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Somali government forces and African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) troops took control of Adale district in Middle Shabelle region Wednesday (October 1st), a day after capturing Rage Elle district from al-Shabaab, Somalia's Goobjoog News reported.

The allied forces faced no resistance from al-Shabaab before taking over the two districts, where they arrested dozens of al-Shabaab members and are holding them for interrogation.

The takeover comes just days after AMISOM troops in a covert operation thwarted al-Shabaab's efforts to block a major road in Galgadud region, linking Dhusamareb and El Bur, AMISOM said in a statement.

Acting Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission Lydia Wanyoto praised the operation, saying it preserved an important corridor for the transit of humanitarian aid.

"The latest covert operation by AMISOM forces in Galgadud comes at a critical moment in the fight against the enemy al-Shabaab who had thought it is business as usual to cut off major towns from food suppliers and chock off the local residents," she said.

"We are very pleased by the swift action of the AMISOM forces and wish to warn al-Shabaab that their irresponsible actions intended to starve off poor Somalis will no longer be tolerated and that such covert operations will continue to be planned until all key supply routes are totally secure and Somali population are safe from the terrorists' inhuman treatment," Wanyoto said.

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