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AMISOM, Somali troops recover weapons from Al-Shabaab camp

Mogadishu July 21, 2012: Four militants were killed and a cache of weapons and communications equipment recovered when Somali security forces supported by AMISOM troops attacked a camp for Al-Qaeda affiliated extremists in southern Somalia on Tuesday morning.

The operation involved troops from AMISOM’s Kenyan contingent and targeted an al Shabaab camp in Tarako village in Gedo region. 11 AK47 rifles with 550 rounds (7.62mm), 2 PKM guns with 60 rounds of ammunition, 2 Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPG) with 10 bombs as well as two hand held radios were recovered.

Acting AMISOM Force Commander, Brig. Gen. Audace Nduwumunsi, said the raid was part of AMISOM’s continuing effort to degrade the extremists’ ability to terrorize the civilian population.

“At this critical time, as Somalia prepares to inaugurate a new political order and end 12 years of transition, we remain committed to securing the safety of the Somali people,” he said.

Over the last year, AMISOM successes have pushed the extremists out of much of central and south Somalia. A National Constituent Assembly is expected to deliberate and adopt a provisional constitution, paving the way for the return of permanent and representative government.

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