

# *Suicide Bombing Strikes Hotel in Somalia, Killing Nine*

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Mogadishu, July 27 (RHC)-- In news from Somalia, a suicide car bomber attacked a hotel in Mogadishu, killing nine people and wounding at least 20 more. One of the dead was a Kenyan diplomat. The Somali militant group al-Shabab has claimed responsibility.

The attack came as U.S. President Obama departed Kenya and arrived in Ethiopia Sunday for talks on counter-terrorism efforts against al-Shabab. Obama is the first sitting U.S. president to visit either Ethiopia or Kenya — his father's home country.

On Tuesday, he will also become the first sitting U.S. president to address the African Union.

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