



Somalia Stability Fund loses two colleagues in Nairobi terrorist attack

Nairobi, 16 January 2019 – The Somalia Stability Fund deeply regrets to announce the tragic loss of two of our colleagues in yesterday's terrorist attack on 14 Riverside, Nairobi.

Abdalla Dahir was a communications specialist with the Somalia Stability Fund, based in Nairobi. He had worked with ASI for about 18 months. His colleagues describe him as "very kind, good natured, always smiling and with an infectious laugh." Abdalla was a talented storyteller and photographer who made it his mission to change the world's perception of Somalia.

Feisal Ahmed was responsible for monitoring and evaluation and had worked for two years on the SSF project from Nairobi. He was responsible for monitoring and evaluation and database management. His colleagues saw him as "incredibly cool, calm and collected," and said he was often kidded for being the tallest person in the office. His attention to detail, demeanour with partners, and inquisitive mind have been critical to our understanding of what works (and what doesn't) in Somalia.

The two young men were inseparable, particularly on the football field. They were taken from us as they ate lunch together at a restaurant in the office complex as grenades and gunfire erupted. They are survived by their wives, families and distraught colleagues, and will be fondly remembered for their passion, dedication and commitment to Somalia's recovery and reconstruction.

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