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**From:** (B)(6) Abdirizak Bihi (B)(6)  
**Sent:** (B)(7)(c) Thursday, July 02, 2015 6:52 PM  
**To:** (USAMN)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Community discussion Agenda  
**Attachments:** Untitled.PDF - Adobe Acrobat Pro (1).pdf; ATT00001.htm; Program agenda.docx; ATT00002.htm

Tomorrow, we will have a great community discussion and then break bread together.

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**From:** "Abdimalik Mohamed"  
**To:** "Abdirizak Bihi"; "Fartun Ahmed";  
"Abdi Salah"; "Mohamed Farah";  
"Mohamed Jama"; "Hashi  
Shafi"; "Abdirahman sheikh omar";  
"Abdisalam  
Adam"; "Mohamed Mohamud";  
"Hodan Heello"; "Qamar Hassan";  
**Subject:** Community discussion Agenda

Asc everyone

I hope this message finds everyone in peace. Tomorrow's community meeting will be from 7pm-9pm in Abu Huraira Mosque located 3055 Old Highway 8, Minneapolis, MN 55418.

Attached is an program agenda and the MOU. Please read the agenda and let me know what you think. This is a team effort and I would like to see everyone involved in this discussion.

We will have Q & A session where our guests will be able write their questions on note cards and submit it to us. We will review the questions and answer the questions that our guest have written.

It is greatly appreciate if you could be at the mosque by 5pm for us to better prepare for the community discussion.

Best,

Abdimalik Mohamed

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

— Barack Obama

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**Memorandum of Understanding**  
between the  
**United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota**  
and the  
**Somali American Taskforce**

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota (USAOMN) and the Somali American Taskforce (SATF) agree as follows:

**Article I. Purpose of Memorandum of Understanding:**

- a) This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between the USAOMN and the SATF to implement the Building Community Resilience (BCR) pilot program.
- b) The BCR is a crime prevention pilot program that focuses on addressing the root causes of radicalization to violence, by providing resources to prevent young people from seeking to become involved in criminal activity, provide community-based support and increase engagement between government stakeholders, law enforcement and the Somali Minnesotan community.
- c) BCR will NOT be used as a tool to conduct surveillance on the Somali Minnesotan community or to build intelligence databases about participants of the various programs under the BCR umbrella. BCR is led by the Somali Minnesotan community to increase support and resources to enhance opportunities for Somali Minnesotans.

**Article II. Background:**

In February 2015, the White House hosted an international summit to address violent extremism. President Obama invited a delegation from the Twin Cities, Boston and Los Angeles. Seven members of the Somali Minnesotan community joined the government and law enforcement officials to present our community-led initiative to counter violent extremism called "Building Community Resilience."

Minnesota is home to the largest Somali-American population in North America, which some estimate to be more than 100,000. Somalis started moving to Minnesota in the early 1990s for many reasons including better education and job opportunities, increase access to health care systems, for an improved environment and to pursue the American dream.

During the last twenty years, the community has made strides to improve life for Somali Minnesotans. However, the community still faces daunting challenges particularly among its youth and young adults. These challenges include: identity crises; under employment; disparities

in healthcare; stymied economic opportunity; gang violence; and targeted recruitment by violent overseas terrorist organizations.

Beginning in 2007, violent extremist organizations such as al-Shabaab, and now more recently ISIL, have successfully targeted and recruited more than three dozen individuals from the Somali Minnesotan community to fight overseas for terrorist organizations.

### **Article III. Scope of the work:**

#### **a) Prevention/Research:**

The first component of the BCR pilot program is to identify root causes of radicalization to violence. This committee will work to address the primary root causes of radicalization, including identity issues, community isolation, disaffected youth, lack of adequate role models and limited economic opportunities. Inequality and low social mobility have persisted at unhealthy levels in the Somali Minnesotan community and contribute to the success of al Shabaab, ISIS and other criminal organizations. By creating educational and professional opportunities for young people and expanding after-school youth programming, we will seek to address the factors that have created the environment in which criminal organizations have successfully appealed to youth and young adults. Additionally the committee will work with an independent research team to study the phenomena of violent extremism within the community.

#### **b) Support Teams:**

The second component is to empower community-led organizations to support and guide young people who have become disconnected from their families. Community-led teams will consist of parents, imams, teachers, coaches, youth advocates and mental health professionals to collaborate and provide support and resources for young people and families who are struggling.

