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The East African Security and Policy Forum joins together with Horn of Africa Matters and Global Somali Diaspora Australia to condemn the two terrorist attacks that took place in Baidoa (South-West State, Somalia) in which more than 20 people were killed and at least 30 others injured.

We wish to express our deepest sympathies and condolences to the families of the victims of these heinous and barbaric attacks as well as our best wishes and prayers for those recovering from their injuries. We would also take this time to acknowledge the continued efforts and sacrifices of the men and women of the Somali National Army, Somali Police Force, National Intelligence and Security Agency as well as those of the military and security forces of South-West State.

These attacks which took place on the eve of the one-year anniversary of the suicide-truck bombing in Mogadishu which killed 587 people and left more than 700 wounded. Although al-Shabaab has never acknowledged responsibility for this previous attack the timing of these attacks reflects the complete disregard for the feelings of the Somali people; many of whom have been victims or have family who have suffered violence and abuse at the hands of the group.

We call on the Federal Government of Somalia, South-West State government and their international partners to continue working closely together to bring the organizers, financiers, and perpetrators of these and other acts of terrorism to justice.