

## SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT

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*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 3 July 2011)*

- Somali forces loyal to the governor of Banaadir Regional Administration [and Mogadishu mayor] reportedly attacked one of the senior officials of the administration who recently spoke of corruption within the regional administration.
- Dahir Dhirow Gabow, the director of transportation of Banaadir Regional Administration, contacted Shabeelle Radio in Mogadishu and alleged that Special Forces loyal to the governor attacked his house. He attributed the attack to statements he gave to the media about financial corruption in the administration. He accused the governor of threatening him ever since he made the statements.

*(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 2 July 2011)*

- The Somali Al-Shabab militant group ordered young people in the port town of Kismaayo, southern Somalia, to join what they termed as the holy war against the Transitional Federal Government [TFG of Somalia] and Amisom [African Union's Mission in Somalia].
- Speaking to Radio Andalus in Kismaayo town, the Al-Shabab district chairman, Shaykh Hasan Ya'qub, said that young people should be ready to join the war, adding that Al-Shabab would "recruit hundreds of fresh fighters" as part of the fighting in Mogadishu. A resident in Kismaayo town who asked to remain anonymous told Radio Gaalkacyo that many young people have recently "fled to Kenya after the Islamist group pressurized them to be recruited as fighters"
- Al-Shabab Islamic Movement recently received small arms from clans living in southern Somalia and launched a campaign to recruit students, young people in Middle Jubba Region in a bid to regain control of strategic towns in southwestern Somalia.

*(Source: Radio Banaadir, Mogadishu, in Somali 1700 GMT, 1 July 2011)*

- Al-Shabab, confiscated Radio Jowhar, a FM station based in Jowhar town, southern Somalia. According to Radio Banaadir, fighters loyal to the Al-Shabab "seized the station and announced that the station's name has been changed from Radio Jowhar to Radio Al-Andalus".
- "Most of the journalists in Jowhar have started fleeing the town after Al-Shabab ordered them to work for the local Islamic administration."
- Radio Banaadir added that "the independent FM station set up by youths in 2002 had been subjected to harassment from respective administrations that have controlled the southern district."

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 30 June 2011)*

- Al-Shabab officials in Jowhar town ordered residents of Jowhar to come and watch a film showing recent fighting between Al-Shabab and government forces backed by AU peacekeepers.
- The Al-Shabab administration installed large screens at the public grounds, where residents watched Al-Shabab forces fighting government and AU peacekeepers.
- After the film ended, senior Al-Shabab commanders addressed civilians at the public grounds and urged them to join the ongoing fighting in Mogadishu.
- One of the town residents, who watched the film, said it comprised of many clips from various battles. He said the film included direct fighting as well as preparations for suicide bombings.

The resident also said they saw the bodies of AU peacekeepers killed in the fighting being dragged in the streets of Mogadishu.

- Al-Shabab officials in the town asked the residents to register in their offices in preparation for jihad which they said would be launched against government forces and those of AU in Mogadishu.
- Al-Shabab has also shown these films on the latest fighting in Mogadishu in various towns across the country in an attempt to recruit young people as fighters.

*(Source: Somali Puntlandpost website in Somali 30 June 2011)*

- Police in Boosaaso, Bari Region [Northeastern Somalia] summoned Faysal Muhammad Hasan alias Boston at regional police headquarters in the town and later detained him.
- The reason for the arrest of reporter, who worked for the Somali website, Hiiraan Online, is not yet known. There are reports indicating that Faysal Muhammad was arrested after the website released audio reports deemed to be anti-Puntland.
- Puntland continues imposing strict rules on journalists in the region, who seem to be succumbing to the pressure from the administration. It is becoming increasingly difficult for journalists to operate in region without compromising the integrity of their reports due to pressure from the administration.

*Reported submitted by Stacy Topouzova on 4 July 2011.*