

SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT
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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 5 June 2011)

- Shelling which took place in the Mogadishu districts of Yaaqshid, Huriwaa and Karaan resulted in heavy losses of life and in injury among civilians who were in the areas where the mortars landed.
- Eight people were killed in mortars which landed in residential areas in Karaan District wounding many more. Some of the other areas where the mortars hit include the neighborhoods of Jungal, Siisi, Fagah where up to four people were killed and six others wounded.
- Some of the mortars are also said to have landed in neighborhood of Suuqa Xolaha where an unspecified number of people have been killed and others wounded.

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

- The Speaker of parliament, Sharif Hasan Shaykh Adan, addressed the dispute between top Somali government officials. The Speaker said that it is not possible to hold parliamentary elections in the country. He said that the process of selecting current members of parliament in Kenya took a long period.
- He urged the delegates attending the conference in Uganda and the international community to respect the laws of the country as well as the changes being pursued by the Somali people, as he put it.

(Source: Radio Shabeelle, Mogadishu in Somali 0500 GMT, 3 June 2011)

- Kenyan security forces are conducting security operations in Mandera after a vehicle belonging to Kenyan security forces was targeted by a bomb explosion last night. Reportage by Muhammad Ali Roraye.
- [Reporter] Reports received by Radio Shabeelle say Kenyan security forces are conducting security operations in Mandera town after their colleagues were targeted by an explosive last night. It is unclear whether the Kenyan forces have arrested suspects in connection with the attack. However, the operation has affected the residents of Mandera town. Four Kenyan security forces were killed and five others wounded in the attack. The wounded soldiers were rushed to a hospital in Nairobi. The governor of Gedo Region [bordering Kenya], Muhammad Abdi Kalil, who spoke to Radio Shabeelle, said Al-Shabab was behind the attack, adding that the explosion only caused injuries.
- [Governor] The explosion indeed happened. As you aware, Mandera and Buulo Xaawo [in Somalia] are almost attacked. The explosion occurred after the sunset prayers. It is the terrorist group which was behind the attack. The explosion targeted a vehicle belonging to Kenyan forces. The casualties resulting from the attack are very minimal and we haven't received any report of deaths. We have only heard of the injury of several soldiers. The attack is part of the explosions which the group is carrying out around the world or in this part of the world. Those behind the incident will be identified but we are pretty sure that it is the terrorists who are behind it.
- [Governor] Terrorists are these men who call themselves Al-Shabab, which is made up of people from different races. It is made up of foreigners as well as Somalis.

1 JUNE 2011

(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 1 June 2011)

- South African gunmen "armed with pistols have shot dead" a Somali journalist in Johannesburg. The reporter, who was identified as Zaki and works for Somalia's Horn Cable TV, was "on duty when the gunmen opened fire at his car while in Johannesburg". The gunmen reportedly wanted to "rob his car".
- An eye-witness told the media that the gunmen immediately "escaped after shooting the journalist and police are now investigating the incident", added the source.
- Somali journalists were disappointed with the killing and called on the government of South Africa to bring to justice those behind the killing.

31 MAY 2011

(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 31 May 2011)

- The Somali militant group, Al-Shabab threatened to launch "coordinated suicide attacks" against bases of Transitional Federal Government forces [TFG] and AU peacekeepers in Mogadishu, reports privately-owned Radio Gaalkacyo on 31 May.
- The spokesman of Al-Shabab Islamic Movement, Shaykh Ali Muhamud Rage aka Shaykh Ali Dheere, has told the pro-Al-Shabab radio stations in Mogadishu that his fighters have been "mobilized to launch suicide coordinated attacks against government bases and AU peacekeepers in Mogadishu", saying that they have "completely changed their fighting tactics", added the source.
- Shaykh Ali Dheere has further stated that his group will "step up fighting" and will not despair of recapturing areas from government forces.
- Meanwhile, Al-Shabab has "claimed responsibility" for yesterday's land mine explosion against an army base in Mogadishu's Dharkenleey District in which six soldiers were wounded.

29 MAY 2011

(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 29 May 2011)

- The spokesman of Somalia's Al-Shabab militant group, Shaykh Ali Muhammad Raage aka Ali Dheere, claimed that his group "has killed 400 soldiers" from the Transitional Federal Government [TFG] of Somalia and Amisom [African Union's Mission in Somalia peacekeepers] since February in Mogadishu fighting, privately-owned Radio Gaalkacyo reported.
- Speaking to an Islamist Radio in Mogadishu, Shaykh Ali Dheere, further "admitted that the government forces have seized areas" in Mogadishu's Hodan, Hawl-wadaag, Wardhiigley neighborhoods and other districts.
- Shaykh Ali Dheere, "pledged that his fighters will launch coordinated attacks" against government forces and called on his fighters "not to be disappointed" and to be ready to continue the holy jihad.