

**SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT**  
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**STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCE**

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 10 October 2010)*

- Fighters of the Mujahidin Movement of Al-Shabab who control Balad Xaawo District in Gedo region have arrested the director of Mandeeq radio, Mahmud Halane Hasan.
- “Many reporters who used to operate at the town have left the town due to oppression of the media in the region.”

**OCTOBER 9, 2010**

**STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES**

*(Source: Walta Information Centre website, Addis Ababa, in English 9 October 2010)*

- Foreign ministers of the 15 member states of the African Union (AU) Commission Peace and Security Council (PSC) are to gather on 15 October 2010 in Addis Ababa to discuss the African Union Mission In Somalia (Amisom), APA reported on Thursday.
- The ministers are expected to discuss Amisom's mandate, which is currently restricted to “defending itself while making its peace making efforts in Somalia, which remains without a central government for the past 20 years.”
- “Currently, around 5,500 Ugandan and Burundian peacekeeping troops are in Somalia supporting the TFG of Somalia in stabilizing the country.”

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 9 October 2010)*

- The Al-Shabab mujahidin movement rejected a recent call “for dialogue” proposed to it by the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] and the international community.
- Shaykh Mukhtar Robow aka Abu Mansur, a senior official of Al-Shabab, who spoke in one mosques in Bakaaraha market in Mogadishu on Friday, said that “they will not hold any talks with the TFG but will instead continue fighting it.”
- He said that the TFG has wrongfully been reporting a rift within Al-Shabab officials, but is doing so only “in order to conceal its internal wrangle.”
- He urged the government forces to “repent to God and surrender to Al-Shabab”.

**OCTOBER 8, 2010**

**STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCE**

*(Source: Somali Puntlandpost website in Somali 8 October 2010)*

- Members of the Federal Somali Parliament accused the ministry of humanitarian affairs and aid agencies of “failing to assist residents of Mogadishu who have been displaced by the ongoing fighting in the capital and are now in parts of the capital which are more peaceful.”
- “Both the aid agencies and the government have failed to provide assistance to residents of Mogadishu who have been displaced by the ongoing fighting. I would like to ask the committee for aid agencies and the government to bring forth details of their humanitarian operations,” said Dhubow.
- The MP who refrained from naming any particular aid agency accused these organizations of “embezzling the assistance meant for displaced people and said as MPs they have cautioned them over it.”

**OCTOBER 7, 2010**

**STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCE**

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 7 October 2010)*

- