

**SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT**  
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*(Source: Holy Koran Radio, Mogadishu, in Somali 1530 GMT, 30 January 2011)*

- The Banaadir Islamic state court issued a death sentence against a man who has allegedly admitted to being a CIA spy.
- The objective of the ruling of Islamic court: the Mujahidin forces have arrested 44 year old Ahmed Ali Husayn. He was accused of being a member of the US intelligence services known as CIA. The court asked the accused to respond to the accusations
- The ruling: After the court listened to the accusations leveled against the accused Ahmad Husayn Ali and his response on the issue in which he pleaded [to be guilty]. The court has sentenced him to death by firing squad.

*(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 30 January 2011)*

- The Islamic administration of Al-Shabab in Galgaduud region, central Somalia imposed night time curfew on Ceelbuur District of central Somalia
- Officials of the administration stated that the curfew will start from 7 pm in the evening and will last up to dawn.

**29 JANUARY 2011**

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 29 January 2011)*

- More than 200 Somali youth held in Mozambique jails are complaining of deplorable living conditions and have appealed for efforts to secure their release.
- Some of these youth, who contacted Radio Shabeelle, say they face tough living conditions in these jails, adding that they are sometimes tortured by Mozambique security forces.

**28 JANUARY 2011**

*(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 28 January 2011)*

- The leader of Al-Shabab Islamic Movement, Shaykh Mukhtar Abu Zubeyr, called on his fighters to be just and treat the people in south-central regions of Somalia fairly.
- The Islamist warned against making many people hate Al-Shabab behavior and attitude in Somalia. The statement of Al-Shabab's leader comes at a time when demonstrations against Al-Shabab have been held in many areas of southern regions of Somalia.

*(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 28 January 2011)*

- The Prime Minister of Transitional Federal Government of Somalia, Muhammad Abdullahi Farmajo, has appointed Husayn Abdi Ilmi as chief justice.
- The council of ministers approved the new chief justice.
- Husayn Abdi Ali will replace former chief justice, Muhammad Indha Buur, who died in Mogadishu a few months ago.

**27 JANUARY 2011**

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 27 January 2011)*

- Officials of the Banaadir Regional Administration have said that they will “take action against humanitarian aid agencies that do not assist civilians but leave food aid locked in Mogadishu warehouses.”
- The Deputy Chairman of Banaadir Regional Administration Public and Political Affairs, Abdisalam Dahir Abdulle in an interview with Shabelle, spoke on the food stored in World Food Programme [WFP] warehouse at the Mogadishu port which he said was “meant to be distributed to civilians affected by the drought who have since sought refuge in areas under the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia's [TFG] control.”

## **26 JANUARY 2011**

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

- Major demonstrations condemning humanitarian aid organizations were staged in some of the main roads in Mogadishu. Many of the demonstrators, who are disabled and reside in Wadajir District marched through the streets and were shouting slogans such as "we do not want aid agencies here."
- The demonstrators said they are living in very tough conditions and are in dire need of assistance, blaming aid agencies for failing to assist displaced people in Mogadishu's Wadajir District, particularly the disabled.

## **25 JANUARY 2011**

*(Source: Garoweonline.com in English 25 January 2011)*

- A prosecutor in Somalia's Puntland region was gunned down on Tuesday evening in Gaalkacyo, the region's second-largest city, Radio Garowe reports.
- Mr. Abdikadir Jama "Nugal" was the prosecutor of Puntland's Mudug region in central Somalia. Witnesses and local officials said three men armed with assault rifles and pistols shot and killed the prosecutor, moments after he walked out of a mosque, after evening prayers in Gaalkacyo.
- No group has claimed responsibility for the prosecutor's killing.

*(Source: Garoweonline.com in English 25 January 2011)*

- A district commissioner in Somalia's war-ravaged capital Mogadishu demanded the withdrawal of African Union peacekeepers (AMISOM) after accusing the peacekeepers of transforming the conflict into a "business," Radio Garowe reports.
- "It is not a war to bombard civilian centers with missiles each day. War is where one group defeats another, but AMISOM troops who help the TFG have made this [conflict] a business," Wadajir District Commissioner Mr. Da'i said during a Monday press conference.
- "I urge the Mogadishu public to defeat Al-Shabab, but our leaders [TFG] are busy collecting international donations and benefiting financially from the conflict," Mr. Da'i said.
- He went on to accuse international aid groups of "failing to deliver humanitarian assistance" in parts of Mogadishu.

## **24 JANUARY 2011**

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 24 January 2011)*

- Parliamentary committee on communication has urged members of parliament not to harass the Somali media. The parliament committee on communication has spoken on meeting by some of the MPs in which they accused Shabeelle and Universal TV of airing false reports about parliament session.
- The Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Communication, Awad Ahmad Ashara, while in Nairobi, Kenya, told Shabeelle parliament should not be harassing independent media in the country.

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 24 January 2011)*

- The Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a commander in Guriceel, Galguduud Region [central Somalia], Osman Ise Tar-Dhuled told the media that the severity of the drought in these areas continues to worsen by the day as more and more people and their livestock die of hunger and thirst in remote areas. Osman said majority of those affected by the harsh drought in these areas are children and elderly.
- The Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a commander said humanitarian aid agencies in the Region are just mere spectators and have so far done very little in the way of assisting civilians affected by the drought. "Civilians are experiencing very difficult times. These organizations claim to have been barred by Al-Shabab from delivering aid in other areas. So what is stopping them from assisting people here? Are there Al-Shabab members barring them from working in these areas?," said Tar-Dhuled who said Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a will take action against these aid agencies if they do not address the situation in these areas.