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PRESS RELEASE

Mogadishu, 05 August 2025: The Somali Civil Society strongly condemns the arrest of journalists from SMS TV that occurred on 3 August 2025.

The reasons for the journalists' detention remain unclear, but reliable sources indicate that the two journalists were arrested at the gate of the SMS TV headquarters by security forces in uniform. The journalists were returning from an assignment in the Sinay market area, where there had been a confrontation between some local residents and government forces.

This violation against independent media is a direct attack on freedom of expression and the principles on which democratic governments are founded. It is therefore regrettable that federal government forces have detained these SMS TV journalists without bringing them to court or releasing them to date. The detained journalists are **Hussein Isse Mohamed** and **Osman Abdullahi Arab**.

As a representative body of Somali civil society, SONSA expresses deep concern over this violation

SONSA Condemns Arrest of SMS TV Journalists and Calls for Immediate Release 6 August 2025

On 6 August 2025, federal security forces in Mogadishu unlawfully detained two journalists from SMS TV, Hussein Isse Mohamed and Osman Abdullahi Arab. Their arrest drew widespread concern, as it was viewed as a clear violation of constitutional rights and press freedom in Somalia.

The Somali National Civil Society SONSA issued a strong condemnation of the incident, stressing that the arrests contravened Article 18 of the Somali Provisional Constitution, which guarantees freedom of expression and media rights. SONSA emphasized that journalists must be able to operate freely without fear of harassment or arbitrary detention.

In its statement, SONSA highlighted the vital role of journalists in advancing transparency, accountability, and democracy. The organization noted that attacks on the media undermine not only the rights of individual journalists but also the public's right to access information, a cornerstone of democratic governance.

SONSA called on the federal government to immediately release the detained journalists and to take concrete steps to protect the safety and rights of all media workers. The SONSA urged Somali authorities to respect constitutional freedoms and ensure that such unlawful detentions do not recur again..



SONSA Chairperson Participates in Country Humanitarian Forum in Baidoa, South-State of Somalia. On 6 August 2025,

On 6 August 2025, the Chairperson of the Somali Civil Society led SONSA Chairperson, Mr. Osman Moallim, participated in the Country Humanitarian Forum organized by the Somali Disaster Management Agency (SoDMA) in Baidoa, South West State of Somalia. The forum brought together government officials, UN representatives, humanitarian organizations, and the private sector to discuss Somalia's urgent humanitarian challenges.

In his remarks, Ali Said Fiqi, Speaker of the South West State Parliament, emphasized the importance of reducing dependency on foreign aid. He called for greater investment in community resilience, particularly in agriculture, and stressed that lasting peace must remain the top priority for Somalia's development.

Gert Conway, Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Somalia, highlighted the severity of the humanitarian crisis in the country. He urged stronger collaboration among all stakeholders—including government institutions, civil society, the private sector, donors, and the Somali diaspora—in order to deliver sustainable solutions.

The forum focused on practical approaches to tackling recurring drought, strengthening state institutions, improving coordination mechanisms, and securing sustainable funding. Participants agreed that long-term resilience and peace are critical to addressing Somalia's complex humanitarian needs.



SONSA Marks International Youth Day by Calling for Greater Investment in Young People On 12 August 2025,

On 12 August 2025, the Somali Civil Society SONSA joined the global community in commemorating International Youth Day. The occasion celebrated the remarkable energy, creativity, and determination of Somali youth, who continue to serve as a driving force for peace, innovation, and progress within their communities.

In its statement, SONSA underlined that empowering young people is more than a moral duty—it is an investment in Somalia's future. The coalition highlighted the importance of inclusive policies that give youth the chance to contribute meaningfully to decision-making processes at both local and national levels.

SONSA stressed that Somali youth are not only the leaders of tomorrow but are already shaping today's reality. From peacebuilding and entrepreneurship to technology and civic engagement, young people are demonstrating their capacity to drive change and strengthen the nation's social fabric.

The coalition urged government institutions, civil society, the private sector, and international partners to work together in creating opportunities where youth voices are amplified, their talents are nurtured, and their leadership is recognized. Sustainable investments in education, vocational training, and innovation were identified as key priorities.

