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ARREST OF GOOBJOOG JOURNALIST A VIOLATION OF LAW AND THREAT TO MEDIA FREEDOM IN SOMALIA

The arrest of Goobjoog Media Group journalist Ali Adan Mumin is illegal and contrary to the Constitution and any laws of the land.

The Criminal Investigations Department (CID) violated the rights of the journalist and freedom of the private media by arresting him upon request for appearance.

We are appealing to the Government as the custodian of the law and the constitution which grants rights of expression to Somalis to release the journalist.

Goobjoog Media Group which has been subjected to threats and intimidation by security agencies before is concerned that the arrest of Mumin is yet another attempt to suppress media freedom and media professionals who have been operating under fear from the Federal Government.

Goobjoog Media Group calls on all government agencies, the free media in the country, international media, civil society, human rights organizations, and the international community to collaborate in championing for an end to violations against journalists and protecting the freedom of expression and ideas by Somali citizens.

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