#### **c) Engagement:**

The third component is to increase positive engagement between law enforcement, government and the Minnesota Somali community to build trust and understanding. The BCR pilot program will host community events designed to increase Somali Minnesotans understanding of the United States Government and criminal justice system, including the civil rights and civil liberties of all individuals. Likewise the committee will work with federal, state, and local law enforcement to develop a deeper understanding of Somali cultural traditions and history.

### **Article IV. Responsibilities of the SATF:**

1. Implement the BCR project in the Somali Minnesotan community.
2. Provide community needs assessments and guidelines for grants solicitations.
3. Consult with the Somali Minnesotan community and work on their behalf.
4. Raise money for BCR initiatives.
5. Engage in public relations on behalf of the BCR for the purpose of transparency and community involvement.

6. Work towards empowering our community and encouraging all of their concerns about the BCR be addressed.
7. The Committee will work to protect the civil rights and civil liberties of Somali Minnesotans.

#### **Article V. Funding:**

This MOU is not a commitment of funds to any members or organizations represented on this committee. A separate committee comprised of foundation representatives and others will oversee the grant process. No members of this committee will serve on the committee overseeing the grant process.

#### **Article VI. Duration:**

SATF role shall be limited to the duration of the BCR.

#### **Article VII. Effective Date:**

This MOU is at will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from the USAOMN and SATF. This MOU is effective the date of its signing by the USAOMN and SATF.

#### **Article VIII. Other:**

This MOU will be made in duplicate in Somali and English languages with both versions being equally authentic and publicly available.

Upon signing this document, the USAOMN and SATF agree that the BCR pilot program will not be used to collect intelligence by either party to the MOU.

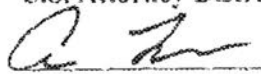
The BCR pilot program, or any programs under the umbrella of the BCR pilot program, will not be used for surveillance purposes by any law enforcement agency or by any person working for or on behalf of any law enforcement agency.

The disbursement of funds by the granting committees of the BCR will not be dependent on or allow for the surveillance by any law enforcement agency or by any person working for or on behalf of any law enforcement agency.

**Somali American Taskforce**

Abdisalam Adam	Date: 5/11/15
<del>Farhan Weli</del>	Date: 5/11/15
<del>Abdimalik Mohamed</del>	Date: 5/11/15
<del>Abdullah Hassan</del>	Date: 5/11/15
<del>Abdullah</del>	Date: 5/11/15
Abdirahman Omar	Date: 5/11/15
Ahmed Buraale	Date: 5/11/15
Adhunan Bihi	Date: 5/11/15
<del>Adhunan Bihi</del>	Date: 5/11/15
Mohamed Mohamed	Date: 5/11/15
SADA	Date: 5/11/15
Ali with VAW	Date: 5/13/15
Weird & Abdi Salah	Date: 5/13/15
18 HAWI Staff, Somali Action Alliance	Date: 5/14/15
Mohamed Hassan, CRCC	Date: 5/14/15

U.S. Attorney District of Minnesota

 Date: 5/14/15

# SOMALI – AMERICAN TASKFORCE

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## Community Meeting

7pm-9pm

### Program Schedule

#### Introduction

1. Quran recitation & Opening Duas
2. Introduction of Members of the Taskforce (Name & Org.)

#### Presentation (5-7 minutes)

3. Presentation of Taskforce & MOU                      Abdimalik & Hodan
4. Religious perspective                                      Sheikh Ahmed Burale

#### Discussion (2-3 minutes each person)

5. Abdirizak Bihi
6. Farhio Khalik
7. Mohamed Mohamud
8. Jabril Afyare
9. Anyone else that wants to speak!

#### BREAK (5-10 minutes)

#### 10. Question & Answer

#### 11. Closing Dua

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**From:** (B)(7)(c) [REDACTED] (USAMN)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2015 3:06 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Abdi Salah [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Signed MOU  
**Attachments:** Untitled.PDF - Adobe Acrobat Pro.pdf

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**From:** [REDACTED] (USAMN)  
**Sent:** (B)(7)(c) Thursday, May 14, 2015 7:37 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (USAMN)  
**Subject:** Fwd: MOU

Can you add Hashi to the MOU? See below. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

[REDACTED] (B)(6)  
**From:** Hashi Shafi <[REDACTED]> (B)(7)(c)  
**Date:** May 13, 2015 at 10:12:03 PM CDT  
**To:** [REDACTED] (USAMN)" <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: MOU (B)(7)(c)

Hi [REDACTED] go ahead you have my permission to add my name to the MOU as signature.

