AU Special Representative for Somalia condemns today's killing of innocent civilians in Mogadishu

Nairobi May 1st, 2010: The Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission for Somalia, Ambassador Boubacar Gaoussou Diarra wishes to express his shock and sadness at the killing of innocent civilians following a bomb explosion targeting a Mosque in the Bakara neighborhood of Mogadishu.

Ambassador Diarra condemns in the strongest terms possible today's attack and all attacks targeting public places especially those of worship such as the mosque.

“Indiscriminate attacks on public places like today’s incident cannot be condoned. I, on behalf of the African Union would like to call upon all warring parties in the Somali Conflict to stop such barbaric attacks on innocent civilian population.” Said Ambassador Diarra.

The AU Special Representative condoles the families and relatives of those who have lost their lives and prays for quick recovery of those injured during this incident. The African Union is closely monitoring and assessing the impact of today’s attack on the mosque in the Bakara neighborhood.

Ambassador Diarra says it is regrettable to note that while the AU and its partners are investing huge resources to help the country achieve sustainable peace and security, killing of innocent civilians continues as various groups target public places in the conflict.

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