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AU Special Representative condoles with families of victims of Al Shabaab attack on Education Ministry in Mogadishu

Mogadishu – April 14th, 2015; The Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (SRCC) for Somalia Ambassador Maman Sidikou has condemned an attack on the Ministry of Education by Al Shabaab militants today.

He said, "I commiserate with the families of innocent civilians killed while trying to earn a living. This latest attack, in which the Ministry of Education was the target, is a clear manifestation that Al Shabaab are against progress in Somalia".

Ambassador Sidikou commended the special forces of the National Intelligence Service Agency (NISA) and AMISOM, for saving the lives of many civilians including workers at the Ministry of Education.

"I commend the gallant officers who acted swiftly and stopped the militants from gaining entry inside the Ministry of Education building. They saved many lives", added Ambassador Sidikou.

Eight civilians died in the attack that occurred this afternoon.

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