Thank you,  
Hashi Shafi  
Executive Director  
Somali Action Alliance  
2525 East Franklin Ste 100  
Minneapolis, MN 55406  
Office: 612-455-2185  
Cell: [REDACTED] (B)(6)

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Salah, Abdi [REDACTED] (B)(6)  
**Sent:** (B)(7)(c) Wednesday, May 13, 2015 9:06 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (USAMN)  
**Subject:** RE: this am...

Call me on my cell when you get this. [REDACTED] (B)(6)  
(B)(7)(c) (B)(6)

**From:** [REDACTED] (USAMN) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2015 5:45 PM  
**To:** Salah, Abdi  
**Subject:** RE: this am...

Abdi,  
Just wanted to follow up to see if you had time to talk tomorrow? I also would like to stop by or meet because I have the mostly signed MOU that I need Warsame's signature on.

Is Warsame participating in the Press Conference on Thursday?

Let me know what works!

Thanks  
[REDACTED] (B)(7)(c)

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**From:** [REDACTED] (USAMN)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2015 8:47 AM  
**To:** Salah, Abdi  
**Subject:** this am...

Did you want to meet? If so can you meet earlier than 930? I forgot I have a meeting every Tuesday with andy at 10 .  
Otherwise tomorrow am or this afternoon? Let me know!

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] (USAMN)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2015 5:27 PM  
**To:** Farhio Khalif  
**Subject:** RE: FW: MOU

YES! I'll be here

**From:** Farhio Khalif [mailto:[REDACTED]] (B)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2015 4:04 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (USAMN)  
**Subject:** Re: FW: MOU (B)(7)(c)

I am in a meeting in the morning in downtown. I could stop by your office sometime before noon?

**Farhio Khalif**

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On Tue, May 12, 2015 at 2:58 PM, [REDACTED] (USAMN) <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Congratulations!! Hmm. Where will you be tomorrow morning? I can stop by your office on the way in to work?

**From:** Farhio Khalif [REDACTED] (B)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2015 3:01 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (USAMN)  
**Subject:** Re: FW: MOU (B)(7)(c)

My bill was up yesterday. I was testifying we the conference stars after last body adjourn usually was by 1:30 pm but yesterday they didn't get out untill after 5:pm, and I was called at 7:20 pm to testify.

I emailed Abdimalik last night about that. Hopefully he will email to all about the meeting minutes yesterday. I am at the office now. I can meet you at your office, or we can meet.

Farhio

**Farhio Khalif**

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On Tue, May 12, 2015 at 12:49 PM, [REDACTED] (USAMN) - [REDACTED] wrote:

Farhio – I have the MOU that's ready for signature. The members of the committee that were there last night signed it. Any chance you can stop in to sign it as well? Or can we meet to get your signature?

Thanks



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**From:** [REDACTED] (USAMN)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2015 1:49 PM  
**To:** Mohamed Jama  
**Subject:** MOU



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MJ – I have the MOU that's ready for signature. The members of the committee that were there last night signed it. Any chance you can stop in to sign it as well?

Thanks  
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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] (USAMN)  
Sent: (B)(7)(c) Tuesday, May 05, 2015 1:49 PM  
To: [REDACTED] (USAMN)  
Subject: FW: MOU  
Attachments: MOU update 1234.doc; MOU update 12345.pdf

From: Abdimalik Mohamed [REDACTED] (B)(6)  
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 1:38 PM  
To: [REDACTED] (USAMN)  
Subject: MOU

[REDACTED] (B)(7)(c)

I hope all is well. Attached is a word document and PDF of the MOU. Lets finalize it and get this program started.

