

## **SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT**

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*(Source: Daily Nation website, Nairobi, in English 11 April 2011)*

- Police Commissioner Mathew Iteere warned that the dozens of Kenyan youths being recruited by Al-Shabab militants pose a serious security threat to the country.
- Mr Iteere alleged that “Kenyan youths were being lured by cash tokens to join terrorist groups”. He noted that police officers were on high alert, especially on the porous 800km Kenya-Somali border, to curb the illegal recruitment.
- "We are aware that some youth have joined the group. It a dangerous trend for our country and parents should take the initiative of instilling patriotism in their children," he said.
- "In addition to the 24 patrol boats, the three newly-acquired boats will scale up operations on the coastline," Mr Iteere told reporters.

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*(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 10 April 2011)*

- The Transitional Federal Government of Somalia called on the regional administration not to attend consultation conference in Nairobi, Kenya
- Transitional Federal Government of Somalia warned regional administrations of the country against attending the Consultation Conference over the situation in Somalia, which is due to be opened in Nairobi, Kenya, in the coming few days.

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*(Source: Garoweonline.com in English 7 April 2011)*

- Puntland security forces arrested the alleged murders that killed the senior staff of Puntland Development Research Centre (PDRC), Muhammad Yasin Ise on 6th April
- Puntland Security officer told Garoowe Online that more than 200 police will continue operations to hunt the killers of Muhamed Yasin Ise and his bodyguards.
- Demonstrations in opposition to the conference being organized by the United Nations special envoy to Somalia, Augustine Mahiga, were staged in Mogadishu. The demonstrations attended by large number of people were staged in all Mogadishu districts under the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia's [TFG] control. Taking part in these demonstrations were Somali traditional elders, women groups, nationalists and youth groups.

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*(Source: The New Vision website, Kampala, in English 6 April 2011)*

- The police have issued a fresh terror alert, warning that the Somali-based Al-Shabab militants are planning another attack on Uganda.
- Last year, the Islamic militants planted bombs, which killed over 75 in Kampala.

- The inspector general of police, Maj-Gen Kale Kayihura, said that security agencies have since heightened surveillance to thwart the new plan. He asked the public not to panic.
- "The public should be aware of this threat and join the police and other security agencies in the fight against terror. We must use the basic security arrangements and precautionary measures," he said in a statement yesterday. Accordingly, the police have issued fresh measures that they argue, will deter the terrorists' intentions. Among them is access control whereby people getting into buildings have to be thoroughly checked using metal detectors.

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

- The Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] expressed concerns over the move in which the Al-Shabab Movement cut off some districts in Gedo Region [southwestern Somalia].
- The TFG assistant minister of defense, Abdirashid Muhammad Hidig, told Shabeelle the government is concerned about the move in which Al-Shabab Movement cut off some districts in Gedo Region. Abdirashid said Al-Shabab forces have particularly cut off the town of Buulo Xaawo, Ceel Waaq and Luuq where TFG forces are currently based in.

*(Source: Somali Puntlandpost website in Somali 5 April 2011)*

- A Mogadishu-based umbrella for Somali regional scholars opposed the planned UN conference to bring together all Somali administrations in the country and said that there are no legal bases for attending such a conference.
- We are asking the world and Mahiga to respect us in making decision for our country by letting us resolve our own differences, said Shaykh Dhi'isow who added that senior Somali officials should not attend this conference.

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

- Al-Shabab fighters arrested women accused of committing crimes that are contrary to the teachings of the Islamic shari'ah in the town of Baraawe, Lower Shabelle
- Reports say those arrested were hosting a religious feast which has been previously banned by the Al-Shabab administration in Baraawe.