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### US diplomat bids release of 11 US soldiers seized in Somalia

By: Seele on: 02.02.2007 [10:18 ] (588 reads)

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11 US (special) forces said captured in Somalia

Somalia's routed Islamist leader Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed and the US ambassador to Kenya, Michael Ranneberger, have come to bidding over the release of 11 US servicemen reportedly captured by the defeated Islamists in southern Somalia.

According to Al-Khaleej news agency based in Emirates quoting DPA news agency , Reliable diplomatic sources indicate that at least the two men have had four rounds of talks over the American soldiers in the captivity of Islamists in southern jungles of the war-torn country, Somalia.

Mr. Ranneberger has asked the Islamist leader in the custody of Kenyan authority to order the release the US soldiers who were seized during heavy ground skirmishes between the Islamists and the American soldiers accompanied by Ethiopian troops. Sources say the incident took place nearly three weeks ago in southern Somalia.

According to Al-Khaleej, sheik Sharif stipulated the release of the soldiers with several conditions. He said, "Ethiopian soldiers in Somalia should be withdrawn immediately, America should halt the military action in south the country, I should be transferred from Kenya to another safe country (probably Yemen) and the United States should tell the world that 11 of its marine soldiers were seized in Somalia."

Sheik Sharif said if these conditions were fulfilled, they would facilitate the release of the American soldiers, asserting he would always feel insecure and unsafe as long as he lingers in Kenya.

Mr. Ranneberger, who was campaigning for the African peacekeeping force to Somalia, has always told the world press that moderate Islamists like Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed should be inclusive in the Somali transitional government that is now in control of the country with the help of the thousands of Ethiopian troops.

<http://shabelle.net/news/ne2220.htm>

If you don't know it yet, there are (12) 11 US soldiers prisoners in Somalia

If anybody interested in Somalia news then here is a story blacked out by the western media, I followed the story for two weeks on Arabic websites and forums:

A little bit late but at last All Africa reported the story few days ago:

American Soldiers Seized in Southern Region, Arab And Western Diplomats Say

There have been mounting reports that numbers of American soldiers were missing in southern Somalia following the recent US air operations on the Islamist and al-Qaeda hideouts in southern jungles of the country

Today, a misleading news headline spreading by news agencies

Somali Islamist leader out of custody

The reality according to what I heard on in an audio interview on an Arabic forum with one of the Somalia "Islamic Courts" Leaders:

Sheikh Sharif Ahmed is not in custody, he is a five stars hotel in Kenya negotiating the US prisoners issue with American ambassador.

And that is confirmed by Qatari newspaper Al-Sharq today:

Washington offered presidency to the leader of "Islamic Courts" in return of releasing the American prisoners.

Washington does not object that Sheikh Sharif Ahmed the leader of the Islamic courts the presidency of Somalia via elections but in condition to make the courts a political party and the annunciation of rejecting violence and extremism.

Also added:

Failure of 4 rounds negotiation between the American ambassador in Kenya and Sheikh Sharif on the release of 11 American prisoners.  
This is not the only source, the same was said on Al-Arabiya, Al-Khaleej, as why the negotiations failed:

Sheikh Sharif required exit of Ethiopian forces from all Somali territories, and to stop American military operations in southern Somalia.

The most important condition put by the "Islamic Courts":

The Americans most announce publicly to the whole world that there are 11 American soldiers taken prisoner by the "Islamic Courts" forces in southern Somalia during ground operations carried out by American forces.

P.S.

Take it from me before you hear it form other sources they were 12 US soldiers, one of them died because of his wounds.

<http://www.roadstoiraq.com/>

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release them?  
by picard-fortune-500 on 02.02.2007 [11:36 ]  
With or without their heads attached?

@Seele  
by picard-fortune-500 on 02.02.2007 [11:42 ]  
any agreement with the Americans should be put in writing and notarized. Condi should sign off.

yea read this on kavkaz website a few days ago  
by eddie\_uk on 02.02.2007 [12:57 ]  
i think the sheik said that usa should publically acknowledge the missing soldiers abd he asked for the return of ethiopian troops to ethiopia and made some other demands in negotiations with the usa via the us ambassador ..

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by eddie\_uk on 02.02.2007 [13:38 ]  
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thanks seele  
by opus51 on 02.02.2007 [18:09 ]  
beginning to think no one else was interested after i posted it in the wrong section. if anyone hears it in western media please post.

So far...  
by kamau on 02.02.2007 [20:11 ]  
...I've not heard **ANYTHING** about this in the western media (and yes, I'm also interested).

stinking mercenaries  
by sidliner on 02.02.2007 [21:43 ]

But is that really surprising?

Time to implement the "chop right hand, chop left hand" strategy, this scum does not fall under any conventions, they are "illegal combatants", ah hah hah!

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