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CONTROL OF UN COMPOUND IN JOWHAR RETURNED

Nairobi (13 September 2005) – Control of the UNICEF compound in Jowhar, Somalia has been returned to the UN. The Chairman of the Middle Shabelle Administration (MSA), Mohamed Omar Habeb aka Mohamed Dere handed the keys to UN national staff earlier today.

The national staff had been denied access to the compound from Sunday 11 September 2005, following the relocation of international staff on Thursday 8 September 2005 as a precautionary measure due to the recent military movements in and around the area.

Of the 13 international UN staff in Jowhar at the time, six were flown to Wajid in Bakol region, southwest Somalia and the other seven, whose duty station is not Jowhar, traveled to Nairobi.

The UN is constantly monitoring the situation with the aim of returning the international staff to Jowhar once the security situation allows.

All other UN activities in Somalia continue uninterrupted.

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