

Heavy Fighting in Southern Somalia Kills Seven

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Qoqani — At least seven people are reportedly killed and indefinite number of others were injured in a fierce battle between Somali government forces backed by Kenyan army and Al shabab militants in southern Somalia.

According to the local residents, the skirmish sparked at Qoqani town in Lower Jubba region, after Al shabab agents armed with rocket and automatic machine-guns attacked overnight on military positions in the town that manned by the coalition forces, killing 7 combatants on both warring sides.

Somali military chiefs in the region said, they repelled the attack and killed many militants during the assault in Qoqani town which is one of areas controlled by TFG and its allied forces from Kenya.

Locals reported that the situation has returned into normal on Sunday morning and the area remains in full control of Somali and Kenyan army.

Al shabab has yet to release any comments on the raid so far.