

## Somalia Domestic Media Monitoring

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- Journalists Targeted by al-Shabaab
- Somalia Continues to Face Security Challenges
- Jubbaland Conference Hits Another Roadblock

### Journalists Targeted by al-Shabaab

#### **Reporter for Government Radio Is Killed in Somalia**

Garowe Online (Pro-Puntland Media), April 22, 2013

[http://www.garoweonline.com/artman2/publish/Somalia\\_27/Reporter\\_for\\_Government\\_Radio\\_Is\\_Killed\\_in\\_Somalia.shtml](http://www.garoweonline.com/artman2/publish/Somalia_27/Reporter_for_Government_Radio_Is_Killed_in_Somalia.shtml)

- Somali journalist Mohamed Ibrahim Rageh was shot to death on Sunday outside his home in Mogadishu by unknown gunmen, becoming the fourth journalist killed in his country this year, officials said
- He fled Mogadishu in September 2009 after a spate of killings, and was among a few journalists who had returned to continue their careers.

## **Government of Somalia: al-Shabaab Killed the Journalist**

Shabelle (Independent Media), April 22, 2013

<http://shabelle.net/government-of-somalia-alshabab-killed-the-journalist/>

- Defense minister Abdi Hakim Hajji Mohamud who addressed the parliament today accused the outlawed group of the killing a journalist in Mogadishu
- Mr. Abdi Hakim said that al-Shabaab were against transparency and development in the country.

## **Somalia Continues to Face Security Challenges**

### **General Galaal: It is Hard to Prevent al-Shabaab Terror Activities**

Shabelle (Independent Media), April 19, 2013

<http://shabelle.net/general-galaal-it-is-hard-to-prevent-alshabab-terror-activities/>

- General Mohamed Nur Galaal, a former military commander who served the Siad Bare regime, said that it would not be an easy task to defeat the al-Shabaab militia.
- He said that al-Shabaab was responsible for the terror activities in the region. The eradication of al-Shabaab needs all security agencies in the capital to share information and work together as a unit.
- He also noted that lifting the arms embargo would not bring any major changes because the arms which are allowed in the country are similar to those the government is possessing currently

### **Internal Security Minister: We Have Stopped Several Attacks Organized by al-Shabaab**

Shabelle (Independent Media), April 22, 2013

<http://shabelle.net/internal-security-minister-we-have-stopped-several-attacks-organized-by-alshabab/>

- The internal security minister was yesterday summoned by the parliament for questioning
- The minister said that the attacks stopped by the government included planned attacks on neighboring countries such as Ethiopia and Kenya.
- The minister, Mr. Abdi Kariin Hussein Guled also said that the government will not entertain illegal road barriers along the roads leading to lower Shabelle region.
- He said that al-Shabaab used the road blocks to generate funds to survive and used government troop's uniforms with the intention of spoiling the dignity of the force and undermining its legitimacy in the eyes of the Somali people

### **Djibouti to Reinforce Its Troops Serving With Amisom in Somalia**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ethiopia, April 19, 2013 (Government Media)

Accessed from: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201304210052.html>

- Djibouti parliamentary Speaker, Idris Arnaud Ali, announced in Wednesday that Djibouti was planning to send additional troops to join those already in the African Union Mission in Somalia
- The first Djibouti forces were sent to Belet Weyne in Hiiraan region in central Somalia. Al-Shabaab forces were expelled from the town by Ethiopian and Somali government forces in September last year.
- The extra deployment of Djibouti troops is to help prevent any security vacuum as more Ethiopian forces leave

## Jubbaland Conference Hits Another Roadblock

### **Somali Government Will Not Recognise Jubbaland Conference, Guled says**

Sabahi (Foreign Media), April 21, 2013

[http://sabahionline.com/en\\_GB/articles/hoa/articles/newsbriefs/2013/04/21/newsbrief-02](http://sabahionline.com/en_GB/articles/hoa/articles/newsbriefs/2013/04/21/newsbrief-02)

- The Somali Federal Government will not recognise decisions reached by the ongoing Jubbaland state formation conference in Kismayo, Interior and National Security Minister Abdikarim Hussein Guled said
- "Despite [the fact that] the meeting was organised by Somali citizens, the conference still lacks legitimacy and is against the country's constitution" he said.
- Abdinasir Serar, spokesman for the Ras Kamboni militia said the government must rectify any mistake from the Kismayo conference, but stressed that Jubbaland fits within the constitutional framework of federalism.