

**SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT  
20 – 26 JUNE 2011**

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*(Source: Somali Puntlandpost website in Somali 26 June 2011)*

- The Al-Shabab Movement called upon residents of Bay and Bakool regions [southwestern Somalia] to take part in the ongoing fighting against the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] forces backed by AMISOM [African Union's Mission in Somalia] in Mogadishu and other southern Somalia regions.
- “The fighting in Mogadishu and other parts of the country is an attack on Islam and we would like you to take part in the fight to defend Islam and those who believe in it”, said Shaykh Ali Dheere.

*(Source: Somali Puntlandpost website in Somali 26 June 2011)*

- Sources have told Puntlandpost that senior Al-Shabab fighters are busy preparing for retaliation attacks against Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG].
- Sources indicate that senior Al-Shabab commanders have been dispatched to areas under the group's control to spearhead a campaign encouraging individuals to join the fighting in Mogadishu. The Al-Shabab spokesman, Shaykh Ali Dheere, arrived in a training camp in Bay Region where new recruits recently concluded their training and are being prepared for deployment to Mogadishu in coming days.

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 26 June 2011)*

- Zanzibar refugees in Somalia told Shabelle that they live in very harsh conditions and are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance.
- Sulayman Nasir who is among Zanzibar refugees that live in the former ministry of water building in Mogadishu told Shabelle families in the area live in very harsh conditions and often go begging in Mogadishu market.

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 26 June 2011)*

- The Transitional Federal Government of Somalia's [TFG] Banaadir Regional Administration accused humanitarian aid agencies in the country of being spies.
- The Banaadir Regional Administration Regional Coordinator, Abdikafi Hilowle Usman, leveled a number of accusations against aid agencies in the country. Abdikafi alleged that humanitarian aid agencies had failed to assist displaced people in Mogadishu despite repeated appeals for help. He alleged that these aid agencies are in the country for one purpose: spying.

**25 JUNE 2011**

*(Source: AllPuntland.com website in Somali 25 June 2011)*

- Traditional elders from various towns in Puntland and Somaliland have held a meeting in which they accused the Puntland Administration and particularly the presidency of blocking them from traveling to Kampala. The elders have been invited to a meeting of Somali elders organized by the United Nations which is being held in Kampala.
- The traditional elders met in Garoowe and said the Puntland Administration has barred them from leaving the region despite a special flight chartered by the United Nations arriving at the town's airport.

## **23 JUNE 2011**

*(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 23 June 2011)*

- Al-Shabab "shut down Radio Hiiraan, an independent FM station operating in Beled Weyne town," Radio Gaalkacyo reported on 23 June.
- Al-Shabab fighters with armored vehicles "stormed the station and ordered its closure. The militants also "ordered the journalists to leave the station".
- The reason behind the Islamists' move remains "unclear", however, reports say "the station aired reports related to the developments attained by the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia".

## **21 JUNE 2011**

*(Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 1130 GMT, 21 June 2011)*

- Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] said that it "has received secret reports" that Al-Shabab Islamic Movement is planning to "carry out coordinated suicide attacks against presidential palace" in Mogadishu.
- The commander of armed troops at Somalia's presidential palace in Mogadishu Abdullahi Anood told the media that Islamists are "planning to launch attacks against the Villa Somalia", saying that they are "taking advantage from the fresh rift" between President Sharif Ahmad and parliament speaker Sharif Hasan over appointment of the new premier, added the Radio.

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 21 June 2011)*

- The Somali parliamentary aid committee accused the UN of failing to assist Somali refugees across the world.
- June 20th marks the world refugee day and the parliamentary committee on aid has accused the UN agencies of failing to assist Somali refugees across the world.
- The deputy chairman of the committee, Usman Adan Dhubow, said celebrations to mark the World Refugee Days comes at a time when the UN body for refugees has failed to heed the plight of millions of Somali refugees across the world.

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