

SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT

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(Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 1130 GMT, 19 June 2011)

- The Prime Minister of Transitional Federal Government of Somalia Muhammad Abdullahi Farmajo has "resigned due to pressure from the international community," Radio Voice of Mudug reported.
- Prime Minister Farmajo is said to have "resigned following pressure from the international community, neighboring countries and the UN in order to end prolonged political deadlock between President Shaykh Sharif and parliament speaker Sharif Hasan Shaykh Aden"
- The "resignation of the premier has been one of the articles in the Kampala accord" that ended the rift between the president and the speaker.

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(Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 1130 GMT, 18 June 2011)

- The Somali militant group, Al-Shabab has "killed two people for allegedly having links with the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia in Mogadishu" and fighting alongside government and Amisom (African Union's Mission in Somalia) forces, Radio Voice of Mudug reported.
- The Al-Shabab judge in Banaadir Region (Mogadishu and its environs), Shaykh Umar, has sentenced the two men to death, saying that they were working with the government of Somalia and AU peacekeepers in Mogadishu", added the source.
- Al-Shabab has warned people living in areas it controls in southern, southwestern Somalia regions against supporting the government.

15 JUNE 2011

(Source: Horn Cable TV, Hargeysa, in Somali 1900 GMT, 15 June 2011)

- The former Somaliland aviation minister, Ali Muhammad Waran Adde, has accused the UN especial envoy to Somalia, Augustine Mahige, of "fuelling the political turmoil in Somalia," Horn Cable TV reported.
- He alleged that the UN envoy "is responsible for the political crisis in Somalia and wants to put it under colony that would be governed by the international community".

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

- The Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] has blamed humanitarian aid agencies of failing to provide assistance to vulnerable civilians in the capital.
- The Regional Coordinator for the Ministry of Sports and Public Affairs, Shaykh Aweys Shaykh Xadaad accused humanitarian aid agencies of failing to assist displaced civilians who are living in hardship in various parts of the country. The coordinator noted that many displaced families in the capital, and others affected by both the conflict and prolonged drought, have not received any form of assistance from the aid agencies despite the dire situation they live in.
- Shaykh Aweys asked aid agencies to either do their work by assisting these civilians, or withdraw from the country.

14 JUNE 2011

(Source: Horn Cable TV, Hargeysa, in Somali 1900 GMT, 14 June 2011)

- A section of Somali MPs have "strongly condemned the arrest of several journalists" during the pro-government demonstrations in Mogadishu, saying the move is "against the freedom of the press", privately-owned Horn Cable TV reported on 14 June.

- Mowlid Ma'ane, who is among the MPs denouncing the arrest of the journalists, has said that Somali journalists, "deserve to be acknowledged for carrying out extra-ordinary work". He said that the arrest of the reporters is due to "the lack of press freedom in the country" and appealed to the Transitional Federal Government to "release the journalists".

(Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 1130 GMT, 14 June 2011)

- The Somali Islamists group, Al-Shabab threatened "to carry out suicide attacks against top leaders of Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG]," if government forces continue fighting Al-Shabab in Mogadishu, the privately-owned Radio Voice of Mudug reported on 14 June.
- Shaykh Abdiaziz Abu Mus'ab, Al-Shabab's operational commander said his group "would target top government leaders in similar suicide attacks in which the minister of interior, Abdishakur Shaykh Hasan, was killed" last week.
- He accused top leaders of the government of "ordering government forces and those of AU to destroy homes, kill innocent civilians and loot business premises" in the Somali capital.
- Somali government forces, backed by AU peacekeepers seized strategic positions from the Islamist group in Mogadishu recently.

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