

**SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT
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DECEMBER 4, 2010

(Source: Radio Shabeelle, Mogadishu in Somali, 0500 GMT, 4 December 2010)

- Kenyan police are conducting operations to locate the perpetrators of recent blasts, one occurred in Eastleigh and another in the outskirts of Nairobi, on December 3, 2010.
- Kenyan police allege that the explosions were carried out by “people connected to Somali insurgents”.
- As a result, police have concentrated their operations in largely Somali-populated areas and say that they are in search of “those connected to Al-Shabab, who are planning to carry out attacks in Kenya.”

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali, 4 December 2010)

- The prime minister of Somalia, Muhammad Abdullahi Muhammad aka Farmajo, claimed that "government forces have killed 50 Al-Shabab militants" on 2 December 2010, in Mogadishu.
- According to Shabeelle website on 4 December, Farmajo issued a statement "while speaking to government forces stationed at front-lines in Mogadishu" to confirm that they have "inflicted losses on Al-Shabab".
- The website adds that the premier "accused Al-Shabab of trying to destroy the country, and stressed the offensive to eradicate Islamist groups will continue."

DECEMBER 3, 2010

(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 3 December 2010)

- Army commanders of Al-Shabab Islamic Movement currently stationed in Buulo Xaawo district of Gedo region, southwestern Somalia, screened films on Mogadishu violence and fighting to people living in Buulo Xaawo town.
- A delegation from Al-Shabab group led by Shaykh Ali Mahmud Rage aka Ali Dheere who are paying a visit to Gedo region held a meeting with regional traditional elders and intellectuals on ways to support the Islamist group.
- The films featured: AU soldiers killed and dragged on the streets of Mogadishu, destruction of Mogadishu buildings, mass displacement, bodies lying on the streets and the fighting which worsens day by day.
- Al-Shabab urged residents in southwestern Somalia to join what they termed as the "Holy war" in Mogadishu. The Al-Shabab delegation have been campaigning and visiting several regions in southwestern Somalia to recruit young fighters

(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 3 December 2010)

- Spokesman of Al-Shabab army in Somalia, Shaykh Abdiaziz Abu Muscab, claimed victory in the fights on 2 December 2010, stressing that they had “killed AU soldiers and burnt out battle wagons”
- The spokesman confirmed that fighting in Mogadishu came after Al-Shabab fighters attacked bases of Amisom at Warshadaha road and tried to re-open this road by force.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 3 December 2010)

- AMISOM [African Union's Mission in Somalia] troops, based in Jalle Siyad Academy have temporarily closed Warshadaha road to traffic as their troops clashed with those of Al-Shabab.

- The sporadic fighting broke out after forces loyal to the Al-Shabab Movement attacked AMISOM troops in Warshada road and particularly in the areas near Jalle Siyad Academy where they were conducting a cleaning exercise.
- So far, one person is known to have been killed in the fighting between AMISOM troops and the Al-Shabab Movement in Warshadaha road whereas five others were wounded, all of them civilians.

DECEMBER 2, 2010

(Source: Garoweonline.com in English 2 December 2010)

- At least 35 people were killed Thursday [2 December 2010] as violence continued in the Somali capital Mogadishu, with reports indicating two insurgent factions fought each other in Bay Region, northwest of Mogadishu, Radio Garowe reports.
- Many of those dead were civilians in Mogadishu's Bondheere, Shibis, Hodan and Daynile districts, according to witnesses and medical workers.
- Amisom commander Col Micheal Ondoga, said: "the operations to extend our area of control have been successful."
- Somali insurgent groups Al-Shabab and Hisb al-Islam, who are responsible for the anti-government violence in Mogadishu, fought each other over control of a small town for the second straight day.

(Source: Garoweonline.com in English 2 December 2010)

- The spokesman for Somali insurgent group Al-Shabab, Ali Mahmud Rage (alias Ali Dheere), accused Somaliland's government of planning open what he referred to as, "non-Muslim schools".
- "The government of Somaliland agreed a framework of establishing new Christian schools in many parts in their region. I am urging the leaders to shut down this process of teaching Christianity and democracy which supports gays," Ali Dheere was quoted as saying at a public gathering in Mogadishu.
- The Al-Shabab insurgent spokesman said several pastors arrived in Somaliland region and their work is against Islamic religion, he added.
- Ali Dheere also accused the top Islamic leaders of Somaliland for being silent about those issues, while he appealed to the residents to stand up and fight for their religion.

DECEMBER 1, 2010

(Source: Radio Simba website, Mogadishu, in Somali 1 December 2010)

- Al-Shabab Islamic administration in Baardheere District of Gedo Region, southwestern Somalia, has imposed night curfew in the district.
- Al-Shabab forces restricted movements of people in the district

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 1 December 2010)

- The Somali government has said it is preparing plans to take over all the regions in the country.
- The minister of internal affairs and national security, Abdishakur Shaykh Hasan, who addressed the media in Mogadishu, spoke about the priority plans of his ministry.
- He asserted that his ministry will first fight corruption followed by pacifying the capital. He also said the ministry has plans to expand the government administration to all parts of the country.

NOVEMEBR 29, 2010

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 29 November 2010)

- Traditional elders from Gedo Region accused Hisb al-Islam forces of launching attacks in parts of the region where civilians reside.

- Ahmad Muhammad Usman, who is among traditional elders in Gedo Region, has said forces from Hisb al-Islam administration in Luuq launched an unprovoked attack in a number of civilian settlements near Doolow District. The elder said Hisb al-Islam forces killed two civilians and wounded three others
- The attack on civilians in the region by Hisb al-Islam forces comes at a time when there are ongoing hostilities between the TFG forces and those of Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a on one side and the Movement for the Al-Shabab Mujahidin on the other in Gedo Region.

(Source: Garoweonline.com in English 29 November 2010)

- Mr. Mahmud Abdi Huto, the editor of Waaheen newspaper in Hargeisa, capital of Somaliland, was detained by police and taken to the CID custody in Hargeisa, local journalists said.
- Somaliland officials have not publicly commented on Mr. Huto's arrest, but he has spent the past two nights in jail, according to Garoowe Online correspondent in Hargeysa, Mr. Muhammad Jamal.

(Source: Garoweonline.com in English 27 November 2010)

- Hundreds of Somali women are recruited and trained in the southern port city of Kismaayo by the Al-Shabab, a Somali insurgent faction embracing a radical form of Islam similar to the harsh, conservative brand practised by Afghanistan's Taliban regime, Radio Garowe Reports.
- Garowe Online received reports that indicate the trainers, which were approximately 150 soldiers, were marching in Kismaayo on Saturday [27 November]
- "The recruiters were teenagers who needed more training, so that they participate in fighting against our enemies [Amisom] because every Muslim must join the jihad [holy war]," said Al-Shabab leader in Kismaayo, Shaykh Hasan Yaqub.
- Al-Shabab has increased its territorial control in much of central and southern Somalia and is stepping up recruitment of foreign jihadists.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 27 November 2010)

- The governor of Banaadir Region, Muhammad Ahmad Nur alias Tarzan, held a news conference in Mogadishu in which he said he was disappointed by the accusations made against aid agencies operating in the region by one of the officials in his administration.
- The governor of Banaadir Region who is also the mayor of Mogadishu apologized for the statement made yesterday by one of the administration's officials
- The governor said the sentiments expressed by Abdikafi were personal and not shared by Banaadir Regional Administration