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Former WNY'er Named Prime Minister of Somalia



AP/WNED News (2010-10-14)

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA (WNED) - A Somali-American who taught at Erie Community College has been named prime minister of Somalia.



Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed replaces Omar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke, who resigned following a long-running feud with Somalia's president. AFP

Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed replaces Prime Minister Omar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke, who resigned last month. President Sharif Ahmed announced the appointment today.

A statement from the Somali government said Mohamed is a former Somali diplomat. He worked in the Somali Embassy in Washington from 1985 to 1988, according to the government's website.

Mohamed taught conflict resolution and leadership skills at Erie Community College and has a master's degree in political science from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

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