

Islamic groups battle in Somalia

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BELEDWEYN, Somalia -- Infighting among Islamic insurgents in central Somalia has left at least three people dead and seven others wounded, witnesses say.

The fighting broke out Monday in the Hiran region's Beledweyn town, observers told Shabelle radio. Traffic, business and the movement of civilians was reportedly brought to standstill by the fighting, which included the use of heavy weapons.

It wasn't immediately clear what started the clashes and no comment had come Monday from the warring sides or from the Islamic Courts Union, which controls Beledweyn, Shabelle said.

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