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Somali National forces and AMISOM troops capture Harbole Town

Mogadishu-September 11th, 2012; Somali government forces backed by AMISOM troops have captured Harbole town in southern Somalia.

The brief afternoon operation also recovered an assortment of weapons and ammunition from the Al Qaeda-affiliated terror group, Al-Shabaab. Harbole is 6km from Miido which also fell to AMISOM troops just 10 days ago.

AMISOM Force Commander Lieutenant General Andrew Gutti commended AMISOM soldiers saying that the latest success had come at a critical time in Somalia’s history. “This operation demonstrates AMISOM’s continuing determination to support the people of Somalia as they embark on a new path of renewal and reconstruction.” He said. “Securing Harbole will allow the local community to be part of the continuing process of national reconciliation.”

The operation comes just a day after Somalia’s historic presidential election which marked the end of the transition to a more representative system of government.

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