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1. Wide shot - ATMIS Acting Force Commander, Brig. Gen. Peter Omola and ATMIS Force Spokesperson Lt. Col. Abdullahi Ganale present during the induction training.
2. Med shot - ATMIS Force Spokesperson Lt. Col. Abdullahi Ganale during the induction training.
3. Close up - ATMIS Acting Force Commander, Brig. Gen. Peter Omola and ATMIS Military Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Kindu Gezu during the induction training.
4. Med shot - ATMIS Acting Force Commander, Brig. Gen. Peter Omola and ATMIS Military Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Kindu Gezu during the induction training.
5. Close up - Military officers present during the induction training.
6. **SOUNDBITE: ATMIS Acting Force Commander, Brig. Gen. Peter Omola.**
“ATMIS is a multi-dimensional and multicultural mission. It is critical that you observe diplomacy in your interactions and accord full respect for diversity. I also implore you to respect Somali culture.”
7. Wide shot - Military officers present during the induction training.
8. Med shot - An instructor takes the officers through the induction training.
9. Close up - An instructor takes the officers through the induction training.
10. Med shot - An instructor takes the officers through the induction training.

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11. Med shot - Some of the IED materials on display during the induction training.

12. Close up - Some of the IED materials on display during the induction training.

13. SOUNDBITE: ATMIS Military Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Kindu Gezu.

“I believe that the training has placed you in a better perspective of ATMIS mandate, and will also help you to appreciate the Concept of Operations in relation to the timelines for the final drawdown of ATMIS by December 2024.”

14. Med shot - An instructor takes the officers through the induction training.

15. Close up - An instructor takes the officers through the induction training.

16. Med shot - Military officers present during the induction training.

17. Close up - Military officers present during the induction training.

18. Med shot - A military officer writes down some of the points noted during the induction training.

19. Close up - A military officer writes down some of the points noted during the induction training.

20. SOUNDBITE: ATMIS Chief Military Personnel Col. Bassie Al Sesay.

“The training as scheduled has been very informative, educative and worthwhile. The transfer of knowledge has set the foundation and the participants of this course will be on a very good footing to ensure we give our support to restore peace in Somalia.”

21. Wide shot - ATMIS Military Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Kindu Gezu, ATMIS Force Spokesperson Lt. Col. Abdullahi Ganale and other ATMIS officers who were present during the induction training.

22. Med shot - ATMIS Military Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Kindu Gezu and ATMIS Force Spokesperson Lt. Col. Abdullahi Ganale during the induction training.

23. Close up - ATMIS Military Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Kindu Gezu at the induction training.

24. Wide shot - Some of the ATMIS officers who underwent the induction training.

25. Med shot - Some of the ATMIS officers who underwent the induction training.

26. Close up - An ATMIS officer who underwent the induction training.

27. Wide shot - ATMIS Military Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Kindu Gezu, ATMIS Force Spokesperson Lt. Col. Abdullahi Ganale and other ATMIS officers who were present take a group photograph at the end of the induction training.

ATMIS newly deployed senior military officers inducted

Mogadishu, 28 January 2023 - Fifteen newly deployed military staff officers for the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) have concluded a week-long induction on the range of Mission Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

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At the opening ceremony on Monday, the Acting ATMIS Force Commander, Brig. Gen. Peter Omola, briefed the officers on the status of the transition process and urged them to diligently implement the mission's mandate.

“ATMIS is a multi-dimensional and multicultural mission. It is important that you familiarise yourselves with all the key documents which underpin the mission’s operations including the Code of Conduct, Security Council Resolution 2670 (2022), the Concept of Operations (CONOPS) and the Somali Transition Plan (STP). Respect our diversity and the culture and values of our host country,” said Brig. Gen. Omola, who is also the commander of the Ugandan contingent in Somalia.

The mandatory induction is designed to educate the officers on the Mission’s code of conduct and the operational environment among others.

The ATMIS Military Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Kindu Gezu, said the induction had given them a better perspective of the Mission’s mandate and also enabled them appreciate the Concept of Operations in relation to the timelines for the final drawdown of ATMIS.

ATMIS Chief Military Personnel, Col. Bassie Al Sesay from Sierra Leone, like the other participants said the induction had been insightful.

“The induction has been very informative and worthwhile. The transfer of knowledge has set the foundation for participants to be on a good footing to ensure we contribute to security and stability in Somalia,” said Col. Sesay, who previously served in other missions including the Economic Community of West Africa States Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) and United Nations Integrated Mission in East Timor (UNMIT).

Warrant Officer Abugre Leticia who has served in the Ghana Armed Forces as a clerk for 20 years described the training as refreshing.

Facilitators for the training included officials from United Nations Support Mission in Somalia (UNSOS), United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), and ATMIS military, police, and civilian components.

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