

The Collapse of AMISOM: What Happens Next?

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If Reports from East Africa are true then it appears that Ethiopia will not be the only Nation pulling its Forces out of Somalia. As a Matter of Fact the AU Mission in Somalia may be on the verge of collapse.

What could be the influence that would have both Uganda and Burundi consider pulling their Troops out of the Country? The Two Countries currently have just over 2800 Peacekeepers in the Country. The Mission which has been in the Country for a year has to this date failed to halt the Violence that Permeates the Country.

The Transitional National Government which attempted to Unify Somalia under a Centralized Administration. In Fact its Power currently is limited to its Power Base and Seat of Parliament Baidoa and the War Ravaged Capital of Mogadishu. The Rest of the Country is either under the Control of Militias or have some form of Autonomy that has not been Challenged. The Increase in the Acts of Piracy this year cannot be overlooked either.

The Decision By Uganda to Remove its Peacekeepers should not be a Huge Surprise to Many. A deadline for the LRA to once again sign a Peace Accord with the Government has expired. So since there was an Ultimatum in Place who knows what Actions will be taken. Also there has been A Ratcheting of Tensions along the Border with the DRC. The Tutsi Rebels have seized several Border Towns and Outposts in Recent Days. So it is Feasible that Kampala needs the Boots back home.

The Situation in Burundi however appears to be more Stable. There has been some Crackdowns against the Political Oppositon this year but that is according to the Most Reliable Information to date. However there are Chances that Burundi could be drawn into the Various Conflicts that Appear to on the Verge of Erupting in the Great

Lakes of Africa.

At this time the African Union is also Asking for the UN to send a Stabilization Force to the War Ravaged Country in the Horn of Africa. Twice Before the UN has attempted to Restore Order in Somalia both attempts have failed. So will the Third Time be the Charm for the UN? Could it restore a Strong Central Government in Somalia or should it be broken up? Time Will Tell whether or not which will be the Proper Policy.

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