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Private Military and Security Companies and the Political Marketplace in Mogadishu

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1 This memo is based on the author's doctoral fieldwork, which is currently being prepared into a manuscript for publication under the provisional title 'Fragile Soldiers: Private Security in East Africa'.

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Ad'Xva'ciZg'Xj iZgh'Vg'c'ZXZhhVgn'id'\j YZ'ciZgc'Vi' dcVa' EB H8h'i] g'j '\] 'deVf'j Z'g'\hig'Vi' dc' eg'XZhh'h'VcY'id'Vhh'hi'l' ^] 'i] Z' b' edg'Vi' dc'd[l' Z'Vedch!'Zf'j 'eb' Zci'VcY'Vg'b' dg'Y'kZ] X'Z'h# 6XXZhh'c'li' b' Zan'VcY'VXXj g'ViZ'c[dgb' Vi' dc'h' Zn'id'hj XXZhh'lj an'ea'n'c'li] Z'eda'f'XVab' Vg'Ziea'XZ' and the local partner is also an important source of such information. The local partner provides V'ed'ci'd[VXXZhh'ci'd'Xa'c'VcY''ch] e'c'Zil' dg'h'VcY'ci'd'i] Z'Wj'VY'Zg'eda'f'XVab' Vg'Ziea'XZ'i] Vi' Vad'l' h'VXXZhh'id'i] Z'X'n'c'ZXZhhVgn'[dg'i] Z'ZkZgn'Vn'E' H9'VcY'Xdckdn'hZ'g'XZhi] Vi' EB H8h'hZa'#NZi' i] h'Vhd'b' ZVch'i] Vi' EB H8h'VXXZhh'h'j hj Van'ab' ^ZY'id'i] Z'ge'Vg'cZgh'odcZ'd[ec' j ZcXZ'VcY'Xa'c' presence in the city.

There is a clear interest in sustaining high rates for security services on both sides of the green odcZ'VcY'eda'f'Xh'VcY'i] Z'Wj'h'c'Zhh'd[hZxj g'n'Vg'Z] ZV'k'an'ciZg'XdccZXiZY#EB H8h'Hdb' Va'e'Vg'cZgh' Vg'Z'ine'XVan'c' j Zci'Va'Y'Vhedg'V'i] Vi'Vg'Z'd[iZc'l' Z'ad'XdccZXiZY'id'\dkZg'b' Zci'VcY'hdb' Zi'b' Zh' even serving politicians. There are also strong links between private security and aid contracts. 6'g'XZci'g'Zedg'5' YZci'^ZY'] dl' ^V'Xd] dg'd[ec' j Zci'Va'Hdb' Va'Wj'h'c'Zhhb' Zc'l' ^] ^V' ^hidgn'd[ Zmig'kZgh'dc'Xdcic'j Z'id'eg' l'id[[i] Z'ciZgc'Vi' dcVa'ciZg'Zci'dc'c' Hdb' Va'V#B Vcn'l' Zg'Z'dg'j' C' L ; E'Xdcig'Xidgh'i] Vi'] VY'l' dc'aj' Xg'Vi'kZ'Xdcig'Xih'c'[ddY'Y'hig'Wj' i'dcl'hZxj g'n'VcY'ad'hi'Xh] cYZg' JCDHDB'!VcY'] VkZ'h'c'XZ'XdckZg'ZY'i] h'l' ZVa'] 'cid'eda'f'XVa'edl' Zg'VcY'cdi'Vh'c'ck'Zhib' Zcih'c' i] Z'\g'Zc'odcZ#

## Conclusion

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