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HEADLINE: UK COURT SUMMONS PUNTLAND LEADER OVER ALLEGED MURDER

BODY:

A court in the UK has ordered the president of the regional administration of Puntland (northern Somalia), Col **Abdullahi Yusuf** Ahmad, to appear in court to respond to accusations levelled against him by family members of the late Suldan Ahmed Hurre, a Somali traditional chief killed in Puntland.

The London-based court urges Col Yusuf to appear in court on January 2005 and pay all expenses incurred in relation to the case. The family members of the deceased believe that Col **Abdullahi Yusuf** was behind the assassination of the chief.

The decision to have Col Yusuf appear in court is a setback to his ambition to vie for presidency at the ongoing peace talks.

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