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(Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 1130 GMT, 1 May 2011)

- Somaliland troops arrested two journalists in Laas Caanood town following the killing of a senior police commander in the town.
- Details are emerging from the killing of Somaliland traffic police commander in Laas Caanood town, the provincial capital of Sool Region. Unknown gunmen raided the residence of the traffic commander in Laas Caanood town on 30 May 2011 fatally injuring him.

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

- Diarrhea has killed 20 children in Wanlaweyne district of Lower Shabelle region, southern Somalia. The disease reportedly spread to remote rural areas in Lower Shabelle region, including Libaaley, Maxaajes, Huunyo and other localities in the region.
- Source said that there are no operational health centers available in those areas and the number of new diarrhea infected children is increasing rapidly. A traditional elder in the region told the media that the humanitarian situation in the rural area of lower Shabelle region was critical and called on the international community to provide urgent assistance.

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

- Reports from Beledweyne town, the provincial town of Hiiraan region, central Somalia, say that 12 people have been killed and dozens wounded following a heavy fighting between fighters loyal to Shabelle Valley administration and Al-Shabab fighters in the town.
- The fighting was triggered after Al-Shabab militiamen attacked bases of Shabelle Valley fighters in the outskirts of Beledweyne town, central Somalia.
- The move comes at a time when Hiiraan region is seeing fresh clashes between the two groups.

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(Source: Somali Puntlandpost website in Somali 25 April 2011)

- Prime Minister Muhammad Abdullahi Farmajo has said his government had readied itself for another round of fighting with the Al-Shabab Movement which controls parts of Mogadishu and most of southern Somalia regions.
- “Our aim is to do as much as we can while we are still involved with the work, we have so far done a lot that is visible including the setting of the government's annual budget and renovation of buildings which were run down in period that there was no functioning government in the country”, said the prime minister.

- The Al-Shabab Movement has also just recently announced that it is planning to engage the TFG and AMISOM [African Union's Mission in Somalia] troops.