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Mogadishu - 02, March, 2026:The Somali National Army (SNA), in coordination with AUSSOM forces (UPDF contingent), and international partners, has in the past hours successfully taken full control of the areas of **Daarusalaam** and **Mubaarak** in the Lower Shabelle region. These locations had previously served as key strategic strongholds and safe havens for Al-Shabaab militants.

Operation Rolling Thunder, conducted as part of the broader Operation Bader during the holy month of Ramadan, directly targeted facilities used by the militants as illegal courts to intimidate and oppress civilians, hideouts sheltering senior operatives, and sites from which explosive attacks and other terrorist acts against innocent civilians were planned and launched.

During the course of the operation, Al-Shabaab militants were dealt a significant blow. Several command positions, weapons depots, and military equipment caches were destroyed. Somali National Army forces have now fully secured the liberated areas, and clearance and verification operations are ongoing to pursue remaining fleeing elements.

The Ministry of Defence and the Somali National Army Command reaffirm that operations against the terrorists will be intensified to ensure the safety and security of the Somali people and to eliminate all remaining terrorist sanctuaries.

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