

## **SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT**

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*(Source: Al-Jazeera TV, Doha, in Arabic 0540 GMT, 8 May 2011)*

- In Somalia, Ali Mahmud Rage, a spokesman for the Mujahidin Youth Movement, has said that Usamah Bin-Ladin was martyred on the path that he chose for himself and that jihad in the service of God will continue and will not end by his death. During a press conference in Mogadishu, Rage called on those who he described as the world's mujahidin to abide by the path of jihad, as he put it.
- "The Muslim Youth Movement was established to defend Islamic sanctities and the honour of Muslims living under oppression anywhere in the world; it will continue this work. Shaykh Usama was martyred on the path that he chose. We vow that the blood of our leaders will not have been spilled in vain and will definitely be avenged. We also promise Muslims that our battle against the crusader forces and the traitor government in Somalia will continue. "

### **5 MAY 2011**

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 5 May 2011)*

- The Somali police headquarters alleged that the Al-Shabab mujahidin movement is the main problem facing the Somali people. The spokesman of Somali police force, Col Abdullahi Hasan Barise, who addressed the media in Mogadishu, said peace is the most precious thing, adding that it is beneficial to the Somali people.
- The spokesman accused Al-Shabab of being behind the instability in the country. He alleged that the Somali people are very weak and cannot bear with suffering subjected to them by Al-Shabab, since they had already been weakened by prolonged droughts and other problems.
- He also said Al-Shabab is blocking aid from reaching the vulnerable civilians, adding that the group is the main obstacle to the lives of the Somali people

### **4 MAY 2011**

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 4 May 2011)*

- Al-Shabab fighters shot dead two youth they had accused of spying in Baydhabo, the provincial capital of Bay Region, southwestern Somalia.
- The two were executed by firing at Dr Ayub soccer stadium after they were accused of spying for the neighbouring countries.

### **3 MAY 2011**

*(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 3 May 2011)*

- Shaykh Hasan Dahir Aweys, a senior Al-Shabab official, has said the death of Shaykh Usamah Bin-Ladin will not affect the jihad [crusade] being undertaken by Al-Qa'idah and Al-Shabab Islamic Movement.
- Aweys said the war against Western countries would not end despite the killing of Usamah Bin-Ladin. He said despite learning the news of Shaykh Usamah Bin-Ladin's death, his group and Al-Qa'idah would not stop the war against the West.
- Shaykh Hasan Aweys urged Al-Shabab and Al-Qa'idah not to be disappointed with the killing of Shaykh Usamah and encouraged them to step up attacks against the West. This is the first time an Al-Shabab official has spoken about the death of Shaykh Usamah Bin-Ladin.

*(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 3 May 2011)*

- Senior Al-shabab official Shaykh Hasan Dahir Aweys alleged that the death of Shaykh Osama Bin Laden will not affect the Holy Jihad carried by Alqa'idah and Al-shabab Islamic Movement.
- A senior official of Al-shabab Islamic Movement Shaykh Hasan Dahir Aweys has announced war against western countries will not end even if Osama Bin Laden is killed. The Islamist official has said though his group heard about the death of Shaykh Bin Laden Al-shabab and Alqa'idah will not stop the fight.
- Shaykh Hasan Dahir Aweys has described Shaykh Osama Bin Laden as a brave Muslim leader who was martyred while engaged in fierce gun battle against the West and infidels. He further stated that the Shaykh has gone on the same way of previous people adding that even prophets were killed by disbelievers. Shaykh Aweys has called Al-Shabab and Al-Qa'idah to not be disappointed about this killing and encouraged them to step up attacks against the west.