

## **Qatar calls for Somalia peace talks**

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Qatar has called for a dialogue in Somalia that is based on the principle of reconciliation and inclusion, rather than the principle of force and exclusion.

Qatar commends the efforts made by Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah, Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Somalia, to push the national reconciliation forward thus creating the first necessary conditions for the country to keep progressing towards stability and democracy, which would be achieved only by putting an end to violence, withdrawal of foreign troops and building constitutional democratic institutions.

In a statement he delivered before the debate of the United Nations Security Council on the situation in the Somalia, Nassir Abdulaziz Al Nasser, Qatar's Ambassador to the UN said that it is indispensable for Somalia at the present stage to continue expand the process of political reconciliation that must include all tribes and groups.

The government must continue this approach, formulate a constitution for the country, develop road map for the remaining of the transitional period, and pave the way for conducting a census and elections before the end of the transitional period, he said.

Qatar expressed hope that a new broad-based government inclusive of various Somali parties would be formed and it would play an effective role in mitigating the worsening humanitarian situation in the country.

Qatar urged for strengthening the mandate of the United Nations Political Office in Somalia in supporting the participatory political process and achieving national reconciliation.