

Somalia Domestic Media Monitoring

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Intense Clashes Broke out Last Night in Kismayo

[March 26, 2014 Shabelle News \(Independent Domestic Media\)](#)

- Physical confrontations caused casualties last night in Kismayo, the provincial capital city of the Lower Jubba region.
- The clashes arose after insurgents from the Al-Shaaab rebel group attacked military troops stationed at the Afmadow neighborhood and the Kismayo airport.
- The precise numbers of casualties are still unclear although locals confirmed to Shabelle that the fight went on for at least a few hours before the perpetrators immediately fled the scene.

Kenya Orders Somali Refugees Back to Camps After Attacks

March 26, 2014 Shabelle News (Independent Domestic Media)

- Kenya on Tuesday ordered all Somali refugees living in urban areas to return to their camps in a bid to end attacks by Islamist militants carried out in retaliation for Kenya's intervention in neighbouring Somalia.
- Interior Minister Joseph Ole Lenku issued the order citing "emergency security challenges" in Kenyan towns, but the move is likely to be criticised by rights groups which have discouraged similar actions in the past.
- Until now, refugees who could support themselves or were in need of specialised education or medical care had been allowed to live in urban areas.
- Lenku said "all refugees residing outside the designated refugee camps of Kakuma and Dadaab are hereby directed to return to their respective camps with immediate effect" adding anyone who flouted the direction would be prosecuted.
- On Sunday, gunmen killed six worshippers in a church near the coastal city of Mombasa. Last week, police said they had arrested two men found to have two large bombs in a car which they intended to use in Mombasa.

Peace restored as Eel Buur liberated in Galgaduud

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- A peaceful and a serene environment was sensed this morning in Ceelqooxle of the Galgaduud region after yesterday a fight took place yesterday for many hours between the Somali National Army backed by Ethiopian troops against Al-Shabaab fighters.
- According to locals, they are reporting that that they are evacuating the town because they fear another fight will erupt soon as the Ethiopian troops and Somali National Army are ready to liberate more territories from Al-Shabaab.
- At last, General Sulub Ahmed Diirriye the Chief of the Somali Military Toops stated to Radio Shabelle in Mogadishu that they started their military offensives against Al-Shabaab.

Qoryooleey unshackles from the control of Al-Shabaab

March 22, 2014 Shabelle News (Independent Domestic Media)

- Qoryooleey has today officially been liberated from the control of Al-Shabaab by the co-allied Somali National Army and African Union troops, local media reports.
- According to the way described to Radio Shabelle in Mogadishu by the Deputy Governor of the Lower Shabelle region Omar Mohamud Elmi (Arabey), he stated that the troops have not entered the district yet but have a presence on its borders and are preparing themselves to seize control of the district.
- Al-Shabaab were recently discussing their tactics in the district until the troops stormed in and regained control of the territory.
- The environment is currently reported to be serene with normal movement by the community although the surge increase in the Somali National Army and African Union troops are frightening the locals.

Somali president describes Al-Shabaab as an enemy of peace

March 23, 2014 Shabelle News (Independent Domestic Media)

- The president of the Federal Republic of Somalia Mr Hassan Sheikh Mohamed, today reiterated that Al-Shabaab are an enemy of international peace.
- Mr Hassan Sheikh Mohamud said that Al-Shabaab are reluctant to remain in Somalia, but that wherever they are in the world they are against tranquility.
- “We prefer that our youth are rehabilitated from Al-Shabaab, and work towards creating a brighter future for themselves and we are more than willing to help them in these matters,” Said the president.