



Weekly Report

Federal Republic of Somalia

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 - 2** UN Security Council renews mission in Somalia
 - 3** US soldiers training elite Danab (lightening) squad of Somalia's National Army
- Somali Police, the Somali Army and the AMISON troops had to join forces to repel a deadly attack against the Somali Parliament in the country's capital, Mogadishu.
 - al-Shabaab has claimed responsibility for the attack which began with a car bomb at the gates of the complex and ended after militants were repelled from the interior and exterior complex of the Parliament.
 - Police officers and militants are among those reported dead while the injured also include two Members of Parliament.
 - Source: BBC

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-27554498>

UN Security Council renews mission in Somalia

- The UN Security Council has extended the UN Mission, headed by Nicholas Kay, in Somalia for another year to continue providing “good offices” in the peace and reconciliation process.
- Although the UN Mission has an array of functions, from providing advice on peace and state building to human rights monitoring and reporting, little work has addressed the increasing famine situation.
- Source: United Nations News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47921#.U4gaXxagzqU>

“Probing attacks – sometimes roadside bombs, sometimes sniper fire – pin the troops down. This is asymmetric warfare and it costs the African Union blood and equipment.”

US soldiers training elite Danab (lightening) squad of Somalia's National Army

- Members of the Danab, meaning “lightening”, and CIA-trained Somali intelligence known as “Alpha Group” have given detailed accounts of America's involvement in training forces in Somalia.
- The Danab unit is being trained to strike with precision and target hot spots and terrorism targets similar to the strategies deployed by the US Army's Delta Force or Navy SEALs.
- US army Lt. Col Myles B. Caggins III confirmed the unit's training and indicated that the “Defence Department maintains a small presence in Somalia primarily to co-ordinate US efforts to counter the threat from Al Qaeda and al-Shabaab with related efforts of the international community”.
- Source: The Toronto Star

http://www.thestar.com/news/world/2014/05/25/star_exclusive_somalias_new_war_order.html