

Somalia Domestic Media Monitoring

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Headlines:

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- Somali Journalist Gunned Down in Mogadishu
- UN Special Representative Calls for Inclusive and Fair Electoral Process in Puntland

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October 22, 2013 *Shabelle Media Network* (Domestic Media)

- A signed letter from the interior minister has ordered the media service to vacate its current offices.
- The property is not an asset of Somalia's interior ministry and anyone who is following the current state of Somalia's politics will understand that this is one of the many planned efforts to silence or humiliate the independent media companies and organizations operating within the country.
- Shabelle Media Network has a signed lease with the ministry.

- The minister who also belongs to the ruling Dam Jadid party has been trying to cover and hide all catastrophic blasts and planned killings which were recurring in Somalia's capital in the past one year.
- The minister has not indicated whether he has consulted with the public transport and communication ministry which owns the property.

Somali Journalist Gunned Down in Mogadishu

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- Armed gunmen have shot a Somali journalist working for Universal TV.
- He was shot several times and rushed to Madina Hospital in Mogadishu.
- Mohamed Mohamud Timacad is a reporter with the London based Somali language Universal TV station.
- Journalists remain prime targets for violence in Mogadishu where 18 media professionals had been killed in 2012 previously and over 50 have been killed in the past 6 years.

UN Special Representative Calls for Inclusive and Fair Electoral Process in Puntland

October 23, 2013 *Government of Ethiopia (Foreign Government Media)*

- The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia, Nicholas Kay, visited Puntland for a two-day visit on October 20th. He met with Puntland President, Abidrahman Farole, ministers, parliamentarians, clan elders, civil society and UN staff, and was briefed on the preparations and timeline for the electoral process which will produce a new Puntland parliament later this year and presidential elections early in 2014.
- He noted that this would be the fourth government in Puntland, adding "we salute the significant stability and progress made since 1998." Puntland has an important role to play in charting the way to a new federal Somalia, he said and "Puntland can renew its relationship with the Federal Government and help move the whole Somali state-building project forward." Community leaders and clan elders will soon begin the process of nominating 66 new MPs to the Puntland Parliament. Once in session, the MPs will elect a President of Puntland for a new term due to start in January 2014.

- A vetting committee will review the nominated MPs to ensure they meet the criteria set out in Puntland's constitution, and are people without a criminal record or history of violence. Mr. Kay urged that the appointment of the committee should be completed promptly and transparently. He also called for government, elders and civil society to work towards greater representation of women, and of minorities, in the next parliament.
- Women only occupy two seats in the present parliament. The Special Representative said all presidential candidates needed to assured freedom of movement, association, security and enjoy equal access to media, and journalists should be free to do their work without interference. Mr. Kay told government and other stakeholders that the process should be conducted peacefully within a context of reconciliation. He said the UN would continue to support efforts for an inclusive, fair and credible outcome to the process.

Madobe Agrees to Attend Jubbaland Reconciliation Conference in Mogadishu

October 22, 2013 Sabahi (Foreign Media)

- The Somali federal government and the Interim Jubba Administration (IJA) on Monday (October 21st) agreed to hold the first phase of an upcoming reconciliation conference in Mogadishu, Somalia's Garowe Online reported.
- IJA leader Ahmed Mohamed Islam Madobe agreed to attend the conference in Mogadishu after previously declining. In accordance with the August agreement between IJA and the Somali government, the Mogadishu conference will be followed by a second reconciliation meeting in Kismayo, the two sides announced at a press conference.
- A Somali federal government delegation led by Minister of Interior and National Security Abdikarim Hassan Guled arrived in Kismayo on Sunday to discuss the reconciliation process and the inclusion of area militias in the Somali National Army, including forces loyal to Barre Adam Shire Hirale which are stationed in the outskirts of Kismayo.