

Somalia's al-Shabaab leadership coup

An internal power struggle within Somali Islamists al-Shabaab – signalling a possible fracture along clan lines – and recent advances by government and African Union forces, may have led to the Kenyan shopping mall attack

NEW EMIR: Ahmed Abdi Godane – (aka Mukhtar Abu Zubayr). Ordered 2010 Kampala bombings that killed 74 people. Affiliated with al-Qaeda in 2011. Hails from *Isaaq* clan in Somaliland but lacks support in southern Somalia



OUSTED COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP

◀ **Sheikh Hassan Dahir Aweys** – Spiritual leader, opposed to foreign intervention. Now in custody of Somali government



Ibrahim al-Afghani

◀ Founding member, former second-in-command, executed by Godane loyalists



Sheikh Maalim Burhan
Executed by Godane

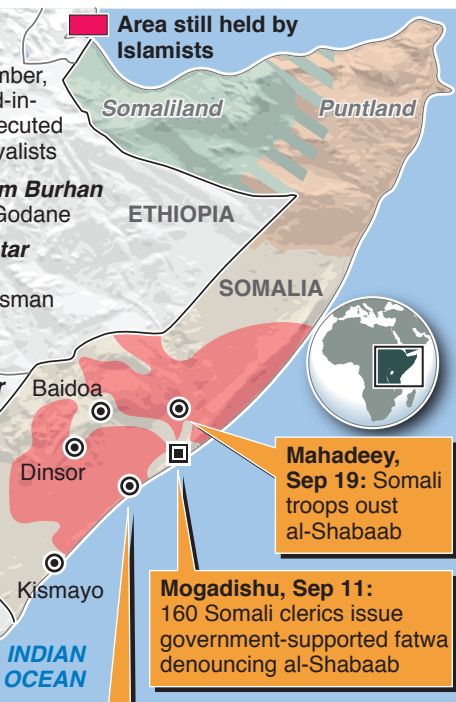
◀ **Sheikh Mukhtar Robow Ali**

Former spokesman forced to flee



◀ **Abu Mansoor al-Amriki**

U.S.-born commander, killed by Godane



Mahadeey, Sep 19: Somali troops oust al-Shabaab

Mogadishu, Sep 11: 160 Somali clerics issue government-supported fatwa denouncing al-Shabaab

Nairobi, Sep 21: Attack on Westgate shopping mall and subsequent siege leaves at least 69 dead

Barawe, Jun 19: Rival leaders **al-Afghani** and **Burhan** killed by Godane supporters