

SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT
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(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 16 January 2011)

- Al-Shabab has accused residents of Ceel Buur District of Galguduud Region, central Somalia of supporting the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia.
- Officials of Al-Shabab in the district said that “the local residents are supporting the government” and as a result, officials held an urgent meeting with local traditional elders, businessmen and intellectuals

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 16 January 2011)

- Al-Shabab fighters arrested 15 women accused of violating decrees issued by the group in Lafole and Ceelasha Biyaha located on the outskirts of Mogadishu.
- The women were sentenced to fine and jail terms.
- Al-Shabab fighters are enforcing decrees issued upon the group of women and men living in the displaced peoples' camps. Al-Shabab recently ordered women to wear Hijab and men to have trousers that are above their ankles.

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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 15 January 2011)

- Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] and some of the traders in Banaadir Region have agreed to the prosecution of Indian nationals recently arrested from a boat that had docked at the Mogadishu port.
- Senior TFG officials and businessmen from Banaadir Region who have been holding talks to discuss what to do about Indian nationals recently arrested from a boat stationed at Mogadishu boat have agreed to proceed with the prosecution of these foreigners who are to be arraigned in court tomorrow. These Indian nationals are currently held at Mogadishu's Central prison.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 15 January 2011)

- Members of the Banaadiri clan staged demonstrations in parts of the capital in opposition to the presence of foreign companies in the country and the Banaadir Regional Administration.
- The demonstrations organized by members of the Banaadiri clan in Mogadishu over recent agreements that the government entered into with foreign companies was attended by women, children and elderly.
- The demonstrators who are were members of the Banaadiri clan also accused Banaadir Regional Administration of not giving them their share of the revenue earned at the Mogadishu port and airport which they said is mismanaged.

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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 13 January 2011)

- Al-Shabab Mujahidin Movement, which took over the control of the displaced peoples' camps in the outskirts of Mogadishu, has ordered women in the area to attend religious sermons and to wear hijab.
- "They don't want us to wear the usual clothes that we have. We had never heard of such order. They said we should wear hijab but not the clothes usually worn by many women. They have also said that we should attend jihadic sermons every Thursday and Friday. They said any woman who

does not attend these sermons, will be whipped or even jailed," said one of the women in these camps.

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(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 12 January 2011)

- The Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a [moderate Islamists] administration in Dhuusa Mareeb town of central Somalia has arrested local journalist Hasan Kafi Muhammad.
- The journalist was arrested by Ahlu sunnah fighters after he took pictures of the town yesterday evening.
- "I had a camera and was taking pictures of the town when militia loyal to Ahlu Sunnah arrested me and put me in the custody," said the journalist.
- He said he was not tortured but was threatened. Ahlu Sunnah officials said the journalist will appear before a court

(Source: Somali Puntlandpost website in Somali 12 January 2011)

- The TFG embarked on steps to reunite minors with their families at a time when there have been in an increase in the number of young people leaving opposition groups.
- Senior government officials have met with some of these youth and the government will continue giving amnesty to young people, who change their mind and withdraw from the ongoing fighting in the country. Some of these youth gave harrowing accounts of the mistreatment from Al-Shabab.
- "We are welcoming the youth and we will try and ensure that they live a normal life. We would also like to ask the international community to assist us in ensuring that the youth are not indoctrinated to become extremist by putting in place economic and educational alternatives in addition to the rehabilitation," said the TFG's Minister of Posts and Telecommunication, Abdikarim Hasan Jama'a.

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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 11 January 2011)

- Officials of Al-Shabab Movement's Banaadir Regional Administration appealed for urgent humanitarian assistance for displaced people in areas around the capital although they have been hampering the delivery of such assistance to these people in the past following orders given by the top commander.
- Officials of Al-Shabab Movement in Banaadir Regional Administration have called for the assistance of displaced families in areas surrounding the capital who are living in very harsh conditions.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 11 January 2011)

- Parliamentary Committee on Somali in the Diaspora and refugees has accused Kenyan police of mistreating Somali refugees in imprisoned in that country and of even rape.
- Abdikadir Ali Muhammad alias Qulub, a member of the Federal Somali Parliament who is also the acting chairman of the parliamentary committee on Somali communities in the Diaspora and refugees has said Somali communities in Kenya and particularly those in the Refugee camps are subjected to a lot of suffering by the police in that country and that Somali women in these camps are at times raped by the officers.
- Abdikadir asked the Kenyan government to end the mistreatment of Somali nationals seeking refuge in their country and instead ensure their well being.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 11 January 2011)

- Security forces in Yemen have been conducting operations in which they have been arresting foreigners without the identity cards allowing them to legally reside in the country.

- Close to 30 Somali nationals have been arrested since last night through to this morning and officials of Yemeni armed forces said these operations are meant to ensure security in the country.
- The crackdown of foreign nationals in Yemen follows a recent decision by the government barring foreigners from staying in their country without the proper identification papers.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 11 January 2011)

- The aid agency ICRC [International Committee for the Red Cross] has been blamed for recent fighting between two clan militias in the locality of Denka Ari Adde in Galguduud Region [central Somalia] in which three people were killed and three others wounded.
- ICRC recently took food aid to areas where this fighting took place.
- According to an area resident named Abdikadir Haji, ICRC was responsible for the fighting between the two militia groups following the uneven distribution of the food aid they took to the area where the fighting took place.
- Abdikadir said the ICRC brought food aid to people in the village but did not distribute it equally sparking tensions between the two militia groups and was the sole cause of the fighting in the area.
- Abdikadir who is a traditional elder also said mediation talks are ongoing between the two warring clans that hail from the towns of Caabud Waaq and Xeerale [both in Galguduud Region].
- Just last month, residents of various towns in Galguduud Region accused the aid agency, ICRC, of poor handling of the food aid they bring in these areas which they said was the cause of fighting between militias groups in which one person was wounded.

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(Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 1130 GMT, 10 January 2011)

- "Troops of Banaadir regional administration [Mogadishu and its environs] beat up two journalists from Radio Shabelle while attending a ceremony to held in honor of Banaadir regional soccer team which recently won the national football tournament. "
- The two journalists who are identified as Abdirizaq Adan Qoslaye and a cameraman Adnan Muhammad Ilmi were thrown out of Mogadishu administration compound and were threatened that they would be shot.
- "We were tortured and grabbed by soldiers of Banaadir administration when trying to enter the compound" said Shabelle journalist Abdirizaq Qoslaye. The authorities in Mogadishu had previously accused Shabelle Radio of broadcasting lies against the Banaadir regional administration.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 10 January 2011)

- Nomadic families fleeing from the severe drought in various parts of the country have been arriving in Mogadishu.
- Muhammad Gabobe who is among nomadic communities displaced by the severe droughts in the country, now camping at the former American base in Mogadishu, said he was travelling with all members of his family and their livestock and have been displaced by the severe drought in the country.
- He said many of their livestock died of thirst and that since arriving in Mogadishu they have not received any assistance from humanitarian aid agencies. Another of the displaced families at the former American base in Mogadishu said they are facing a lot of hardships at the camp and asked the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] and humanitarian aid agencies to come to their rescue.