See you soon,

Best,

Abdimalik Mohamed  
Ka Joog Nonprofit Organization  
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Minneapolis, MN 5545  
Website: [www.kajoog.org](http://www.kajoog.org)  
Email: [REDACTED] (B)(6)  
Phone: (612) 255-3524

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# Building Community Resiliency

## Minneapolis-St. Paul Pilot Program



**U.S. Attorney Andrew M. Luger**  
**District of Minnesota**

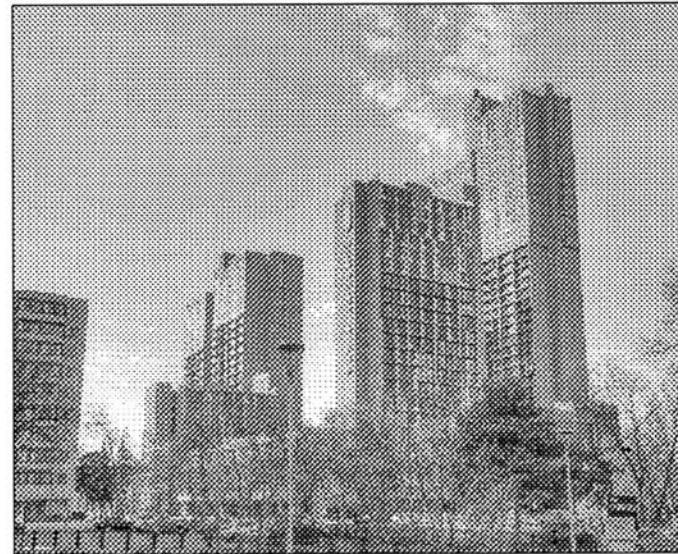
# Minnesota Pilot Program Partners

- Law Enforcement:
  - FBI SAC – Richard Thornton
  - Hennepin County - Sheriff Stanek
  - St. Paul Police - Chief Smith
  - Minneapolis Police - Chief Harteau
  - Metro Transit Police - Chief Harrington
- Non-Law Enforcement:
  - Minneapolis & St. Paul Mayors
  - Hennepin & Ramsey Counties
  - Minneapolis & St. Paul Public Schools
  - Department of Parks and Recreation
  - City Council Member Abdi Warsame
  - State Government – DEED, Public Safety
- Airport Partners:
  - TSA – Cliff Van Leuven
  - CBP - Bill Ferrara
- Community Partners:
  - Twin Cities Somali Imams
  - Youth Organizations and Leaders
  - Women's Groups and Leaders
  - Elders
  - Somali Bar Association
  - Somali American Officers Association



# Minnesota Somali Americans

- 100,000 Somalis live in Minnesota
  - Largest Somali population in the United States
  - Over 35,000 in Minneapolis
  - Over 15,000 in St. Paul
  - Over one-half of all Somalis in the United States live in Minnesota



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# Past Experience: al-Shabaab Recruiting

- 2006-2007 - al-Shabaab emerges in Somalia to fight against the Transitional Federal Government and Ethiopian troops present in Somalia



2007-present – Members of al-Shabaab recruit Somalis in Minnesota to fight overseas: over 20 individuals charged with crimes in U.S. Federal Court in the District of Minnesota

- 2008 – United States publishes the designation of al-Shabaab as a terrorist organization in the Federal Register



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# Overview of Community Engagement Efforts 2007-2013

## St. Paul PD:

- Community Engagement Academies
- Culturally sensitive programming
  - First Female Somali CLO
- Chief Smith teaches CVE best practices nationally & internationally

## Minneapolis PD:

- Community Engagement Team
- Increased number of Somali American police officers
- First Somali American Sergeant

## USAO:

- Somali Youth Advisory Committee
- Youth & Citizen Academies

## Hennepin County Sheriff's Office:

- Somali Advisory Council & Academies
  - Changes to jail rules
- Abdi Mohamed, CLO, strong presence in community
  - Sheriff Stanek builds strong relationships

## FBI:

- Community outreach meetings
- FBI SAC meetings with Imams, youth & women
- SAC actively participates in academies

## DHS CRCL:

- Quarterly Roundtables



# Current Threat: ISIS Recruitment

- Building on the “successes” of al-Shabaab, in 2013 ISIS began targeting young Somali adults in Minneapolis-St. Paul
- Recruitment occurs primarily through personal outreach and social media connections



# Overview of Community Engagement Efforts 2014

- Community lead forums
- U.S. Attorney meetings:
  - Discussions with youth, elders, women, community organizations and associations
  - Dinner meetings with Imams
  - Ka Joog presentation at Temple Israel
- Two DHS CRCL quarterly roundtables
- DHS Secretary visit to community center – November 7, 2014
- CBP/TSA meetings with Imams
- FBI SAC meetings with Imams, youth, and women
- Hennepin County Sheriff's advisory committee meetings; co-chairs roundtables; participates in community forums; hosts citizens academies
- SPPD and MPD community engagement meetings and participation in roundtables and community forums