Reaffirming its commitment, SONSA pledged to continue supporting Somali youth with access to skills, resources, and safe spaces that enable them to thrive. The coalition called on all stakeholders to ensure that young people remain at the center of Somalia's development agenda, building a more inclusive, resilient, and peaceful future for all.



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PRESS RELEASE

Mogadishu, 14 July 2025 – The Somali Civil Society Umbrella (SONSA) held an urgent meeting today to discuss major challenges facing the country. These included the difficult stage reached in the political dialogue between the Federal Government and the Salvation Council, and the government's process for taking back public land, which has caused tensions and disputes.

Political Issues

SONSA is concerned about the lack of results from the recent talks between the Federal Government and the Salvation Council. These discussions lasted for two months, and many Somalis had hoped they would bring an agreement to solve the political disagreement that has slowed Somalia's state-building process.

The political dispute is damaging public trust in government, creating divisions

SONSA Urges Resumption of Political Dialogue and Calls for Fair Land Policy 14 August 2025,

On 14 August 2025, the Somali Civil Society convened an urgent meeting to address the critical political and social challenges facing the nation. The coalition expressed grave concern over the stalled dialogue between the Federal Government and the Salvation Council, stressing that the impasse is eroding public trust and delaying much-needed progress.

In its statement, SONSA called on both parties to resume talks without further delay and to demonstrate leadership by making the necessary compromises in the interest of national unity and stability. The civil society warned that prolonged deadlock only risks deepening political polarization and undermining Somalia's fragile institutions.

SONSA also raised alarm over the growing disputes related to public land ownership and mismanagement. SONSA urged the government to adopt and enforce a transparent and fair land policy that protects citizens' rights, prevents corruption, a SONSA emphasized that inclusive governance, rule of law, and protection of citizens' rights must guide Somalia's political transition to ensure long-term stability.

Reaffirming its commitment, SONSA pledged to continue advocating for dialogue, justice, and national unity. It called on all stakeholders—including political actors, traditional leaders, women, youth, and international partners—to work collectively toward a future where Somalia's unity, peace, and progress are preserved.



SONSA Representative Participates in Panel Dialogue on Strengthening Civil Society in Somalia

On 15 August 2025,

On 15 August 2025, Hussein Mohamed Iyaye, a representative of the Somali Civil Society Coalition (SONSA), participated in Hiil Law Firm's Panel Dialogue on Strengthening the Enabling Environment (SEE) for Civil Society Organizations in Somalia. The event gathered civil society actors, including legal experts, for an in-depth discussion on the challenges facing civic space and practical solutions to expand and protect it.

During the dialogue, Hussein Iyaye highlighted the historical struggles of Somali civil society before its formal establishment in 2008. He shared accounts of a period when the country was dominated by warlords, public movements were suppressed, illegal checkpoints and extortion were rampant, and armed clashes occurred frequently between rival factions controlling different neighborhoods.

Iyaye emphasized that the formal establishment of Somali civil society in 2008 marked a turning point, allowing civic actors to play a critical role in nation-building. Civil society organizations contributed significantly to the creation of the Transitional Federal Government and later participated in drafting the Somali Provisional Constitution in 2012.

The discussion also covered the more recent phases of civil society's involvement, including engagement in electoral disputes, governance oversight, and advocacy for transparency and accountability. Hussein Iyaye stressed the importance of a strong and independent civil society in safeguarding democratic principles and citizen rights.



SONSA Participates in Stakeholder Workshop on Somalia Data Protection Authority DPA's Five-Year Strategic Plan (2025–2029)

On 17 August 2025,

On 17 August 2025, the Somali Civil Society Coalition (SONSA) actively participated in the Stakeholder Engagement Workshop for the development of the Somalia Data Protection Authority's (DPA) Five-Year Strategic Plan. Brought together government agencies, civil society organizations, and private sector representatives to engage in discussions on the country's data protection priorities.

The DPA team delivered detailed presentations on key legal provisions, ensuring that all stakeholders understood the framework governing data protection and their respective roles in safeguarding personal information. Participants were encouraged to ask questions, provide feedback, and share experiences to strengthen Somalia's data governance landscape.

