

**U.S. African Affairs Chief Says
Eritrea Supports al-Shabaab**

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Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Mr. Johnnie Carson warned Eritrea of the consequences of supporting al-Shabaab, an extremist and a designated "Foreign Terrorist Organization" that is fighting to oust the transitional government of Somalia.

In his testimony to the Senate Subcommittee on African Affairs, Mr. Carson said, "We have clear evidence that Eritrea is supporting these extremist elements", a reference to al-Shabaab and other groups fighting against the transitional government in Somalia.

Mr. Carson also warned other regional countries to stop having any ties with the extremist group of al-Shabaab.

United Nations and other other countries also have accused Eritrea of Supplying weapons to al-Shabaab, including other extremist forces that are trying to topple the transitional government of Somalia