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- 15 Killed in Attack on UN Compound in Mogadishu
- Severe al-Shabaab Infighting Leading to Defections
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Al-Shabaab suicide unit attacks UN compound in Mogadishu

Sabahi (Foreign Media), June 19, 2013

http://sabahionline.com/en_GB/articles/hoa/articles/features/2013/06/19/feature-01

- An al-Shabaab vehicle laden with explosives detonated outside the gates of the UN compound in Mogadishu
- Six al-Shabaab fighters then entered the compound opening fire and tossing hand grenades towards security officers in the courtyard. African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) soldiers arrived on the scene in less than 15 minutes, and an intense fire fight with the militants ensued for over an hour.

- The attackers, however, failed to make it inside any of the offices and self-detonated as they ran out of ammunition
- "The UN, a merchant of death & a satanic force of evil, has a long inglorious record of spreading nothing but poverty, dependency & disbelief," al-Shabaab said in an attempt to justify the carnage and loss of life.
- "Somalis reject Shabaab. While we & UNSOM rebuild Somalia, they offer nothing but suffering & destruction. Allah will condemn them," President Shirdon said on Twitter.

UN compound siege in Mogadishu by Al Shabaab kills 15

Garowe (Pro-Puntland Media), June 19, 2013

http://www.garoweonline.com/artman2/publish/Somalia_27/Somalia_UN_compound_siege_in_Mogadishu_by_Al_Shabaab_kills_15.shtml

- 15 people were confirmed dead including 4 UNDP foreign staff, 4 Somali security guards and 7 al-Shabaab fighters
- The toll of the siege devastated the area as cars and buses on the main road of the compound were wrecked and even nearby buildings were damaged after the siege.

UN envoy 'horrified' by attack on world body's compound in Mogadishu

Shabelle (Independent Media), June 19, 2013

<http://shabelle.net/somalia-un-envoy-horrified-by-attack-on-world-bodys-compound-in-mogadishu/>

- The top United Nations envoy in Somalia has condemned today's massive attack on the world body's compound in Mogadishu, calling it a "desperate" attempt to derail the country's recovery and development efforts
- UNSOM, which began operations earlier this month, is tasked by the UN Security Council to offer expertise in areas ranging from the political process to disarmament to help the country consolidate and build on hard-won gains towards peace, reconciliation and stability.

UN Security Council Press Statement on Somalia

United Nations (Independent Organization), June 19, 2013

Accessed from: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201306200674.html>

- The members of the Security Council reaffirm that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, and that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable regardless of their motivation, wherever and whenever and by whomsoever committed.
- The Security Council underlines that terrorist acts in Somalia will not lessen the Council's resolve to support Somalia's transition to peace and stability. Furthermore, the members of the Security Council reiterate their willingness to take action against those whose behaviour threatens the peace, stability or security of Somalia.

Infighting between Alshabab troops in Barawe District

Shabelle (Independent Media), June 20, 2013

<http://shabelle.net/infighting-between-alshabab-troops-in-barawe-district/>

- Fighting broke up between troops loyal to Ahmed Godane also known as (Sheikh Mukhtaar Abuu Zubeyr) and other troops loyal Omar Hamami also known as Abu Mansur Al Amriki
- It is reported that Godane's men killed a Sudanese Nationalist who belonged to Al Amriki's troops and dragged his body in the streets of Barawe town.
- Latest news from Barawe town adds that an operation is being conducted by Godane's men prosecuting the foreign troops led by Al Amriki; Godane's men outmuscled Al Amriki's men during the heavy fighting.

Al-Shabaab factions clash in Lower Shabelle

Sabahi (Foreign Media), June 20, 2013

http://sabahionline.com/en_GB/articles/hoa/articles/newsbriefs/2013/06/20/newsbrief-01

- Godane's fighters cut off telecommunications in the town after they discovered that opposing al-Shabaab militants loyal to Hammami were planning an attack
- The escalating showdown between Godane and al-Amriki's faction turned to open warfare when Godane sent assassins to kill al-Amriki in late April.
- For more than a year, al-Amriki has voiced opposition to Godane's rule, while in recent months, many top al-Shabaab leaders once allied with Godane have criticised his increasingly oppressive rule.

