**Gunmen shoot dead WFP officer in Gaalkacyo town, central Somalia**

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[Presenter] Unidentified gunmen have shot dead a WFP officer in Gaalkacyo town, central Somalia. The officer is reported to have worked for the WFP especially with those who arrived in Gaalkacyo town from central and southern regions of Somalia due to insecurity caused by Islamist groups. The purpose behind his killing remains unclear but sourcess say that the killing is linked to clan revenge. The gunmen have also robbed the vehicle belonging to the WFP.

The security forces of Puntland immediately arrived at the scene and launched operations to pursue the culprits. The police officials also declined to explain the nature of the killing and promised they would address the media later. Residents in the region expressed their concern over the killing of the WFP employee in central Somalia.