

**Somalia Domestic Media Monitoring**  
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**Al-Shabaab Attack Somali Army Base in Beledweyn**

[March 3, 2014 Shabelle News \(Domestic Independent Media\)](#)

- Al-Shabab militant group has attacked a Somali national army base in the outskirts of Beledweyn town, the capital of Hiran province. Colonel Mohamed Amin the Somali national army commander in the area has confirmed the confrontation.
- Colonel Amin said that there were no casualties on their side in the less than one hour confrontation with the armed group Al-Shabab adding that there were visible losses on the militant side.

- The attacks by Al-Shabab militia group against important government targets has increased since the administration of President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has announced a major offensive against the group strong hold in an effort to extend government operation outside the capital.

### **Somali Peacekeeping Chief says Al-Shabaab is Weak**

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

- General Bashiir Mohamed Jaamac (Bashiir Goobe) Chief of the Somali Peacekeeping Force said that the surge in Al-Shabaab attacks in Mogadishu do not prove the increase of their power but more of a public outcry on the fight it is with the government.
- Bashiir Goobe described that the Security Agencies (Police and Peacekeeping forces) are committed to strengthen the security and wellbeing on Mogadishu and urged cooperation from the civilians.
- The Chief added that the citizens can dial '311' on their phone and anonymously report the locations and whereabouts of perpetrators or Al-Shabaab linked people.
- On the other hand, Bashiir Goobe stressed that it is needed from the press that they work with the Somali government.
- "The country is your country, the people are your people, we have went through tough times in opposing the people who are enemies of peace and now you have to continue to help." Said Bashiir Goobe, Chief of the Somali Peacekeeping Force.

### **Government Supporting State Formation in Baidoa**

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- Today in Baidoa there is a conference with participation from female civil society groups, intellectuals, politicians and other members of the community in Bay, Bakool & Lower Shabelle.
- This conference is supporting the Federal government's decision to comply with the mass meetings going in Baidoa.
- Different members and MP's have said that they are supporting the government's decision to allow the meetings in Baidoa.
- The Somali government, especially the Ministry of Interior has announced their delight for supporting the formation of a new state for Bay, Bakool & Lower Shabelle

### **JIA: "The Government Broke the Signed Treaty"**

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- Ibrahim Hassan Abdi (Ibrahim Baajun) the Minister of Information of the Jubba Interim Administration spoke to the BBC Somali Service and announced that the time period for when the JIA hands over control of the Seaport and Airport of Kismaayo to the Federal government has ended.
- Ibrahim Baajuun said that this is not possible, which he attributed to the government's slow pace of the executive agreement signed in Addis Ababa so it's not obligatory upon them to divert the Seaport and Airport.

- Minister of Information Management Juba continued with underlined that the Convention is not a religious article and if they Somali government is incapable to act upon it, neither will we.
- The Addis Ababa agreement between the Federal government of Somalia and the Jubba Interim Administration involved the signing of many articles including diverting the financial budget of JIA to the Federal government.

## **Multiple Explosions in Mogadishu**

[March 2, 2014 Shabelle News \(Domestic Independent Media\)](#)

- An explosion with profound consequences to soldiers from the Federal government of Somalia occurred at a road in-between Arafat and Mahad Alle carwash in the Yaaqshiid district of Banaadir region.
- This blast is reported to have completely wrecked the pickup truck driven by the soldiers of the Federal government of Somalia that was cruising nearby where the incident took place.
- After the detonation, government forces opened gunfire without aim and caused civilians nearby to get hurt.
- These troops halted movement of the people and vehicles but resulted in failure to catch the perpetrators responsible for the attack.
- On the other hand in Heliwaa district of Banaadir district and IED explosion targeted at an AMISOM convoy that also caused casualties.
- The big defence vehicles driven by the African Union's AMISOM soldiers was said to be derelict with the troops sustaining some injuries although they have not been confirmed.