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PRESS STATEMENT

3 KENYAN TERROR SUSPECTS SNEAK TO SOMALIA TO JOIN AL-SHABAB

The National Police Service wishes to inform members of the public that three Kenyans have sneaked out of the country to join the Al-shabaab terror group. We have information that the three namely **Mohamed Abdalla Asman** alias Papa alias Raymond from Majengo in Nairobi, **Hamisi Hemed** alias Baloteli and **Ali Ahmed Ali**, both from Malindi are already in Somalia undertaking training.

The three are said to have sneaked out of the country early this month with the help of some local Alshabab contacts whom we are pursuing. The suspects plan to sneak back into the country to stage terror attacks. They are in contact with other suspected terrorists within the country, with whom they are planning local attacks.

Mohamed Abdalla Asman had previously been arrested by security agencies on 4th October, 2013, while on his way to Somalia. He was charged, convicted and jailed at Garissa GK Prison and was released on 12th July, 2017 after serving his term. At the time of his arrest in 2013, his journey to Somalia had been facilitated by **Sheikh Ibrahim Umar** alias Amru who taught him religion at Answar Sunna Mosque.

Before their escape to Somalia both **Hamisi Hemed** and **Ali Ahmed Ali** worked at Arafat hotel owned by one **Mahfudh** in Malindi town.

It is deeply regrettable that there are still some families and Kenyan businessmen abetting radicalization, recruitment and facilitation of their kin to join terror groups. We wish to warn parents, guardians or religious leaders withholding information on radicalization that they are liable for prosecution for abetting crime. Equally the said parents and guardians risk losing their children to terrorism and eventually destroying their families and the entire community.

We however wish to thank members of the public who have continued to cooperate with the security agencies by sharing information.