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- Undersecretary of State, Wendy Sherman said that the nomination reflects a “deepening relationship” of both countries but did not give details on the nominee.
- Sherman said that the US has no intention of opening an embassy in Mogadishu, but that the new ambassador would work out of the US Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Although the US and Somalia closed their embassies in 1991 the US officially recognized the Somali government in August of 2013.
- Source: CNN

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/06/03/us/us-somalia-ambassador/>

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- Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Valerie Amos said that 2 million people are on the margin of food insecurity and 857,000 require urgent and life-saving assistance.
- Amos indicated that only 19 percent of the \$933 million humanitarian appeal is funded with existing aid through remittance payments threatened as banks reduce these services.
- Source: United Nations News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47963#.U5EYJhagzqU>

“Early warning must trigger early action so that Somalia moves towards and not away from food security; that it remains polio-free; and that the resilience of the people is reinforced.”

– Valerie Amos, UN Undersecretary General Humanitarian Affairs

NATO defence ministers decide to extend maritime anti-piracy operations in the Indian Ocean

- NATO has decided to continue anti-piracy operations off the Horn of African until 2016.
- The operation known as “Operation Ocean Shield” resulted in the decrease of attacks by pirates on ships by 109 from 2011 to 2012.
- It is estimated that maritime piracy costs the world economy \$18 billion a year.
- Source: United Press International

http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Security-Industry/2014/06/05/NATO-to-continue-anti-piracy-operations/2071401990645/