



Goobjoog Media Group

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STATEMENT ON ARREST AND DETENTION OF GOOBJOOG MEDIA GROUP JOURNALIST

A regional court in Togdheer region in Somaliland has today ordered the detention of Goobjoog Television reporter Hassan Handulle for seven days as prosecution conducts investigation on charges levelled against him.

Mr. Handulle was arrested December 13, 2018 by the police in Burco while investigating alleged corruption in Togdheer regional administration. Goobjoog Media Group would like to unequivocally state that our reporter was arrested at the course of duty and that our editor was aware of and sanctioned coverage of the story.

We are deeply concerned by his arrest and the initial verdict of the court today to detain the reporter for seven days. Goobjoog Media Group stands with Mr. Hassan Handulle and shall pursue the case to its logical conclusion.

In effect there, Goobjoog Media Group is calling for unconditional release of the journalist.

As a media house dedicated to public service, our unwavering commitment to the truth and a just society remains unbowed.

