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AMISOM condemns attack on Villa Somalia

Mogadishu, February 21st 2014 – The Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (SRCC) Ambassador Mahamat Saleh Annadif has condemned the cowardly attack on Villa Somalia today.

As people gathered for Friday prayers, a Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Devices (VBIED) went off at the entrance of the Presidential palace and was followed by ground al shabaab fighters. The Somali National Army soldiers supported by AMISOM troops bravely fought off the attackers.

“I commend the actions of the brave security forces who fought off the attackers, hell-bent on shedding the blood of innocent Somalis. The attack was against, the Somali people, their institutions and their religion.

Ambassador Annadif added, it is unconceivable to believe that people who say they are Muslims can choose a Friday which is a Holy Day in Islam to carry out this senseless attack.

He appealed to the Somali people to help the Somali armed forces and AMISOM in their efforts to defeat al shabaab and its supporters.

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