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# Minneapolis-St. Paul Pilot Program

- What we have heard from the Community:
  - Continue law enforcement forums, summits and academies
  - Develop an Action Plan to address root causes of radicalization



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# Minneapolis-St. Paul Pilot Program

## Core Components

1. Enhanced Community Engagement: expanded community involvement – mothers, schools, health care professionals

2. Youth Programming

3. Social Media

4. Mentoring and Scholarships

5. Pilot Program Committees

6. Community Intervention Team

7. Job Opportunities

8. Focused effort on MSP airport issues



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# Pilot Program Core Component:

## 1. Community Engagement

### New Partnerships & Stakeholder Relationships

Governor's Cabinet Offices  
DEED, Public Safety

Schools

County Offices

Department of Parks and  
Recreation

Students

TSA & CBP

Community Organizations &  
Non Profits

Health Care Providers

Mayors' offices

Higher Education

Interfaith Groups

Corporate & Foundation  
Partnerships

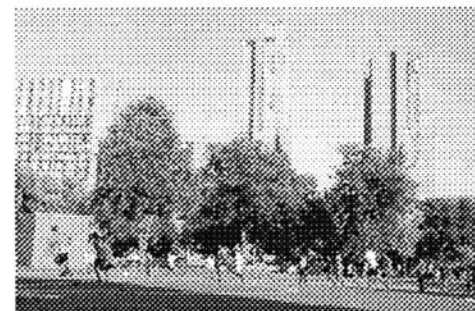


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# Pilot Program Core Component:

## 2. Youth Programming

- Grants to support youth programs:
  - Athletics
  - Arts
  - Youth Outreach Workers, in partnership with Public Schools
  - Youth/Parent Engagement



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# **Pilot Program Core Component:**

## **3. Social Media**

- Network of positive messaging from well respected members of the Somali Community
  - PSA Videos
  - Social Media



# **Pilot Program Core Component:**

## **4. Mentoring and Scholarships**

- Year 1: Recruit, Train, Match 20 new Mentors with Mentees
  - Five Year Goal: 100 New Mentor/Mentee relationships
- Higher Education Scholarship Program
  - Leveraging partnerships with foundations



# **Pilot Program Core Component:**

## **5. Pilot Program Committees**

- Youth Summit Planning Committee
- Interfaith Religious Outreach Committee
- Community Intervention Team
- Interagency Airport Solutions Committee
- Women's Outreach Committee
- Grant Review Committee



# **Pilot Program Core Component:**

## **6. Community Intervention Team**

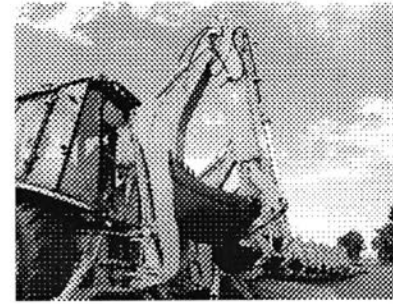
- Non-law enforcement community members meet to identify and address early stage radicalization concerns
- Inter-community support:
  - Training on signs, symptoms and indicators
  - Information on where to go with concerns
- Public/Private intervention support:
  - School-Health Professional Intervention
  - Social Services-Family Intervention



# Pilot Program Core Component:

## 7. Job Opportunities

- Job & Internship Recruitment
  - Government, NGOs, Private Sector, Law Enforcement
  - Resume & Job Training Assistance



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# **Pilot Program Core Component:**

## **8. Focused effort on MSP airport issues**

- Airport Meetings & Tours with Community Members
- Mobile Global Entry Sign Up Events
- TSA & CBP one-on-one sessions to address issues and questions



# Pilot Program Year One Measurable Successes

20 Mentors/Mentee Matches

Two job opportunities fairs

Two Youth Summits

Strong interfaith collaboration  
and relationships established

Grants awarded to local  
organizations

All Committees and Teams  
operational

Solutions identified & acted  
upon to address concerns with  
airport processes

USAO hires community  
members



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# Minneapolis-St. Paul Pilot Program

## Year One Goals

- 10 New Somali American Officers recruited for local law enforcement
- Members of the Somali community have had issues at MSP airport addressed
- Strong trust between pilot program partners and Somali community leading to early communication of suspected radicalization
- Community Intervention Team works with families and friends at early stages
- New youth programs operational
- Future program resources and direction developed



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