and they all collapsed in Mogadishu." (12)

INTRO TO GEDI/OFFICIALS

NARRATION

Prime Minister Gedi saw the risk first-hand...there was a grenade attack at a speech he was giving on a visit to Mogadishu in early May, killing 8. Jowhar, he says, is different. (11)

GEDI ON-CAMERA

GEDI:

"In Jowhar it is stable, there is security, there is law and order." (3.5)

RESIDENTS OUTSIDE HOMES

NARRATION

But even Jowhar, a city of 25,000, was not considered safe enough to return to until this June. Shootings and rapes were common, militias extorted money from its citizens. That was until 2001, when this man, local warlord Ahmed Omar Habeeb, his brother, and their militia took control of the city. Now a local leader, he's calling for development. (24)

HABEEB ON-CAMERA

HABEEB: (In Somali)

“Conflict is caused by problems like hunger and suffering. When there is development, there is no conflict.” (7)

COURT OFFICERS

NARRATION

And development is happening. UN agencies are helping to establish courts...schools...and health education...as well as train police to collect illegal weapons...and destroy mines and munitions. (12.5)

LANDMINE

(Explosion)

FOOT SOLDIER/CHECKPOINT

But the city of Jowhar is under constant threat from Mogadishu’s clans and antigovernment forces. Armed police set up checkpoints and guard the borders between cities. (10)

GEDI ON-CAMERA

GEDI:

“It’s a challenging situation with all the related difficulties, but the will of the Somali people and their strong desire to have a government in place is supporting my government. This is the need of the Somali nation.” (18.5)

RESIDENTS ON STREETS OF
JOWHAR

NARRATION

The next few months are critical in establishing the government’s base in Jowhar as cabinet members move in and official meetings begin.(13”)

UN LOGO

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