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Puntland security forces, in collaboration with local communities, seized a boatload of explosives materials and weapons on 20 July 2012 in Alula District, Bari Region.

The boat was attempting to smuggle into Puntland State explosives and weapons from Yemen. The confiscated materials consist of: 1 speedboat with two motors; one sack of TNT explosives powder weighing 40kilograms; two sacks full of wires, fuses and switches; and five pistols.

One Yemeni national was also arrested during the operation. Puntland security specialists have identified the TNT powder as similar to the material used for the 1998 terrorist bombing of the U.S. embassy in Nairobi.

Puntland Government has repeatedly warned against infiltration of Puntland State by Al Qaeda terrorist groups in Yemen, and Al Shabaab terrorists fleeing regions in south-central Somalia. Terrorist groups aim to establish strongholds in Puntland's Golis Range Mountains and thereby threaten regional and global security and stability.

This seizure demonstrates the strong cooperation between Puntland Government and local communities in efforts to fight terrorism and piracy.

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