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AMISOM apologises for fatal road accident

Mogadishu, 23 December 2013-The Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (SRCC) for Somalia, Ambassador Mahamat Saleh Annadif has offered his heartfelt apologies to the family of the two men killed in a tragic road accident today.

The accident occurred on 20th of December at 5.45pm in the capital Mogadishu, a few meters from the Somali Central Bank when an armoured AMISOM vehicle accidentally hit two civilians on a motorbike. One passenger died at the scene and the second victim died as he was rushed to the hospital.

A joint investigation has been launched and witness statements are being taken. Appropriate action will be taken after the investigation has been completed. The driver of the vehicle is shocked and saddened by the incident.

“We regret this tragic accident. Our thoughts are with the families who have suffered such a great loss,” said Ambassador Annadif reiterating that AMISOM takes driver training and the maintenance of its vehicles very seriously and will work closely with the traffic department of the Somali Police Force to ensure such accidents are avoided in the future.

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