

Somalia Domestic Media Monitoring

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- Al-Shabaab to Turn Somalia Into Shared Country
- Deadly Attack at Police Station in Somalia
- Mapping to Revive Business in Somalia

Al-Shabaab to Turn Somalia Into Shared Country

November 27, 2013 Somali Current (Domestic Media)

- Somalia's al-Qaeda linked, terrorist group in Somalia, al-Shabaab, which has been fighting for a longtime to rule entire Somalia has been frequently calling and inviting al-Qaeda extremists all around the world to come to Somalia and partake their war in the country.
- Top leaders from the militant group have called for foreign fighters to come and fight in the country and that it is shared by Muslims everywhere.

- Several al-Qaeda operatives were killed in Somalia, namely Salah Ali Saleh Nabhan who was killed in 2009, Fazul Abdullah Mohammed who was killed in 2011, Bilal al Barjawi who was killed in 2012 and many more.
- Abdirizak Bihi, a Somali-American community activist believes that inviting foreign fighters is a crime and against Somali culture.
- “Al-Shabaab is using religion to destroy and I don’t believe the idea of inviting foreign criminals to hide in our country,” he added.

At Least 20 Killed in Assault on Police Station

November 19, 2013 Garowe Online (Domestic Independent Media)

- At least 20 people were reportedly killed when Al Shabaab militants stormed a police station in Beledweyne town of central Somalia, with a suicide bomber firstly ramming an explosive-laden car into the compound on Tuesday
- AMISOM commander in Hiraan regional capital of Beledweyne Col. Osman Dubad Sugulle said they have killed 10 Al Shabaab attackers in the shootout.
- Al-Shabaab has claimed responsibility for the attack boasting it as a testament to their strength as an organization.
- Federal Government of Somalia’s Prime Minister Abdi Farah Shirdon said in statement: “I condemn this attack in Beledweyne against our brave Somali security forces and AMISOM partners and send my condolences to the families and friends of all the innocent victims”.
- This is the 2nd attack in Beledweyne in the past 2 months.

Mapping to Revive Business in Somalia

November 25th, 2013 IRIN (Foreign Media)

- A mapping exercise to register businesses and infrastructure in Mogadishu, Somalia's capital, aims to provide the government an opportunity to engage in urban planning, raise revenue to fund civic programmes and help settle land disputes, which are increasing as people return to their former homes after decades of conflict.
- The Sustainable Employment Creation and Improved Livelihoods for Vulnerable Urban Communities in Mogadishu (SECIL), a joint project between UN-Habitat and the Somalia

government, is developing a geographical information system (GIS)-based inventory of public, institutional and economic infrastructure in all 17 Mogadishu districts.

- It provides district level data on enterprises and where they are located, their size, the number of employees, and access to basic infrastructure. It also gives a good description of the goods sold or produced.
- The technology uses satellite images and prominent community members to identify abandoned buildings, and owners of property.

Somalia Stumbles Backwards Amid Political Infighting

November 28, 2013 [Shabelle Media Network \(Domestic Media Network\)](#)

- Bitter divisions between Somalia's top leaders threaten internationally-backed efforts to battle Al-Qaeda-linked insurgents and end decades of anarchy in the war-torn nation, experts warn.
- Prime Minister Abdi Farah Shirdon, who has only been in office for just over a year, is facing a confidence vote in parliament this week after resisting the President's demand that he resign.
- Fighting over who gets what job appears to have become the number-one priority in a badly fractured country desperately in need of a strong central government and struggling to cast of its image as a failed state.
- The political squabbling follows the resignation earlier this month of central bank governor Yussur Abrar — the second to step down during this government — complaining she had been pressurised to sign off on corrupt deals, claims the government denied.
- Sources close to Shirdon say the latest power struggle broke out between the president and the prime minister in September following a proposed cabinet reshuffle, with Mohamud apparently furious after Shirdon wanted to sack three of his key allies including the powerful interior minister.
- Behind-the-scenes efforts by foreign diplomats to broker a deal between the two have so far proved fruitless, and a majority of lawmakers now appear to back the president's bid to sack the prime minister, but others fiercely oppose it as unconstitutional.