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al-Shabaab launches a deadly attack against Amison and Somali government forces

- The attack occurred on a hotel inhabited by the Amison and Somali government forces in the strategic town of Buloburde.
- Amison and Somali government forces captured the town, important for its bridge over the River Shabelle and centrality to regions of the country, during the ongoing offensive.
- Three Djiboutian soldiers and three Somali soldiers, including Col Mohamud Amin were killed along with all al-Shabaab fighters involved in the raid.
- Source: BBC

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-26626335>

Germany to send troops with the European Union training mission in Mogadishu

- After reluctance earlier in the year, Germany has decided to commit 20 soldiers to a mission in Somalia, pending parliamentary approval.
- The EU mission was launched in 2010 in Uganda and moved to Mogadishu last December.
- Source: Associated Press

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/germany-participate-eu-somalia-mission>

“This is a turning point in Somalia’s struggle to bring lasting peace to all its people. Its friends and partners need to act quickly and generously.”

UN envoy, Nicholas Kay, issues promising words after AU and Somali government forces regain control of key towns from al-Shabaab

- The UN Assistance Mission in Somalia, UNSOM issued a news release in which Mr. Kay congratulated the Somali National Army and AU forces on their advances into al-Shabaab occupied territory in southern and central Somalia.
- The news release noted that fighting has affected civilian populations and efforts are being made to address humanitarian needs where accessible and needs assessed.
- UN aid includes the making available of \$3 million from its Peacebuilding Fund to jump-start rebuilding projects in countries emerging from conflict.
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47380&Cr=somali&Cr1=#.Uyn5P1wS7qV>