Additionally, a team of company experts presented the draft of the **DPA's Five-Year Strategic Plan (2025–2029)**. Public participation was central to the workshop, allowing for inclusive insights to inform a comprehensive strategy aimed at protecting Somali citizens' data rights.

The event was closely aligned with SONSA's #ReCIPE Project, co-funded by the European Union and led by @OxfamIreland, which aims to strengthen civil society participation and promote accountability in Somalia. The workshop emphasized collaboration between civil society, government, and the private sector as essential for building a robust data protection framework.

The motto of #DPASomalia—"Your Data, Your Rights, Our Responsibility"—underscored the importance of collective action and public awareness in safeguarding personal information. SONSA reaffirmed its commitment to supporting initiatives that ensure citizens' data rights are respected and protected.



SONSA Hosts Capacity-Building Session for Student Interns On 18 August 2025,

On 18 August 2025, Somali civil society, under the leadership of the Somali Civil Society office SONSA, successfully organized a capacity-building session dedicated to student interns currently serving in SONSA offices. The session aimed to strengthen their skills and prepare them for meaningful participation in civil society activities.

The training was voluntarily facilitated by advocacy expert Mr. Mohamed Hussein Enow and officially opened by SONSA's Executive Director, Mr. Mohamed Aded Ali. Their guidance and leadership provided motivation and practical insight, inspiring the interns to engage actively in their learning process.

The interactive session equipped participants with practical knowledge on effective approaches to advocacy and lobbying within civil society organizations.

Key topics included policy engagement, governance participation, defending and promoting human rights, and strengthening civic voices to influence decision-making processes.

SONSA emphasized that investing in the next generation of young professionals ensures that future leaders are well-prepared with the tools, confidence, and strategies needed to drive positive change in Somalia. The training also highlighted the importance of practical skills and real-world applications for impactful advocacy across multiple sectors.

By the end of the session, it was clear that these interns are not just learning—they are shaping the next generation of advocates and defenders of inclusive governance and social justice in Somalia. SONSA reaffirmed its commitment to youth empowerment and capacity-building initiatives that strengthen civil society.



SONSA Commemorates World Humanitarian Day 2025 and Calls for Protection of Civilians On 19 August 2025,

On 19 August 2025, Somali civil society, led by the Somali Civil Society Coalition (SONSA), joined the global community in commemorating World Humanitarian Day under the theme: “An End to Attacks on Humanitarians and Civilians and Impunity under International Humanitarian Law — We urge those in power to #ActForHumanity.” The day honors the courage and sacrifice of humanitarian workers while reminding the world of the urgent need to protect civilians in crisis situations.

SONSA highlighted the critical humanitarian situation in Somalia, particularly the recent crisis in the Awdal region and the ongoing droughts. These challenges have led to tragic loss of life, death of livestock, environmental degradation, displacement of families, and severe struggles for survival among affected communities.

The coalition emphasized the indispensable role of humanitarian workers who risk their lives daily to save others. SONSA expressed solidarity with these frontline workers and the communities they serve, acknowledging their dedication and resilience in the face of immense challenges.

SONSA reaffirmed its call for the protection of civilians, accountability for violations, and strengthening resilience in affected areas. The coalition stressed that all actors—including government authorities, humanitarian organizations, and international partners—must work together to prevent further suffering and safeguard human life.



ONSA Participates in Public Forum on Proposed Constitutional Amendments

On 21 August 2025,

On 21 August 2025, Somali civil society representatives, led by SONSA, actively participated in a Public Forum focused on the proposed amendments to Chapters 5–9 of the Somali Provisional Constitution.

The forum, held in Mogadishu, was organized by the Independent Constitutional Review and Implementation Commission (ICRIC), the Parliamentary Constitutional Review and Implementation Oversight Committee, and the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of the Federal Government of Somalia.

Participants engaged in a series of awareness presentations, shared findings from ongoing consultations, and took part in interactive discussions. Stakeholders included academics, lawyers, women, youth, and members of civil society, each contributing their perspectives on the constitutional review process.

SONSA was represented by its Executive Director, Mr. Mohamed Aded Ali, alongside Mama Duniya Mohamed Ali. They raised critical questions concerning the completion of the remaining chapters of the Constitution and highlighted the significant challenges posed by the limited timeframe available for the process.

