Aspin Outlines Goals in Somalia

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Defense Secretary Les Aspin PhD ‘68 said Friday that U.S. commando forces in Somalia are winning the battle against warlord Mohamed Farah Aided. He said the U.S. military is preparing to bring its troops home, but he insisted that the war has not ended.

"We have a number of objectives we still need to accomplish," Aspin said. "We must be able to maintain a firm presence in the area, provide a secure environment for humanitarian relief, and support the efforts of the United Nations and the UN-sponsored transitional government in bringing a lasting peace to the region."