

SOMALIA DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT
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- Somali MP, Salad Ali Jelle, warned aid agencies against coming to Al-Shabab-controlled areas to distribute humanitarian aid, saying Al-Shabab leadership had not yet agreed on the recent statement aired by the spokesman of the group Shaykh Ali Mahmud Rage, aka Ali Dhere.
- Speaking to Radio Voice of Mudug, the MP also said that a rift had erupted between top officials of Al-Shabab over the permission to aid agencies to resumes their humanitarian operations in areas under its control. He said that aid agencies should examine the security on ground before they arrive in those areas, added their added the radio

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 10 July 2011)

- Some members of the Federal Somali Parliament have said that they will not approve of the Kampala agreement between top government officials.
- A parliament session in which the MPs debated the Kampala agreement between top Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] turned chaotic as some of the legislators dismissed the agreement as illegal.
- Majority of the MPs have opposed the Kampala agreement between top TFG officials which has already been partially implemented. The resignation of the former TFG Prime Minister, Muhammad Abdullahi Farmajo was part of the agreement.

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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 09 July 2011)

- The Al-Shabab Administration in Jubba Regions [southern Somalia] is said to have blocked civilians fleeing from the drought in Kismaayo [also in Lower Jubba] and from heading to refugee camps in Kenya.
- Reports from Kismaayo indicate that the Al-Shabab Administration in Lower Jubba blocked civilians fleeing from the severe drought that hit the region and were heading to refugee camps in Kenya.
- Al-Shabab Administration in Lower Shabelle blocked a number of vehicles transporting civilians affected by drought headed to Mogadishu.

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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 8 July 2011)

- The former leader of Hisb al-Islam, Shaykh Hasan Dahir Aweys, who is now an official of Al-Shabab, alleged that Arab nations have ignored the Somali people suffering due to the biting drought.
- Aweys appealed for assistance to the drought victims after touring areas controlled by Al-Shabab in Mogadishu where the people displaced by drought from other regions sought refuge.
- He alleged that Arab nations have ignored the Somali people who are facing the worst humanitarian crisis, and said that the reason for their attitudes include small differences between Al-Shabab and Arab nations.

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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 6 July 2011)

- Hawiye clan elders have welcomed Al-Shabab's announcement that it had lifted the ban on aid agencies.
- The spokesman of clan elders, Ahmad Diriye Ali, told Radio Shabeelle that they "welcome the decision taken by Al-Shabab", which had earlier banned aid agencies from operating in areas under its control. He said that "the ban increased the need for humanitarian aid in the country especially in regions controlled by the group" due to the biting drought.
- The spokesman urged aid organizations to help "the impoverished people living in areas under the control of the Somali government".

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 06 July 2011)

- Some Al-Shabab fighters have blocked families fleeing from their homes due to the severe drought and were headed to Mogadishu.
- Al-Shabab forces in Afgooye District, Lower Shabelle [southern Somalia] have blocked two Lorries carrying families fleeing from drought in Bay and Bakool Regions [south western Somalia]. These families were going to join other displaced people who have been arriving in Mogadishu in recent past.