The forum was officially opened by the State Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Hon. Ilyas Sheikh Omar, who reaffirmed the government's commitment to ensuring an inclusive and transparent constitutional review process that reflects the voices of the Somali people.



Somali Civil Society Joins IGAD Strategy Consultation in Mogadishu

On 22 August 2025,

On 22 August 2025, Somali civil society members, led by the Chairperson of SONSA, Mr. Osman Moallim, participated in the conclusion of a two-day national consultation on the Review of the IGAD Strategy 2021–2025 and the development of the new Strategy 2026–2030. The event took place in Mogadishu and was convened by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Somalia, in collaboration with the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD).

The consultation brought together a wide range of stakeholders, including national institutions, civil society organizations, academia, and development partners. Participants assessed the progress made under the current IGAD Strategy, identifying both achievements and challenges that continue to shape Somalia's role in regional integration.

SONSA, as the voice of Somali civil society, actively contributed to the discussions. Chairperson Osman Moallim emphasized the importance of civil society perspectives in regional policy frameworks, highlighting the role of inclusive participation in ensuring that Somalia's priorities are reflected in IGAD's long-term vision.

The forum also served as a platform to discuss key issues such as peace and security, climate resilience, economic integration, and social development. Stakeholders underlined the need for collective approaches and stronger partnerships to address common regional challenges.

This inclusive consultation ensures that Somalia's views and aspirations are fully incorporated into IGAD's future strategy, reinforcing the shared regional commitment to peace, resilience, and prosperity across the Horn of Africa.



SONSA Hands Over Laptops to Strengthen Parliamentary Digitalization Mogadishu-Somalia **25 August 2025**

25 August 2025, Somali civil society SONSA handed over laptops to the House of the People of the Federal Parliament of Somalia. The purpose of this handover is to support the digitalization of parliamentary archives and to further strengthen institutional capacity within the legislative body.

This activity forms part of the GoleKaab Project, in partnership with the Nederaland Institute for Multipart Democracy (NIMD) Somalia and funded by the European Union. The initiative reflects a broader effort to modernize Somalia's governance institutions through improved access to digital tools and systems.

The laptops were officially handed over on behalf of the Chairperson of SONSA, Mr. Osman Moallim, and were received by Honorable Abdirahman Mohamed Abdulle (Jaabir), Secretary General of the House of the People of the Federal Parliament of Somalia. The support was warmly welcomed as a vital contribution toward digital transformation.

This equipment aligns with the ongoing efforts to digitalize the parliamentary archives, which had earlier included a dedicated training session provided to parliamentary archive staff and other key officials. That training focused on equipping personnel with the necessary skills to manage digital records effectively and ensure transparency in legislative processes.

By combining technical equipment with capacity-building measures, SONSA and its partners are helping to ensure that Somalia's federal parliament can operate more efficiently, safeguard institutional memory, and respond to the needs of citizens in an increasingly digital era.



Enhancing Civil Society Participation in Parliamentary Decision-Making **26 August 2025**

26 August 2025, Somali civil society, through SONSA under the GoleKaab Project, convened a high-level forum on “Enhancing Civil Society Participation in Parliamentary Decision-Making for Inclusive and Responsive Governance in Somalia.”

The event brought together a diverse range of participants, including representatives of civil society organizations (CSOs), women's groups, and community leaders, creating an inclusive platform for dialogue and collaboration.

Key thematic presentations explored the negative impacts of corruption and the critical role of CSOs in anti-corruption initiatives, the importance of transparency in the national budget and social service delivery, and the value of inclusive governance in strengthening citizen participation in decision-making processes.

The forum further featured interactive dialogues and plenary discussions that focused on identifying policy priorities, developing actionable solutions, and establishing pathways for collaboration between civil society and decision-makers.

By bringing together civil society actors and parliamentary stakeholders, the gathering reaffirmed the crucial role of participatory governance in ensuring accountability, inclusivity, and sustainable development in Somalia.



