

## Somalia Domestic Media Monitoring

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- “The terrorists have once again shown that they are against all Somalis, by killing our innocent brothers and sisters. These cowardly, despicable actions are not a demonstration of the true Islamic faith.
- “We are establishing the facts surrounding the attack and it is too early to provide any specific details. However, I share my condolences, those of the President and of all Members of Parliament with the families of those who were killed. We grieve the loss of our families and friends today and pray for the quick recovery of everyone injured.

- “This attack will not deter the Federal Government of Somalia from continuing to hunt down and destroy the terrorists and build a peaceful Somalia that terrorists will never rule over.”

## **Al-Shabaab Claim Djibouti Blast**

[May 28, 2014 Shabelle News \(Independent Domestic Media\)](#)

- The Al-Shabaab terrorist group claimed responsibility for the two explosions that took place at La Chaumiere café in Djibouti a few days ago. The spokesperson for Al-Shabaab, Sheikh Ali Dheere said that they were behind the attacks.
- The statement outlined that the Al-Qaeda affiliated group was behind the attack last Saturday night in the Djibouti capital, which they claim caused “35 casualties” from several NATO countries, including US, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands. The group also confirmed it had killed “2 senior French commanders” in the attacks.

## **Al Shabaab attack leaves 2 KDF soldiers dead in Lamu**

[May 28, 2014 Shabelle News \(Independent Domestic Media\)](#)

- Suspected Al-Shabaab militants on Monday killed two Kenya Defense Forces (KDF) soldiers and injured another at the common frontier with Somalia, police have said.
- Divisional police commander Samson Obara, who confirmed the incident, said the officers were attacked by the insurgents who emerged from the bonny forest along Lamu-Malindi road on a Pick-Up vehicle.
- “The KDF soldiers flagged them to stop but the militants defied the order and instead opened fire on the soldiers. This prompted the exchange of fire between the militants and our soldiers who later blew up the Pick-Up, killing the occupants on board,” Obara said.
- Kenyan soldiers have launched a major manhunt for the more than 10 militants who carried out the attack.
- Obara did not confirm the number of insurgents who were killed. Sources told Xinhua that there were 26 KDF soldiers in the convoy.
- “We received intelligence report of the night attack that targeted military truck by Al Shabaab militants that were ferrying food to a KDF patrol base in Ras Kamboni. Their vehicle got stuck at Milimani between Mangai and Basuba where an exchange of fire ensued,” Obara said.
- “A combined team of militant and police are pursuing the militants. We suspect some were injured and even killed,” he added.
- KDF spokesman Col. Willy Wesonga confirmed that one of the militants was killed during the exchange of fire between the soldiers and the insurgents.
- He said the attack occurred along Kiunda area of Ras Kamboni where the soldiers were ambushed by the Al Shabaab suspects.

- “Our soldiers ordered the vehicle in which the suspected militants were driving in but instead opened fire on our soldiers. We returned fire and killed one of the occupants in the Pick-Up and destroyed the vehicle,” Wesonga told Xinhua by telephone.
- He said the soldiers are in hot pursuit of the attackers whom they believe might have crossed into Somalia.

## **Violence Erupts in Yaqshid District**

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

- A fierce confrontation erupted last night in the Yaqshid district of Benadir region, causing sever fatalities.
- The district commissioner of Yaqshid, Osman Mohamud Adawe, said that the district troops raided a home in Jungal where alleged Al-Shabaab fighters were hiding out.
- Although the commissioner confirmed casualties, the precise numbers were not specified.
- At last Mr. Adawe said that the district troops have detained several of the Shabaab fighters.