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Several hundred Ethiopian troops with military vehicles have crossed into Somalia's southern and central part, news networks reported citing local elders.

BBC quoted eyewitnesses as saying there were at least 20 vehicles carrying Ethiopian troops.

The Ethiopian authorities dismissed the reports.

Ethiopian soldiers withdrew from Somalia in 2009 after a three-year presence.

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Ethiopian troops amass at common border with Somalia

MOGADISHU: Hundreds of Ethiopian troops have gathered along the common frontier with Somalia...

Residents in the central Somali town of Beledweyne in Hiran province along the border with Ethiopia said that there has been a visible increase in the Ethiopian troops at the border and that rebel fighters in the towns near the border are getting ready for a possible incursion.

"We still don't have troops over the border yet but many trucks full of troops arrived at the border and the fighters here are preparing for any eventuality," Daahir Adde, an elder in Beledweyne told Xinhua by phone.

Reporters from other areas in the central Somalia provinces said that troops from Somalia's neighbor Ethiopia were seen along the common frontiers of the two countries and that rebel fighters' battle wagons were seen heading towards the frontier.

This news comes as joint military operations are being undertaken by Kenyan and Somali troops against rebel militants in the southern provinces...

Ethiopian troops withdrew from Somalia in 2009 after two years of presence during which they fought with an insurgency led by the radical Islamist group of Al-Shabaab.

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The Al-Shabaab fighters currently control much of the south and center of the wear ravaged horn of African nation while the internationally-recognized Somali government runs only the capital and a few parts of the south of the country.

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