Somali Civil Society Engages in AMRECO2025 Research Conference Organized by Somaville University

Mogadishu, 27 August 2025

Somali civil society, led by SONSA Executive Director Mr. Mohamed Aded Ali, participated in the 2nd Annual Multidisciplinary Research Conference (AMRECO 2025), organized by Samoville University under the theme: “Knowledge Transfer and Commercialization of Research Ideas to Solve Societal Problems and Accelerate Economic Growth.”

During a high-level panel on “How research can be translated into practice to solve societal problems and promote economic development,” Mr. Mohamed Aded Ali emphasized the importance of aligning research with societal needs. He stated:

“Research is vital, but what matters most is understanding why it is needed, when it is necessary, and the circumstances that demand it. The true purpose of research is driven by necessity. When a pressing need arises, research should be conducted to address existing challenges, provide reliable and practical solutions, and ensure inclusive participation from all relevant sectors. Research is most impactful when carried out collectively, rather than being confined to an individual or a single group.”

This intervention underscored the transformative role of research in fostering innovation, driving sustainable solutions, and ensuring that knowledge contributes directly to Somalia’s development agenda.

SONSA reaffirmed its commitment to promoting research-driven solutions that strengthen governance, empower civil society, and accelerate Somalia’s social and economic progress.



Somali Civil Society SONSA HQ Office Hosts GOPA AFC Consultants Meeting to Strengthen Development Cooperation

28 August 2025

The Executive Director of SONSA, Mr. Mohamed Aded Ali, warmly welcomed Ms. Bahgi Berhane and Ms. Suzanna Akulu, Senior Consultants from GOPA AFC, at the SONSA Headquarters in Mogadishu.

The discussions focused on the role of GOPA AFC in advancing development finance and building strategic partnerships, with particular attention to key areas such as agriculture, agribusiness, financial development projects, and other vital sectors of collaboration in developing and transition countries.

This engagement provided a valuable platform to explore synergies between SONSA and GOPA AFC, ensuring that Somalia benefits from sustainable, inclusive, and practical development solutions that address national priorities.

SONSA reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening cooperation and fostering meaningful partnerships that can drive long-term growth, enhance social resilience, and contribute to Somalia’s sustainable development.



Somali Civil Society at IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre GHACOF71 in Nairobi 28 August 2025

Somali civil society members, led by SONSA personal resource Prof. Hussein Iman, are actively participating in the 71st Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (#GHACOF71), organized by IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC) under the theme “Environment, Climate Change, and Forestry.”

The forum brings together leaders and delegates from IGAD, EAC, and Member State Meteorological Departments, alongside scientists, practitioners, partners, civil society actors, media, and other stakeholders. The objective is to provide timely and practical science-based climate information to support decision-making and resilience building across the region.

For Somalia, this participation is particularly significant as the country continues to face severe climate change crises, including prolonged droughts, devastating floods, and environmental degradation that threaten lives, livelihoods, and ecosystems. Civil society plays a vital role in amplifying community voices, advocating for sustainable adaptation strategies, and pushing for inclusive policies that address both immediate humanitarian needs and long-term climate resilience.

Somali civil society reaffirmed its commitment to working with regional and international partners to confront the climate emergency, enhance environmental protection, and strengthen collaborative responses that safeguard Somalia's future generations.



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Mogadishu 28 August 2025: Dallada Bulshada Rayidka ee SONSA waxa ay aad uga welwel santahay falalka xariga ah ee loo geeyanaayo waxgaradka iyo qaar ka mid ah hogaamiyaasha bulshada. Waxa ilo muhiim ah inoo cadeeyen in ciidamo wata dareeska ciidanka booliska la sheegey in ay qabteen odayaashaas iyagoo gudanaayo howl maalmeedkoda.

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Somali Civil Society Released Press-Release Concern Over the Recent Arbitrary Arrests and Violations Committed Against Respected Community Leaders, 28 August 2025

The Somali Civil Society (SONSA) expresses its deep concern over the recent arbitrary arrests and violations committed against respected community leaders, reportedly detained by security forces in police uniforms while carrying out their daily responsibilities.

Among those unlawfully arrested are Hussein Mohamed Mohamud (Hadoole), a prominent traditional leader from Banadir region; Deeq Shiikhow, former Deputy Commissioner for Security Affairs in Karaan District; and elder Xumow Shaamow. These arrests represent an alarming trend of intimidation against individuals who serve their communities.

