

Somalia Domestic Media Monitoring**Brett Collins, Country Desk Officer for Somalia****April 3rd – April 8th, 2014****Headlines:**

- Al-Shabaab attack military base last night in Hiiraan
- US condemns attack on UN Employees in Somalia
- Barrage of mortars flung across Buloburde
- Physical confrontations last night in Mahaday
- Al-Shabaab Insurgents Battle Government Troops in Galgaduud

Al-Shabaab attack military base last night in Hiiraan

[April 4, 2014 Shabelle News \(Independent Domestic Media\)](#)

- The Commander of the Somali National Army in the Hiiraan region Osman Abdi Mumin stated to Radio Shabelle in Mogadishu that the troops defended themselves against an attack by Al-Shabaab on their military base on the outskirts of the Bulobarde district.
- Mumin affirmed that the Somali National Army killed 4 soldiers and many more were wounded without the SNA sustaining any injuries.
- Hiiraan is among the regions with towns and districts undergoing search crackdowns by co-allied African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) troops and Somali National Army. A string of towns have already been captured from the terrorist insurgents.

US condemns attack on UN Employees in Somalia

[April 8, 2014 Shabelle News \(Independent Domestic Media\)](#)

- The United States strongly condemns the killing of two employees of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime in Puntland, Somalia. We extend our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those killed in the attack. The United States urges the relevant authorities to fully investigate this crime and to bring the perpetrators to justice without delay.
- We reiterate our appreciation to all United Nations staff in Somalia for their continued dedication under difficult circumstances. The United States and the United Nations remain determined to support the people and the Federal Government of Somalia in their efforts to strengthen peace, security, and the rule of law.

Barrage of mortars flung across Buloburde

[April 7, 2014 Shabelle News \(Independent Domestic Media\)](#)

- Dozens of mortar shells were flung across Buloburde of the Hiiraan region last night, targeted at military bases where government troops and African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) soldiers are stationed.
- The barrage of mortars also hit many neighborhoods in the district.
- The precise numbers of casualties and losses are unclear although civilians affected by the mortar shells were rushed to nearby hospitals.
- It was only recently when the Buloburde district was liberated from under the control of Al-Shabaab.

Physical confrontations last night in Mahaday

[April 7, 2014 Shabelle News \(Independent Domestic Media\)](#)

- According to news reports from Mahaday in the Lower Shabelle region, physical confrontations occurred in the town last night.
- It was reported that soldiers from the Somali National Army provoked the battle by attacking a base of the Al-Shabaab militants in Mahaday.
- Witnesses tell Shabelle that many of the Al-Shabaab terrorist insurgents were wounded and taken to hospitals nearby.
- Mahaday was recently seized by the co-allied government troops and Somali National Army. The Al-Shabaab base in the town was heavily attacked and destroyed.

Al-Shabaab insurgents battle government troops in Galgaduud

[April 8, 2014 Shabelle News \(Independent Domestic Media\)](#)

- According to news reports that Shabelle has received from Eel Bur in Galgaduud, a violent conflict broke out that went on for at least a few hours in the district last night.
- People living in Eel Bur have confirmed to Shabelle that fighters from the Al-Shabaab terrorist insurgents attacked soldiers from the Federal Government's Somali National Army and Ethiopian troops of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).
- Immediate reports of the precise number of casualties and losses are still unclear.
- There has been no comment from Al-Shabaab leaders, the district or even the regional administration regarding the intense clashes last night.