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UN Special Representative for Somalia appeals for end to hostilities in Lower Shabelle

Mogadishu, 9 June 2014 – The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Somalia (SRSG), Nicholas Kay, expressed his deep concern as clan-based militias clashed in Lower Shabelle region of southern Somalia resulting in a number of casualties.

"I call for an immediate end to hostilities. All parties must refrain from violent actions, make immediate efforts to de-escalate the situation and resolve their differences through peaceful dialogue and compromise."

"I welcome the efforts of the Prime Minister, Abdiweli Sheikh Ahmed to diffuse tensions and restore stability. I call on the parties to respect the Prime Minister's call for an immediate cessation of hostilities and to cooperate fully with the ministerial delegation being sent to the area. The Somali people have suffered enough and know that no good can come from further violence and insecurity. We stand ready to support mediation efforts" said SRSG Kay.

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