Somali civil society, under the leadership of SONSA, emphasizes that detaining individuals for expressing their views on the state of the country constitutes a grave violation of Somalia's Provisional Constitution. Such actions undermine fundamental freedoms, including the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, which are cornerstones of any democratic society.

SONSA therefore calls on the Federal Government of Somalia to uphold the Constitution, respect human rights, and guarantee the immediate and unconditional release of all those detained unlawfully. Civil society further urges the government to prevent future violations and foster an environment where Somali citizens can express their views freely without fear of repression.



Conclusion of the Two-Day Capacity-Building Workshop for Parliamentary Staff

30–31 August 2025

Somali civil society organization SONSA successfully concluded a two-day Capacity-Building Workshop on Document Management and Coordination of Committee Activities, organized under the GoleKaab Project for the staff of the House of the People of the Federal Parliament of Somalia.

The closing session reflected the rich discussions over the past two days, where participants shared experiences, identified key challenges, and proposed practical solutions to strengthen parliamentary document management, enhance inter-committee coordination, and advance the digitalization of parliamentary operations.

The workshop highlighted the critical importance of equipping staff with the necessary skills to effectively handle bills, plenary debates, extraordinary sessions, and committee meetings, in accordance with parliamentary procedures. Participants also explored ways to increase transparency, accountability, and accessibility for the wider Somali public.

Throughout the workshop, participants actively engaged in practical exercises and interactive discussions, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among parliamentary staff and civil society facilitators.

At the conclusion of the training, all participants were awarded Certificates of Participation in recognition of their commitment, active engagement, and dedication to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of Somalia's parliamentary processes.



SONSA Concludes CSOs Review of the Somali Provisional Constitution and Key Legislative Frameworks: Status of Mogadishu

31 August 2025

Somali civil society, under the leadership of SONSA and through the GoleKaab Project, successfully concluded the high-level forum titled: “CSOs Review the Somali Provisional Constitution and Key Legislative Frameworks: Status of Mogadishu.”

The event brought together a diverse array of stakeholders, including traditional elders, women, youth representatives, academia, think-tank and research institutions, relevant government agencies, and civil society organizations. The discussions focused on reviewing the Somali Provisional Constitution and key legislative frameworks, with particular attention to the long-debated issue of Mogadishu's status.

The forum was officially opened by Mama Duniya Mohamed Ali, a prominent civil society leader, who urged the Federal Parliament to take decisive action on this longstanding matter. She emphasized:

“For too long, the fate of Mogadishu's citizens has been subject to endless negotiations. It is time to provide a fair and just solution, so that the people of Mogadishu may finally gain the rightful representation they deserve.”

Representing youth voices, Mr. Omar Abdirahman Maow, Chairman of BRA Banadir Youth, called on the House of the People to safeguard the rights of Banadir residents in the upcoming constitutional debates. He stated:

“On behalf of the youth of Banadir region, I urge the House of the People to strongly support our rights. Parliament has a historic opportunity to ensure the approval of long-awaited representation for Banadir region.”

The forum concluded with strong calls for fair representation, inclusivity, and collaborative solutions, demonstrating Somali civil society's ongoing commitment to fostering an inclusive constitutional framework that protects the rights and voices of all citizens.

Conclusion

The Somali Civil Society Umbrella **SONSA** played a pivotal role throughout August 2025 in defending constitutional freedoms, promoting inclusive governance, and strengthening citizen engagement. From condemning unlawful arrests of journalists and community leaders to calling for renewed political dialogue and fair land policies, **SONSA** consistently stood as a voice for justice, accountability, and human rights.

The Bulletin also highlights SONSA's active participation in national and regional forums on humanitarian challenges, constitutional review, youth empowerment, data protection, climate change, and regional integration. Additionally, SONSA advanced institutional capacity by supporting parliamentary digitalization, organizing training workshops, and creating platforms for civil society engagement in decision-making.

Overall, SONSA reaffirmed its commitment to protecting fundamental rights, empowering youth and civic actors, and fostering collaboration across government, civil society, and international partners. The August activities demonstrated SONSA's determination to ensure a more inclusive, democratic, and resilient Somalia where citizens' voices remain central to national progress.

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