

Somalia Domestic Media Monitoring

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Headlines:

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- Somali's Prime Minister Launches Somalia Development and Reconstruction Facility
- Government Officer Gunned Down
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October 28, 2013 Shabelle Media Network (Domestic Independent Media)

- Saturday afternoon hundreds of Somali security stormed the headquarters and began dismantling the headquarters and attacking media staff.

- Shabelle had a legal contract to remain in the building but both regional and high court refused to view the document when presented.
- The government has stated it is public property and needed by the government however Shabelle's chairman Abdi Malik Yusuf Mohamud claims it was a way to silence Shabelle Media Network permanently.
- Mr. Mohamud calls on the government to let Shabelle collect its items from the building and open criminal investigation into items taken out of the building

Somali's Prime Minister Launches Somalia Development and Reconstruction Facility

[Government of Ethiopia \(Foreign Government Media\)](#)

- Prime Minister Abdi Farah Shirdon on Monday (October 28) launched the Somalia Development and Reconstruction Facility (SDRF), the first major step towards the realization of the New Deal Compact which will serve as the basis and overarching framework for Somali engagement with the international community in the future.
- The SDRF will work to enhance the coordination of external assistance and will obligate both the Somali government and international partners to adhere to a code of conduct to help solidify mutual commitments under the new deal.
- The prime minister has claimed it is vital to maintain the momentum of the conference and quickly implement the commitments made.

Government Officer Gunned Down

[Shabelle Media Network \(Domestic Independent Media\)](#)

- Unknown gunmen shot a Somali government officer in Jowhar, the capital of middle Shabelle region.
- He was shot by several men armed with pistols while on his way home.
- Security forces arrived at the crime scene and immediately began tracking the perpetrators.

Al Shabaab ambushes AMISOM vehicle in Dhoobley

[Shabelle Media Network \(Domestic Independent Media\)](#)

- Heavy fighting broke out between Al-Shabaab and troops from Sierra Leone in Dhoobley, lower Juba region.
- Exact occurrences and figures of casualties are yet to be determined.

U.S. Drone Strike Kills two Senior Al-Shabaab Members

October 29, 2013 Sudan Tribune (Foreign Independent Media)

- A U.S. drone strike has killed two senior Al-Shabaab members.
- The two were killed in Southern Somalia while travelling in a vehicle.
- Anta, one of the dead militants, was a professional and well-known bomb expert.
- Somalia's interior minister claims that Somali intelligence services were involved in the attack leading to the deaths of the militants
- Anta is said to be behind the 2008 attacks in Somaliland on the presidential palace, Ethiopian Consulate, and United Nations Office.

UNESCO Chief Deplores Murder of Somali Journalist

October 29, 2013 Dalsan Radio (Domestic Media)

- The head of the United Nations agency tasked with defending media freedom has denounced the murder of Somali Journalist Mohamed Mohamud, who was gunned down in the streets of Mogadishu.
- He worked for Universal TV, a U.K. based station that serves Somali diaspora.
- "Freedom of expression is the cornerstone of democratic society. I call on the authorities to do everything possible to ensure that journalists can work in the safest possible conditions," Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO said.