

Somalia Media Monitoring Report

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[Somali Chief Justice Says Majority In Jail Are From Minority](#)

January 27th, Mareeg Media

- Somalia's chief justice has said the majority of inmates in Mogadishu are from minority groups.
- The justice also described the appalling conditions in the war torn state prisons, noting that two inmates at Baidoa prison died due to the conditions in the facility.

[Two Warring Clans Clinch Peace Deal in Afgoye](#)

Garowe Online, January 28th

- Traditional leaders representing two warring clans have signed a nine-point agreement in Afgoye.
- Anyone who breaches the peace deal will face justice in line with customary laws and the constitution.
- The two sides agreed that the army and police should be deployed in the areas where clashes took place, and that clan militias in lower Shabelle will be trained and demobilized.

Acute Food Insecurity Persists, Says UN Agency

Garowe Online, January 29

- Despite improvement in agricultural products in some areas, the UN agency for Food and Agriculture warns of acute malnourishment and severe food insecurity.
- FAO stated that 731,000 persons, mainly IDPs will continue to face acute food insecurity until June.
- An estimated 202,600 children under the age of five are acutely malnourished.
- Livestock conditions have improved and the prices of staple foods has returned to normal during Deyr season.

Encircling Mogadishu: Invasion Under the Radar

Raxanreeb, February 1st

- While Somali leaders have been consumed with infighting, Ethiopia has been slowly creeping back into Somalia
- While leaders have fought, Ethiopian troops, under the banner of AMISOM have positioned themselves in all corners of the country.
- The Ethiopian troops are replacing the departing Sierra Leonean forces and the Ugandan forces that are allegedly getting ready for the next push against Al Shabaab.
- Ultimately, the Ethiopians will be in a position to encircle Mogadishu
- The animosity between the two countries goes on for centuries. Unlike Somalis, Ethiopians have not forgotten the humiliations they suffered at the hand of Somalis. The war crimes committed by Ethiopians against Somalis during its 2006 American-backed invasion are well documented.
- The tragedy is not that they're back but that they've been welcomed by the Somali elite.
- In Ethiopia-controlled areas, parallel administrations have been set up, with administrative officials answering to the Ethiopian military.
- What can be done? The solution is not a violent confrontation with Ethiopians but a genuine reconciliation among Somalis. We should not seek to destroy Ethiopia but we should seek to be free of its tyranny and occupation.

Somali Lawmakers unanimously warn PM Sharmarke on returning President key allies

January 26th, Raxanreeb

- Lawmakers have unanimously warned the PM against involvement of some members of the former government in the new cabinet.
- 150 MPs called on the PM not to include individuals involved in the recent political standoffs between the former PM and the President in his cabinet.
- The officials in question are thought to be former Justice Minister Farah Sheikh Abdulkadir, Finance Minister Husseing Abdu Haldane, and National Security minister Abdikarim Hussein Gulled.
- The PM has already dismissed a cabinet involving these individuals after a no confidence vote in parliament.

[PM Shamarke Gives New Faces Portfolios](#)

Garowe Online, January 27th

- Somalia's PM has announced his new cabinet lineup and is seeking parliamentary approval for the second time in two weeks.
- Three women secured portfolios, along with two key Presidential allies.
- The PM said in a statement that he had held consultations with the President, the Speaker, MPs, and Civil Society before determining his cabinet.