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NAIROBI – KENYA**

**P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

**POLICE FOIL TERROR PLOT**

Following Police investigations into a terror plot by an East African terror group network, that has links to ISIL and which has been planning to carry out various attacks targeting Kenya, on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016, Police arrested Mohammed Abdi Ali, a medical intern in Wote Hospital, Makueni County. He is a medical intern who studied at Kampala International University in Uganda prior to returning to Kenya and was arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. He has been presented in Court and custodial Orders for an additional 30 days of investigation have been granted to Police.

From our initial investigations, it has been established that the terror network linked to Mohammed Abdi Ali has been engaged in the active radicalization, recruitment of University students and other Kenyan youth into terrorism networks. The same network has been facilitating Kenyan youths to secretly leave Kenya to join terror groups in Libya and Syria.

Mohammed Abdi Ali's terror network within Kenya spreads as far as the Coast Region, North Rift Region and Western Region, as well as other countries that include Somalia, Libya and Syria. The suspects were planning large scale attacks akin to the Westgate Mall attack with the intention of killing innocent Kenyans. His network also included medical experts with whom they planned to unleash a biological attack in Kenya using anthrax. His arrest and those of his accomplices is a major breakthrough in the fight against terrorism in Kenya and the region.

A close accomplice who is also Mohammed's wife, Nuseiba Mohammed Haji, who is a student at Kampala International University, has been arrested in Uganda while attempting to evade capture by the authorities. Her associate who is also an accomplice, Fatuma Mohammed Hanshi has also been arrested in Uganda.

Since Mohammed Abdi Ali's arrest, his accomplices in the terror network in Kenya have gone into hiding to evade justice. These include Ahmed Hish and Farah Dagane- both medical interns in Kitale. The Police are committed to pursue these criminals and to bring them to justice.