

Somali president asks Ethiopia to take part in peacekeeping effort

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Ethiopian foreign minister [Seyoum Mesfin] who was in a secret visit of 24 hours spoke to the press before he left. He said that the remaining Ethiopian troops in Somalia will immediately withdraw from Somalia. Although some reports say that they will remain and participate in peacekeeping operations of the country, especially in Mogadishu. [Passage omitted]

The foreign minister met with President Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmad. They discussed how Ethiopian troops can take part in operations to pacify the country, especially Mogadishu.

President Yusuf is said to have requested the Ethiopian minister for Ethiopian troops to remain in Somalia, until the situation in the country changes. Reports we received from the presidential palace say the president's request was accepted, and that Ethiopian troops will help the African Union troops.[AU].

The Ethiopian foreign minister also met delegation from the African Union visiting Mogadishu. They discussed how the Ethiopians would help the AU troops, some of whom have already arrived in the country from Uganda.