

U.S. Navy SEALs Strike al-Shabab Fighters Inside Somalia



Nairobi, October 7 (RHC)-- A team of U.S. Navy SEALs carried out a strike on a coastal town in southern Somalia against al-Shabab, the group behind last month's mall attack in the Kenyan capital Nairobi.

According to a report in The New York Times, the Navy SEALs attacked a senior al-Shabab commander's seaside villa in a pre-dawn raid in the town of Baraawe. A U.S. military official said that the SEALs were not able to hit their target. Another anonymous U.S. Navy officer also confirmed the assault by the SEALs, but did not give more details.

The New York Times reports that the Baraawe raid was planned a week and a half ago, "prompted by the Westgate attack," referring to the September 21st attack by the al-Shabab on a shopping mall in Nairobi that left 67 people dead during a four-day siege.

All of the U.S. officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media. The Pentagon also declined to comment on the issue.

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