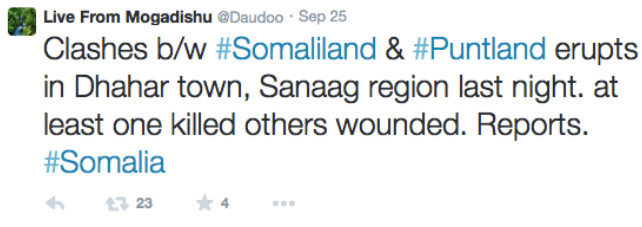


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1) Clashes between Puntland and Somalilan**[Puntland wages war against Somaliland: Breaking News](#)****Somaliland Informer (independent), September 25th, 2014**

- According to reliable reports, a Somaliland Defense Force soldier died after the Somaliland army clashed with the Somalia regional administration of Puntland.
- An assistant minister from Puntland arrived in Dhahar to establish a council, which was interpreted as a violation of Somaliland sovereignty and an attempt to create instability and violence within Somaliland.
- Puntland president Mr. Abdiweli Gas has campaigned on the promise to bring the disputed Sool region under the control of Puntland; geographically, it belongs to Somaliland, but Puntland claims it through clan lineage.



2) Clashes between Puntland and Galmudug over airport deescalated

Puntland dismisses accusations by Galmudug

Garowe Online (independent), September 22nd

- The Puntland government has dismissed accusations that the southern airport doesn't comply with international aviation standards.
- Puntland's minister of civil aviation denied the possibility that the dispute over the Galkayo airport relates to political differences between Puntland and Galmudug.
- Meanwhile, Galmudug leader blamed Puntland for subjecting Galkayo residents to pressure and threats.
- Galkayo airport is situated in the North and lies under the control of Puntland.

Tensions high in Galkayo following military buildup

SomaliCurrent (independent), September 24th

- Eyewitnesses have told the media that there is a large military build up in Galkayo along the border of Puntland and Galmudug. Troops with armored vehicles conducted security operations in the Galmudug administered Galkayo
- No comments from the Puntland administration about the presence of forces, however the move is suspected to be linked to a recent decision by Mogadishu to support the creation of a new regional state (Galmudug) bordering Puntland.
- Puntland has opposed the move, while cutting its ties with the central government in Mogadishu
- Puntland has also closed down a separate airport established by Galmudug alongside the main airport in the city.
- Puntland is opposed to encroachment of its territory through the ongoing establishment of a federal system.

Galmudug leader rescinds call for attack on Galkacyo Airport

Garowe Online (independent), September 28th

- The Galmudug President has rescinded his calls for an attack on the Galkayo airport after accusing Puntland of turning a deaf ear to Galmudug demands and praising the FGS Prime Minister for intervening in the deadlock.
- He also lambasted Puntland for increasing the presence of armed forces in the northern part of the town.

Puntland, Galmudug, accept mediation efforts by the Federal Government

RBC Radio (independent), September 29th

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- Both Puntland and Galmudug authorities have agreed to participate in mediation talks initiated by the FGS to end the recent tensions in Galkacyo
- Tensions between the neighboring administrations emerged over a dispute about the management of the Galkacyo airport, leading to a closure of civil aviation services.
- The Prime Minister urged both parties to settle their disputes through dialogue and refrain from violence.

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#Somalia:Puntland officer told BBC that whole Mudug region comes under the control of Puntland and no flight can land it without permission

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Live From Mogadishu @Daadoo · Sep 28

Tensions are high between #Puntland & #Galmudug troops in Galkacyo, residents fleeing out of fear of fighting in the town. Reports. #Somalia

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Tho Puntland's relations w/the Somalia govt are "suspended," there's enough goodwill to allow it to mediate its dispute w/Galmudug. #Somalia
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3) Signs of an emerging rift between the President and the PM

[President Hassan wants PM out of office.](#)

Garowe Online (independent), September 24th

- The FGS President, after locking horns with the PM over the recent sacking of the Intelligence Chief, is campaigning for a new motion to oust the head of government in a non-confidence vote
- Anonymous officials said that the president recently discussed the PM's impeachment with the Speaker, but that the Speaker showed reluctance to take a leading role in the move
- Though the infighting between the two has dragged on for a month, the President was angered by the sacking of his close aid as national intelligence and security chief.

- The often-fickle Parliament impeached the President’s predecessor in a no confidence motion in December 2013.

