



Weekly Report

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- 1** African Union troops advance towards port city of Barawe
- 2** Prominent al-Shabaab recruiter killed near Mombasa
- 3** Kenya launches anti-terror crackdown in ethnically Somali regions of Nairobi

Makaburi, had described last year's attack on Westgate shopping mall in Nairobi as "100 percent justified".

African Union troops advance towards port city of Barawe

- The African Union and Somali forces have taken a number of towns since beginning a major offensive in March.
- Barawe is a key position used by al-Shabaab to import explosives, bring in foreign fighters, and finance their war efforts.
- The UN estimates that fighting in the country has displaced 12,000 people.
- Source: Al Jazeera

<http://www.aljazeera.com/video/africa/2014/03/al-shabab-stronghold-facing-au-assault-201432913041710109.html>

Prominent al-Shabaab recruiter killed near Mombasa

- Radical Muslim cleric, Abubakar Shariff Ahmed, known as Makaburi or "grave", was found shot dead outside the city of Mombasa.
- The UN Security Council sanctioned Shariff as a "leading facilitator and recruiter of young Kenyan Muslims for violent militant activity in Somalia".
- Shariff's death is the third killing of Muslim clerics with links to al-Shabaab in Mombasa over the past two years.
- Source: BBC

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-26845185>

Kenya launches anti-terror crackdown in ethnically Somali regions of Nairobi

- Security forces in Kenya are cracking down on insecurity after deadly riots broke out following the death of al-Shabaab recruiter Abubakar Shariff (reported on above).
- Kenyan police arrested more than 1,000 people in the Nairobi neighbourhood of Eastleigh that houses the largest Somali population.
- Kenya has been facing an increase of terrorist incidents since its contribution of troops to the UN-mandated African Union forces AMISOM in Somalia.
- Source: Deutsche Welle

<http://www.dw.de/kenya-launches-anti-terror-crackdown/a-17536789>