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Statement by the spokesperson of the EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the assassination of a Somali journalist in Mogadishu

The spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

"The High Representative was saddened to learn of the death of the journalist Rahm Abdulkadir on the night of 24 March. She expresses her sincere condolences to the family, colleagues and friends of Rahm Abdulkadir and of all those assassinated while carrying out their duty.

This murder brings to 21 the toll of media workers killed in Somalia since the beginning of 2012. It is highly regrettable that not a single person has been brought to justice for the killings of journalists in Somalia. The High Representative calls on the Somali Federal Government to conduct a thorough investigation of this case and all previous cases to identify and bring to justice the perpetrators of these atrocities.

The High Representative is a staunch supporter of freedom of the press, which is a fundamental element of a democratic society."

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