

SCRIPT WAAYAHA CUSUB

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LEAD

Tensions keep rising in Somalia, after the finding of the 5 beheaded bodies of builders at the new Parliament Building.
and the killing of 11 people in mortar attacks.
The people suspect the extremist movement Al Shabaab in Somalia to be responsible.
This strict Islamist rebel faction is controlling almost the whole of Southern Somalia, and are known for chopping off hands and limbs.
The protests against them are rising, even in neighbouring countries like Kenya.
There a group of exiled Somalis launched a video clip to campaign against Al Shabaab.
The clip is received well, and is attracting international attention, even from Al Shabaab.

BETA LENGTH 2'09"

SOUNDBITE VIDEO CLIP

*Al Shabaab came from Al Qaeda.
They don't tell the true Muslim religion.
They don't want people to have a good life.*

Waayaha Cusub means 'New Era' in Somali language.
Their video clip is a campaigning against the extremist Islamists.

SOUNDBITE VIDEOCLIP

*Al Shabaab killing every minute every hour.
It's gotta stop.*

Somalia is almost totally destroyed after years of battle.
3 million people depend on food aid.
In this chaos Al Shabaab could take over.
They control the people using violence and propaganda.

SOUNDBITE VIDEO AL SHABAAB SHOOTING MORTAR WITH QURAN VERSES

Large groups of Somalis escaped to neighbouring Kenya.
There they live in a Somali estate in the capital Nairobi.
The band was formed here 6 years ago.

QUOTE SHINE ABDULAH, band leader (seated in front of their base)
We live here only as refugees.
We want to do something for our country.

SOUNDBITE VIDEOCLIP

We gotta put a stop to the violence that's going on in the world today.

For this clip the artists risked their lives by filming in Somalia.

QUOTE SHINE ABDULAH, seated in recording studio
It's always risky, wherever we are.
Whether we're there or here in Nairobi.
Al Shabaab is there, and it's risky for us.

Shine and the others now receive dead threats by phone of Al Shabaab.
Walking on the street is not what it used to be.

QUOTE SHINE ABDULAH, walking on the street
We fear, but here on the street we can...
also meet with people and exchange thoughts.

Meanwhile the situation in Somalia doesn't seem to improve.
It makes the band members sad.
Shine and the others hope to go back one day.
To live, and to make music.

QUOTE SHINE ABDULAH, seated in the back of a car
If there is peace in Somalia we would like to go.
But in now it's just too dangerous for us.

Now in Somalia even music on the radio is banned.
Happily for the band they can still be heard and seen on the Internet.

SOUNDBITE VIDEO CLIP SECOND PART

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