

Two killed in Mogadishu restaurant attack

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Suspected Islamist rebels killed two people and hurt several more when they threw grenades into two small restaurants in the Somali capital of Mogadishu.

"Unknown gunmen threw two grenades at small restaurants next to each other. Two people dining there were killed in the blasts," witness Haji Ali told the Shabelle Media Network.

Witnesses also said there were no Ethiopian or Somali troops in the area when the explosives went off Thursday evening.

In a separate incident on the same night, insurgents reportedly attacked a government military base in the Hodan district, which is south of the capital.

Although residents said they heard an explosion and gunfire, it is unclear if there were any casualties in the incident, the news agency said.

In another incident, three civilians were injured in Mogadishu's Medina district Thursday night after gunmen opened fire at people sitting outside their home. Witnesses said the wounded were taken to a hospital and one victim bled to death on the way.