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Johannesberg: The US military says it has carried out its deadliest airstrike against the al-Shabab extremist group in Somalia in nearly a year, killing about 60 fighters. The US Africa Command says Friday's airstrike occurred near the community of Harardere in Mudug province in the central part of the country. The statement says according to its assessment no civilians were injured or killed.

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Somalia on Sunday marked the first anniversary of al-Shabab's deadliest attack, a truck bombing in Mogadishu that killed well over 500 people.

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