

## Somalia Domestic Media Monitoring

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### Car Bomb Hits Mogadishu

February 10, [Shabelle News \(Domestic Media\)](#)

- According to officials, one person has died in car bomb blast hit on Monday in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, the latest series of bombings against Gov't officials in the capital.
- The officials said that Ahmed Omar Mudane, a deputy security governor of lower Shabelle region for Gov't has been killed in blast after his car was attacked, occurring at the area between Ambassador and Shaqaalaha road in Mogadishu's Hodan district.
- Speaking to journalists in Mogadishu, in the aftermath of the explosion, Mohamud Abdi Warsame better known as "Dhabaney" a Hodan D.C accused Al Shabaab militants is being behind for the blast.

## **Somalia's prime minister: we have decided to make tangible changes in the overall security**

**February 3, 2014 Shabelle News (Domestic Media)**

- The federal republic of Somalia Honorable Abdiwali Sheikh Ahmed has stated that his government will make efforts to improve the overall security of the country by improving the facilities of the security forces.  
During an interview with the BBC Somali branch, Mr. Abdiwali said that the major problems in the country comes from Al-shabaab fighters and have slowed down the security gains.
- "We have decided to facilitate the Somali national security army, the police and the national army" he told the BBC.
- The prime minister added that the peacekeeping forces will also be part of his plans until 2016 and will make sure tangible outcome will be delivered before the elections.

## **African Union has said they will take the Necessary Measures to Ensure Peace in Somalia**

**February 10, 2014 Shabelle News (Domestic Media)**

- The African Union has said that they will support the peace of Somalia. The special envoy of the African Union to Somalia, Ambassador Max'ed Saalax Annadif, who in a press release in Mogadishu, has said that any person who can assist in strengthening the peace of the country's regions will be welcomed.
- Mr Annadif, who continued his talk and added that the operations that they strengthen the peace of Somalia will continue until Somalia finds a way to ensure its own safety,.
- Finally, Ambassador Annadif has verbally stressed that AMISOM forces are in Somalia to help the Federal Government of Somalia with the peace and operations to fight the terrorist who are against the peace of Somalia.

## **Puntland Forces Raid Al-Shabaab Hideouts**

**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Shabelle News (Domestic Media)**

- Puntland security forces launched an attack on al-Shabaab militant bases in the Galgala area near the Golis Mountains, recovering heavy ammunition, explosive devices, medicines and solar equipment from the hideouts
- Three al-Shabaab fighters were killed and seven wounded in the operation.
- Puntland Deputy Police Chief General Muhyadin Ahmed Muse and acting Deputy Minister of Security Abdijamal Osman Mohamed presented the weapons cache to the media during a press conference in Bossaso on Sunday.
- "Our forces are on high alert for all terror threats and they will closely follow the ongoing issues," Muse said.

## **Police Seized Key Items from Mosque**

**February 5, 2013 Shabelle News (Domestic Media)**

- Police in Mombasa say it may take them two months to sift through the treasure trove of information seized from the controversial Musa Mosque after Sunday's violent clashes. Sources told The Standard investigators are sifting through documents and analysing electronic information seized from militants after the deadly clashes with a group reportedly attending a jihadist convention.
- A top security official warned that more raids on other mosques would follow adding that police have a right to storm any place where they suspect a crime is being committed.

- Reports also emerged that the crier of the nearby and equally controversial Sakina Mosque was among those killed in Sunday's raid.
- Militant sources warned that radicals would try to hold another convention on Sunday. Police believe they have struck invaluable information and identities of suspects that will enable them establish a database of militants, their residences, ages, nationalities network and plans.
- Jihadist flags Besides an AK-47 rifle, machetes and other iron implements, police also captured jihadist flags, stun guns and hundreds of textbooks in a secret cabinet, as well as maps, registers, pictures and information on alleged spies and "Muslim traitors" and terrorist training manuals hidden in toilets, bathrooms and under carpets.

### **Investing in a Country that Doesn't Exist – Somaliland's Hard Sell**

**February 10, 2014 Daily Maverick (Foreign Media)**

- Somaliland, the self-declared republic, is desperate for someone to find vast mineral reserves under its soil. But without international recognition - and the probability of legal battles in the future - it's a big risk for any country to take.
- At the recently concluded Mining Indaba in Cape Town, Somaliland's energy minister Hussein Abdi Dualeh had possibly the hardest sell of all. It was his job to convince the assembled mining bigwigs that his country was a viable, risk-free environment in which to invest millions and millions of dollars - all on the hope that there might be base and precious metals hidden somewhere under its drab scrubland.
- He tried hard. "We have also a unique geographical location," the minister said in his speech at the conference. "If you have a mineral deposit and if you exploit it, it will be very cheap to take to market... it's definitely much less costly than a really getting fantastic deposit the middle of continent, which will cost you really huge amount of money to export it ... even the small deposit ..."

### **Muslim Leaders Blamed for Youth Radicalization**

**February 9, 2014 Shabelle News (Domestic Media)**

- Muslim leaders in Mombasa have been asked to bury their differences so as to resolve the problem of radicalisation among the youth.
- County Commissioner Nelson Marwa said the longstanding differences between the Council of Imams and Preachers of Kenya (CIPK) and the Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims (Supkem) had caused a leadership vacuum in the Muslim community at the Coast, exposing the youth to influence by radicals.
- "The youths are exploiting the differences between Council of Imams and Supkem.
- It is now time for leaders from all religious organisations to come together and solve the problem of radicalisation. Great leaders are known in times of crisis," said Mr Marwa.
- More than 100 youths were arrested in Masjid Musa mosque in Mombasa last Sunday after police disrupted a "Jihad convention".
- The mosque has been the venue of several confrontations and the government is warning that it might be forced to close it down as it was being used to teach radical ideologies to young Muslims.
- During a meeting with the Somali community yesterday morning, Leader of the Majority in Parliament Aden Duale condemned radicalisation of Muslim youths and urged the government to take stern action against those behind the vice.

- “We shall hold a very big forum in Nairobi in the next two weeks to bring together Muslim leaders, Muslim clerics, scholars, representatives from the Somali community and Muslim stakeholders to discuss radicalisation,” said Mr Duale.
- The MP told Muslim faithful that mosques are a sacred place of prayer and must not be used to promote radicalisation.