Dedicated centres needed to rehabilitate al-Shabaab defectors effectively

Sabahi (Foreign Media), June 20, 2013

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- The Djiboutian contingent of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) has reported difficulties in training and rehabilitating the numerous al-Shabaab fighters who have defected to the Somali government in the past few years
- Djiboutian troops in Beledweyne are tasked with training these former militants for the Somali army after conducting a thorough investigation to determine whether they are loyal and fit for service.
- As part of their training, instructors teach soldiers about the history of the Somali army, leadership, constitutional law, how institutions operate, intelligence, rules of general discipline, among other things
- Dedicated programmes with specialised staff able to provide non-military training, such as job skills training to reintegrate defectors into civilian society, are needed

Al Shabaab dispute turns violent, factions emerge

Garowe (Pro-Puntland Media), June 21, 2013

http://www.garoweonline.com/artman2/publish/Somalia_27/Somalia_Al_Shabaab_dispute_turns_violent_factions_emerge.shtml

- On June 17, a public statement attributed to Al Shabaab senior leadership, led by Ahmed Abdi Godane, appeared on Al Qaeda websites in direct response to public statements attributed to a new faction of Al Shabaab
- Godane's public statement accused the new faction of Al Shabaab of a series of crimes, including "dividing the Muslims", "spreading false information that damages the unity of Al Shabaab", "sharing Al Shabaab secrets with the enemies of Islam", "shedding the blood of Mujahedeen (Al Shabaab fighters)", and "rejecting to appear in front of Al Shabaab Court"
- A public statement published by Aweys, the new faction leader, blamed Godane for "hunting down Mujahedeen fighters in Bay and Bakool regions" and for "putting foreign fighters and other Mujahedeen in secret jails" operated by Godane's loyal fighters.

Continued Instability in Jubaland

Jubaland official wounded in Kismayo

Garowe (Pro-Puntland Media), June 18, 2013

http://www.garoweonline.com/artman2/publish/Somalia_27/Somalia_Jubaland_official_wounded_in_Kismayo_printer.shtml

- Kismayo Deputy Mayor was wounded reportedly by an armed soldier in Kismayo while he was on a main juncture in the coveted port city. Mr. Radar had worked closely with Jubaland state President Sheikh Ahmed Madoobe and was said he would be nominated for Minister of Interior
- Kenyan forces under the mandate of AMISOM who helped Ras Kamboni militia capture the city of Kismayo from Al Shabaab were targeted in a landmine attack in the city.
- The attack took place in residential neighbourhood and the attackers targeted a Kenyan military vehicle doing patrols in the region.

Politics of polarization destabilizing the new Somalia [Editorial]

Garowe (Pro-Puntland Media), June 17, 2013

http://www.garoweonline.com/artman2/publish/Editorial_29/Politics_of_polarization_destabilizing_the_new_Somalia_Editorial_printer.shtml

- President Hassan's irrationally obsessive refusal to recognize the rights of local communities in Jubaland State is the root cause of this new, and dangerous, polarization in Somali politics
- Why does President Hassan reject the facts:
 - a) Jubaland State formation process began four years ago in neighboring Kenya (TFG, predecessor to the current Somali Federal Government, also originated in Kenya);
 - b) Jubaland Conference was underway in Kismayo for 5 months and the conference organizers are on the record repeatedly inviting the Somali Federal Government to Kismayo;
 - c) over 800 community delegates voted to adopt the Interim Jubaland State Charter; and

- d) 500 community delegates voted for the Jubaland state president, electing Ahmed Mohamed Islam (Ahmed Madobe) on May 15, 2013, among a number of presidential candidates.
- President Hassan must address the real national crisis in Somalia. The country does not seem to have a legitimate constitution.
- Somali Roadmap Signatories signed the only legitimate federal constitution in Somalia “the Provisional Federal Constitution” page by page in Nairobi on June 22, 2012. This legitimate constitution was hijacked and the current so-called constitution that the Lower House of Federal Parliament was distributed on Sep. 7, 2012, is illegitimate and puts into question the very legitimacy of Somali Federal Institutions.
- So when President Hassan claims that Jubaland State formation “violates the constitution”, it pleases the Somali people to know precisely which constitution President Hassan refers to.

[New Charges Laid Against Banned Newspaper by Somaliland](#)

Somaliland Issues Two New Charges Against Banned Newspaper Hubaal

Sabahi (Foreign Media), June 21, 2013

http://sabahionline.com/en_GB/articles/hoa/articles/newsbriefs/2013/06/21/newsbrief-01

- The attorney general's office in Hargeisa has issued two new charges against the banned Hubaal newspaper, accusing two employees of defamation.
- "We have been accused of a false defamation attack against employees of the Ethiopian embassy in Hargeisa, of defaming Somaliland national officials, and that the paper is causing trouble among Ethiopia, Egypt, Somalia and Somaliland," the newspaper's editor, Aoley said
- He said the accusation of defamation against the Ethiopian consulate is connected to an article the paper published in January, while the second accusation is related to news it published in June about a crisis in the River Nile
- Two armed men, including a police officer, attacked Hubaal's Hargeisa headquarters on April 24th in an attempt to kill Aoley, but he escaped with only a broken arm. One of the gunmen was captured during the melee.