

Media Monitoring Report, Somalia

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- 1) Talks set to resume between Somaliland and Somalia

Talks to resume between the Federal Government of Somalia and Somaliland
Raxanreeb (independent)
November 29th

<http://www.raxanreeb.com/2014/11/somalia-talks-to-resume-between-the-federal-government-of-somalia-and-somaliland/>

- Talks are expected to resume in Istanbul between the Federal Government of Somalia and the breakaway region of Somaliland.

- Both sides have failed to hold the planned talks in September this year, which some have attributed to the ongoing row between the President and the PM.
- The Somaliland delegation have expressed their readiness for the talks and complained about the delay.

Talks between Somalia and Somaliland to re-open in Turkey

Somaliland Informer (independent)

November 28th

<http://www.somalilandinformer.com/talks-between-somalia-and-somaliland-to-re-open-in-turkey/>

- Somaliland's Presidential Affairs Minister has confirmed he is traveling to Turkey to attend the kick off of talks with Somalia
- The Foreign Minister is in Turkey and will join him at the delegation.
- The talks were postponed a number of times due to an appeal from the Somali government, which is now facing a political struggle between the President and the Prime Minister.

2) Controversy continues over "no confidence" motion

Another loud bang in parliament as political crises gain momentum

Garowe Online (independent)

November 24th

<http://www.garoweonline.com/page/show/post/1012/somalia-another-loud-bang-in-parliament-as-political-crises-gain-momentum>

- Loud bangs and shouting were heard in Parliament on Monday after the Speaker and his deputies began distributing copies of the motion to oust the PM.
- Lawmakers began chanting the national anthem and tore the motion paper and registers apart.
- One MP told GO that the Speaker secretly handed out the files to MPs loyal to President Hassan.
- Journalists have been prevented from picturing or recording the sessions.

MPs to hold another session over controversial motion against the PM

Raxanreeb (independent)

November 29th

<http://www.raxanreeb.com/2014/11/somalia-mps-to-hold-another-session-over-controversial-motion-against-the-pm/>

- Members of Parliament are planning to hold another session to discuss the controversial motion against the current Prime Minister of Somalia.
- The standing motion was tabled in late October by supporters of President Hassan
- MPs supporting this motion said they would be willing to deliver the motion to the parliament again, while supporters of the PM say they will continue to reject the motion unless a proper mechanism to resolve the misunderstanding was found in advance.
- There are ongoing efforts by politicians and diplomats to ease the stand off

Somalia PM: The presidency organized illegal no-confidence motion

Mareeg Media (independent)

November 24th

<http://www.mareeg.com/somali-pm-the-presidency-organized-illegal-no-confidence-motion/>

- The Somali Prime Minister said Monday that the Presidency organized an unlawful no confidence motion against him
- His statement said the motion became an obstacle to the achievement of the 2016 vision.
- He added that lawmakers had clearly rejected the motion, describing the parliamentary sessions as attempts against Somali law.
- He praised the effort of the Speaker, who he said wanted to engage in a dialogue to resolve the dispute.
- Finally, the PM called on the Somali people's dignity and unity, and urged them to protect the constitution and the supremacy of the law.

3) Clan fighting in central Somalia

Central Somalia: 16 died in clan clashes

Mareeg Media (independent)

November 29th

<http://www.mareeg.com/central-somalia-16-died-in-clan-clashes/>

- Reports from the Galgaduud region indicate that fighting has broken out between two clan militias in Warhubo
- At least 16 people have died with several more sustaining injuries after heavy clashes.
- Reports also suggest soldiers from the Himan and Heeb administrations may have been involved in the fighting, but the administration has denied those allegations and threatened to prosecute stations that broadcast the false reports.
- The mobile network in the region is down and elders and intellectuals are making efforts to ease the tensions.

Local admin forces, militia clash in deadly battle in Galgaduud

Garowe Online (independent)

November 29th

<http://www.garoweonline.com/page/show/post/1058/somalia-local-admin-forces-militia-clash-in-deadly-battle-in-galgaduud>

- At least 15 have been killed after local forces loyal to the Himan and Heeb Administration and armed clan militias clashed in the Galgaduud region.
- Twenty others were also wounded in the fighting.
- The clashes were spurred by disputes over the ownership of water boreholes
- Mediations by traditional leaders and Islamic scholars are underway.
- Central Somali regions have been a flashpoint for recurrent inter-clan clashes, with root causes found in disputes over agricultural lands and historical animosities.

PM calls for end to clan fighting in central Somalia

Garowe Online (independent)

November 30th

<http://www.garoweonline.com/page/show/post/1067/somalia-pm-calls-for-end-to-clan-fighting-in-central-villages>

- Somalia's Prime Minister has called on warring clan militias to bring an end to fighting in central villages.
- While expressing concern over fatalities from the clan fighting, the PM pleaded with traditional leaders and Islamic scholars to invite the opposing clans to the negotiating table.
- Long-running disputes over the ownership of water boreholes

4) Fears continue over meeting humanitarian needs

Critical needs at real risk of going unmet if resources are not secured

Raxanreeb (independent)

November 26th

<http://www.raxanreeb.com/2014/11/somalia-critical-needs-at-real-risk-of-going-unmet-if-resources-are-not-secured/>

- Funding for humanitarian needs in Somalia has seen a downward trend this year according to UNOCHA's monthly report
- Despite the continued efforts of donors, the funding is not commensurate to the country's growing humanitarian needs.
- The World Food Program warns that 700,000 people may no longer receive nutrition assistance by as early as January next year due to lack of resources.
- The Food and Agriculture Organization and UNICEF have both scaled back programs in the country.