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The Somali National Army (SNA) and the African Union in Somalia (AMISOM) troops captured **El Bur** (http://sabahionline.com/en_GB/articles/hoa/articles/features/2013/12/10/feature-01) district in Galgadud region from al-Shabaab on Wednesday (March 26th), the latest area to fall in the **renewed military offensive against the militant group** (http://sabahionline.com/en_GB/articles/hoa/articles/newsbriefs/2014/03/11/newsbrief-03) , Radio Mogadishu reported.

Allied forces are conducting operations to pursue any remnants of al-Shabaab in the town.

The militants had singled out the town's residents for harsh treatment in anticipation of the offensive, **looting power stations providing water and cutting off electricity in the area** (http://sabahionline.com/en_GB/articles/hoa/articles/newsbriefs/2014/03/13/newsbrief-01) .

On Tuesday, allied forces took over Mahas district from al-Shabaab, becoming the fourth town in Hiran region to be liberated from al-Shabaab. Jalalaqsi is the only remaining district in Hiran that is now under the control of the militant group.

Aadan Abdulle Awale, a local official with Ahlu Sunna wal Jamaa, has called for emergency aid to civilians in the area, Somalia's Radio Shabelle reported.

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