

## Somalia Domestic Media Monitoring

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### Headlines:

- UN Seeks Surge in Somalia Fight vs. Al-Shabab
- Foreign Minister Arrives in Mogadishu to Participate in the Jubba Reconciliation Conference
- Amid Internal Divisions, Al-Shabab Pledges More Attacks
- AU Troops Somali Mission at Risk

### UN Seeks Surge in Somalia Fight vs. Al-Shabaab

October 31, 2013 Shabelle News Network (Domestic Media)

- The war against Al-Shabab has come to a halt and requires more than 4,400 troops from the African Union as well as significant UN support to avoid failure and break the stalemate.
- Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson told the Security Council that the U.N.-endorsed African Union force and the Somali military lack “the capacity to push beyond areas already recovered” from al-Qaida-linked group in the last 18 months during a successful campaign to recapture several cities, including Mogadishu and Kismayo.
- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon has called for 2,550 combat troops as well as 1,845 ground-support troops.

- Ban Ki Moon has also called for an additional 1,000 troops to prevent suicide bombings and attacks as we have recently seen at the UN compound in Mogadishu, as well as another 840 police officers in Mogadishu.
- If the security council approves more troops it will boost the personnel up to 24,000 from 17,700.
- “It is hard to ask for additional resources in our present difficult financial environment,” Eliasson said. “But it is my duty to advise this council that, without increased support, our present — and indeed past — investment in peace, and that of millions of Somalis, may be lost.”

## Foreign Minister Arrives in Mogadishu to Participate in the Jubba Reconciliation Conference

November 6, 2013 Dalsan Radio (Domestic Media)

- Tedros Adhanom Ethiopian Foreign Minister arrived in Mogadishu on Tuesday afternoon to participate in the closing ceremony of the Jubba community reconciliation conference.
- The conference was seeking to solve political crises in the region.
- Government officials led by president Hassan Sheikh, Interim Jubba Administration officials and other dignitaries are due to attend the closing ceremony of the conference. A final communique is expected to be released during the closing stages of the conference.

## Amid Internal Divisions, Al-Shabaab Pledges More Attacks

November 3, 2013 Garowe Online (Domestic Private Media)

- Al-Shabaab has claimed it will increase attacks against AMISOM troops while internal divisions and violent disputes occur within Al-Shabaab’s ranks.
- Speaking on pro-Al Shabaab radio in Barawe coastal town of southern Somalia, Al Shabaab spokesman Sheikh Ali Mohamud Rage said "Al Shabaab fighters are ready to protect themselves from AMISOM attacks and we will launch raids on AMISOM bases".
- Al-Shabaab has been consistently losing ground in many areas from AMISOM troops, their spokesperson has claimed direct attacks will increase.
- The Somali Federal Government backed by AMISOM dislodged Al-Shabaab fighters from strategic locations in southern Somalia after long periods under their control.

## Central Bank Governor Resigns After Corruption Allegations Surface

November 2, 2013 Garowe Online (Domestic Media)

- Somalia’s first woman to be appointed as the head of the country’s highest monetary authority Yusur Abrar has resigned over allegations of corruption, making it the second governor to vacate the post within four months.

- Yusur Abrar, a long time public finance expert and a dual Somali-US national declared her departure decision in a letter dated October 30 and sent to the Somali Federal Government President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud from Dubai in response to unimpressive stories surfacing at the Mogadishu-based government offices.
- This has posed serious concerns for the Somali public and external donors who have been injecting huge amounts of financial aid into the fragile government's accounts.
- There were previous accounts of corruption of up to 40 million dollars while Abrar was positioned as US-Based Warsun International Communications Corp. manager in 2002.
- The central bank, a patronage system for members of the government and an institution used as a private and independent authority by Mogadishu-based government officials has been a spot for accusations on public fund mismanagement, an issue that could have a serious impact on the government institutions in Mogadishu.

## Dahabshiil Wins Injunction Against Barclays

November 5, 2013 African Research Institute (Foreign Media)

- The high court has granted an interim injunction against Barclays closing down its banking arrangements with Dahabshiil.
- After careful consideration the court has prevented the ceasing of its financial arrangements with Dahabshiil until it is heard at a full trial which could happen, earliest, 2014.