

SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT

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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 17 April 2011)

- Reports indicate that Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a forces have suspended operations of two telecommunication companies: Nation Link and Hormuud in the town of Dhusa Mareeb, Guriceel, Matabaan and the locality of Giirjir all of which are under their control.
- Reports indicate that the group took these companies off air because of failure to pay certain amount of money to Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a forces.

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- Armed groups have killed up to four people inside a mosque in Gaalkacyo, Mudug Region [central Somalia].
- Reports from Gaalkacyo indicate that armed groups have carried out an attack in Salaxudin mosque in the neighborhood of Garsoor in the northern part of the town killing several people. So far, four people are known to have been killed by the gunmen inside the mosque, whereas 10 others were wounded all of them civilians. Those killed and wounded in the attack were all said to be inside the mosque.

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(Source: Horn Cable TV, Hargeysa, in Somali 1900 GMT, 16 April 2011)

- The regional court of Hargeysa, Somaliland has sentenced a man who is accused of anti-Islam propaganda to two years in jail. The court also sentenced him to be deported after finishing his jail term. The man is reported to have pretended to be a holy man and begun to circulate anti-Koran messages to the neighborhoods of Hargeysa.

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- The former governor for Banaadir Region, Muhammad Umar Habeb alias Muhammad Dheere has dismissed recent directives by Banaadir Regional Administration. The politician spoke to Shabeelle about recent decision by the Banaadir Regional Administration barring anti-government demonstrations in the capital without obtaining permission from the administration. Muhammad Dheere said the orders by the administration are irrelevant because the Somali public has a right to express their views and that is unnecessary to suppress civilians from airing their concerns.
- The secretary-general to the Banaadir Regional Administration, Abdikafi Hilowle, recently gave a directive barring all antigovernment demonstrations and meetings in Mogadishu without obtaining permission from the administration.

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- Al-Shabab fighters arrested 12 youth accused of involvement in un-Islamic acts in Kismaayo of Lower Jubba Region, southern Somalia.
- Reports from Kismaayo say the youth were arrested following operation conducted by Al-Shabab fighters in neighbourhoods of Kismaayo town last night.

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(Source: Radio Shabeelle, Mogadishu in Somali 0500 GMT, 13 April 2011)

- Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a officials attending UN-brokered conference continuing in the Kenyan capital have said their aim of attending the meeting "is to take over the country's government", reports Radio Shabeelle.
- "We want to tell the people that we are replacing the TFG and Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a is multicultural and is not based on a clan. We are hoping to take the presidency, the premiership and the majority in parliament", said Awliyo.

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- The president of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia, Shaykh Sharif Shaykh Ahmad, said the youth fighting for Al-Shabab mujahidin are in the wrong and un-Islamic path.
- The president, who addressed the press in Mogadishu, called on the youth fighting for Al-Shabab to stop fighting for the group.
- He said the young men fighting for Al-Shabab are in the wrong path and are making shedding the blood of the Somali people as a legal act. He said this was wrong, adding the youth have been misled and used to carry out anti-Islamic acts, as he put it.