African Union Condemns Attack on AMISOM Personnel

Addis Ababa, 29 July 2019: The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat condemns in the strongest terms the attack perpetrated on 29 July 2019 by Al-Shaabab militants against AMISOM personnel, which led to a number of casualties. The troops were attacked in Balad district, located about 30 kilometers northeast from the capital city of Mogadishu.

“We are united in grief with the families of the fallen soldiers, the people and Government of Burundi for the loss of the brave troops who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of, and support to a fellow African nation in combatting terrorism. We wish the injured a speedy and full recovery,” the Chairperson said.

The Chairperson reaffirmed that the AU remains committed to working with the Government of Somalia to further consolidate peace and security in the country.

The Chairperson further calls on the international community to provide appropriate support to Somalia and AMISOM to consolidate security gains in the country.