



AMISOM UPDATE

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Thursday's attack on AMISOM base

The Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission for Somalia Mr. Nicolas Bwakira Friday visited injured peacekeepers and Somali civilians following Thursday's suicide attacks on AMISOM base in Mogadishu.

At least 21 people comprising 4 Somalis, 5 Ugandans and 12 Burundians have so far been confirmed dead . The figure includes AMISOM Deputy Force Commander Major General Juvenal Niyoyunguruza . 40 others were injured during the incident and so far 26 of them have been evacuated to a hospital in Nairobi for further medical attention .

At around 12:00hrs on Thursday, Al-Shabaab insurgents launched a suicide attack on AMISOM Force Headquarters and a DynCorp office in Mogadishu within the vicinity of the Aden Abdulle International Airport. The attackers are said to have rammed through the compound gate in two vehicles believed to



AU Special Representative for Somalia Mr. Nicolas Bwakira (left) and The Burundi Ambassador to Kenya (right) with one of the injured peacekeepers at a Nairobi Hospital .

have been stolen from the UN in Baidoa or Jowhar a few months ago.

One of the vehicles focused its attack on the Force Headquarters while the other one targeted a DynCorp office located in the area. The attack was carried out as a high level TFG/AMISOM security meeting was ending. Following the explosions, insurgents in the area launched a mortar attack to maximize the number of casualties.

AMISOM strongly condemns these barbaric attacks on its peacekeepers and the people of Somalia. AMISOM reiterates that the AU remains resolute in its commitment to support the Somali people and the TFG in the peace and reconciliation efforts

Left : AU Special Representative for Somalia (left) greets The Chief of Medical Services for the Uganda People's Defense Force Brigadier Dr. Makumbi at a Nairobi Hospital where the injured peacekeepers are receiving treatment

and right : AU Special Representative for Somalia (centre) briefs partners on the attacks in Mogadishu

