

## Somalia Domestic Media Monitoring

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### Headlines

- Multiple Attacks in the Capital, Mogadishu
- Security Situation Deteriorating in Somalia
- Backlash and Controversy as SFG Rejects Kismayu Election
- Somaliland Celebrates Independence Day

### [More Attacks in the Capital, Mogadishu](#)

#### **Simultaneous attacks aimed at Federal troops in Mogadishu**

Shabelle (Independent Media), May 14, 2013

<http://shabelle.net/simultaneous-attacks-aimed-at-federal-troops-in-mogadishu/>

- Simultaneous land mine attacks aimed at federal government troops occurred early morning near the Ministry of Defense offices in Mogadishu.
- After the explosion, government troops arrived at the scene in large numbers; minutes later, other land mine explosions went off simultaneously causing further deaths and injuries

#### **Explosion in Mogadishu**

Shabelle (Independent Media), May 15, 2013

<http://shabelle.net/explosion-in-mogadishu/>

- The explosion targeted Abdi Liman Sharmake, the brother of the deceased director of Horn Afrika Radio
- Mr Abdi Liman was a Kuwaiti resident and arrived at the country recently. It is not known why he was the target.
- His deceased brother suffered a similar fate when unknown men attached explosive devices in his car after the funeral of a journalist Mahad Ahmed Elmi.
- This is but another attack targeting journalists in an attempt to dissuade reporting and stifle freedoms of the press

### Security Situation Deteriorating in Somalia

#### **Security in Kismayu Deteriorating**

Shabelle (Independent Media), May 19, 2013

<http://shabelle.net/security-in-kismayu-deteriorating/>

- The Raskamboni militia which administrates the city has been involved in several reported criminal activities such as looting and murder against the residents of the city.
- Elders from the region have called on the federal government to intervene and protect the innocent members of the public against the undisciplined militia troops.
- Insecurity in the region worsened in the past few days after several leaders announced their presidency in the region where most the members of the public have declined to give their support to these self-declared Presidents.

#### **5 killed in in al-Shabaab ambush near Baidoa**

Sabahi Online (Foreign Media), May 14,2013

[http://sabahionline.com/en\\_GB/articles/hoa/articles/newsbriefs/2013/05/14/newsbrief-08](http://sabahionline.com/en_GB/articles/hoa/articles/newsbriefs/2013/05/14/newsbrief-08)

- At least five people were killed and ten injured after al-Shabaab militants ambushed Somali and African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) bases in Gof Gadud near Baidoa
- Somali military commander Mohamud Mohamed Jirey said the joint forces were able to stave off the al-Shabaab raid.

### Backlash and Controversy as SFG Rejects Kismayu Election

#### **Gov't rejects Kismayo election**

Raxanreeb (Independent Media), May 16, 2013

<http://www.raxanreeb.com/2013/05/somalia-govt-rejects-kismayo-election/>

- Somalia Federal Government has the rejected Kismayo local election where elders and locals elected Raskambani militia commander Ahmed Mohamed Madoobe as the first President of newly-formed and -declared Jubbaland State of Somalia

- The government has also rejected Col. Barre Hiiraale, former warlord in Somalia who claimed as the new elect president of the state shortly after Madoobe's election.
- Meanwhile the interior minister and national security of Somalia Federal Government Abdikarin Hussein Guled called the national army and the forces of the African Union to keep their neutrality on the ongoing disputes in the region.
- Somalia Federal Government had earlier opposed the Jubbaland Conference which it described as "unconstitutional" despite it being locally organized

## **MPs and politicians residing from Juba regions and Gedo oppose Madobe's self declaration**

Shabelle (Independent Media), May 16, 2013

<http://shabelle.net/mps-and-politicians-residing-from-juba-regions-and-gedo-oppose-madobes-self-declaration/>

- Politicians, elite groups and members of parliament residing from Juba regions addressed media stations in Mogadishu and clearly opposed the claim made by former Islamist fighter Ahmed Madobe as he declared himself the president of Juba land yesterday evening in Kismayu
- Political disputes continue to engulf the Juba regions as two presidents have been declared in the region.

## **More than 90 MPs table a motion against cabinet**

Raxanreeb (Independent Media), May 16, 2013

<http://www.raxanreeb.com/2013/05/somalia-more-than-90-mps-table-a-motion-against-cabinet/>

- At least 97 Members of Somalia Federal Parliament have tabled the first motion against the cabinet calling the first minister and his ministers to ask for the vote of confidence,
- MP Abdirashid Xiddig, a motioner, said: "They [the SFG] have lacked the confidence of the parliament." he said. "They did nothing in terms of security and this government is still opposing the rights of Jubbaland to form its administration."
- The leader of Somalia's semi-autonomous region of Puntland has earlier this week warned against such motion and called to refrain from creating in-fight activities between the cabinet and the parliament.

## **Somalia President Addresses Somaliland Separatism, Jubaland Formation**

Garowe Online (Pro-Puntland Media), May 19, 2013

[http://www.garoweonline.com/artman2/publish/Somalia\\_27/Somalia\\_president\\_addresses\\_Somaliland\\_separatism\\_Jubaland\\_formation.shtml](http://www.garoweonline.com/artman2/publish/Somalia_27/Somalia_president_addresses_Somaliland_separatism_Jubaland_formation.shtml)

- President Hassan said: "The Kismayo Conference [for Jubaland formation] is what we warned against. It is now clear that Conference was excluded certain groups from the political process."

- Some sources have accused the Somali Federal Government of secretly backing the surprise self-declaration of former Kismayo warlord Col. Barre Hirale, who declared himself 'Jubaland president' moments after the Jubaland convention elected Ahmed Madobe.
- Under Somalia's federal constitution, states form voluntarily with the backing of local communities. The Jubaland conference has been underway in Kismayo for the past eight months, featuring tough negotiations for the future political balance in the Jubaland regions of southern Somalia.

## Somaliland Celebrates Independence Day

### **Somaliland Waits for Worldwide Recognition**

Somaliland and Times (Pro-Somaliland), May 18, 2013

<http://www.somalilandtimes.net/sl/2013/590/5.shtml>

- The two [Somaliland and Somalia] were separate until 1960. During the civil war in the 1980s, 40,000 people from Somaliland were killed, and nearly half a million fled
- The region then declared independence in 1991 and since then, it has held four peaceful elections.
- Ahmed Mahamoud Sillanyo, the president, said that Somaliland would like to retain its independence, despite Somalia's calls to be united with region.
- Poverty, however, remains high and because Somaliland is not recognised as an independent state, it is not eligible for international development loans. The UN and the African Union have both rejected calls to recognise Somaliland.

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- President Hassan's comments on Somaliland coincided with May 18, as the separatist region in northwestern Somalia celebrated 22 years since unilaterally declaring independence from Somalia in 1991.
- "Somalia unity is a must and I call upon our brothers in Somaliland to swallow their ambition [for independent nationhood]," said President Hassan
- "We wish no conflict with our brothers in Somaliland and we are ready to strengthen the unity of Somalia, to compromise over the past grievances and we are committed to peacefully seeking the unity of Somalia," said President Hassan.