President is pushing a motion against PM

RBC Radio (independent), September 29th

- The Somali president has acknowledged that there is a “rift” between him and his PM, and that their differences would be settled at the Somali Federal Parliament.
- This is a code word for pushing a non-confidence motion against the PM since he is refusing to play second fiddle to the President in running the government in Mogadishu
- The PM has come to an office over which corruption accusations were hovering; how he worked to combat corruption allegations touched a nerve in relation to the President’s attempts to make the SFG a Dmuljadiid business.
- The second cause of the rift was the sacking of the President’s close friend from the head of the Somali intelligence. The former chief was disrespectful to top cabinet ministers and was sacked for professional misconduct following a vote by cabinet ministers.
- The SFG is more transparent and less cliquish than it was one year ago; proposing a confidence vote against the PM is the last political card the Damuljadiid group will use to recapture the Somali government.



4) Journalists detained by FGS in critical condition

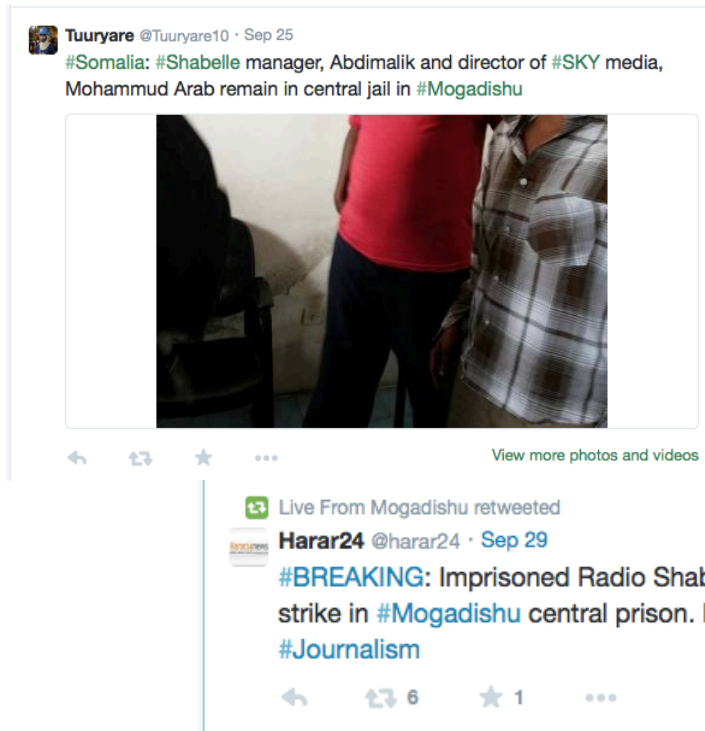
Journalists detained by Federal Government ‘in critical condition’

Garowe Online (independent), September 29th

- Four journalists being held for allegedly defaming Somalia’s president went on hunger strike, according to Shabelle’s radio director

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- In an interview with Garowe Online, he stated that the four journalists (working for Shabelle, Radio Garowe, and Sky FM) are in critical condition after harsh mistreatment
- The jailed journalists have been in custody for two months without trial, and are subjected to torture



5) Military Court Sentences three soldiers to death

Military Court Sentences Three Soldiers to Death Penalty for Armed Robbery RBC (independent), September 28th

- Somalia's Military Court sentenced three soldiers to death after finding them guilty of armed robbery of civilian vehicles.
- The court also ruled that the convicted soldiers can still have their appeals to the Supreme Military Court within 30 days before their death sentence is executed as a final decision
- A fourth soldier was freed after being found not guilty.
- Armed robberies, gang rape, and killings are rampant in Somalia, and many are carried out by armed soldiers. Last month, the Court warned that any armed soldier found on robbery or rape charges will be executed in a bid to restore peace and stability in the south and central regions of the country.

Military Court Convicts Government Soldiers Dalsan Radio (independent), September 29th

- 7 people, including 4 soldiers were convicted in Military Court. The soldiers were prosecuted for robbery of civilians with violence.

- The soldiers were all sentenced to death
- The President of the FGS said last year that any soldier found guilty of robbery with violence would be sentenced to death by firing squad.



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#Somalia: Military Court sentences 5 men including 4 Govt soldiers to death for carjacking and erecting an illegal roadblock; 2 acquitted.

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The #Somali Govt radio reports that the men were arrested just last Thursday in Lower Shabelle region.

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Appreciate swift justice, but 4 days from arrest to being sentenced to death is surely a bit rapid.

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