

Curfew notice in Somalia leads to attacks

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MOGADISHU, Somalia - Five people were killed during attacks in the Somalian capital of Mogadishu Thursday, minutes after authorities announced a new curfew.

Gunfire erupted in the capital's Bakara Market and was followed by an exploding hand grenade, the Shabelle Media Network reported.

Witnesses to the violence said a porter and a businessman were killed in the hail of gunfire between police and unidentified gunmen.

Two other civilians were then killed when the hand grenade exploded near a group of policemen, one of whom was fatally wounded in the bombing.

Somalia's national security committee had decided to implement the curfew as an attempt to limit violence in the nation's capital.

AllAfrica.com reported that Ugandan troops stationed in Mogadishu detonated eight tons of arms Thursday. The arms, mostly old Russian made armaments but also missiles and grenades, were seized during house-to-house raids by Ugandan and Ethiopian troops. Last week four tons of arms, including surface to air missiles and mortars were destroyed. Somalian officials said the Ugandans would continue destroying seized weapons over the next two weeks and warned residents to expect to hear frequent explosions.

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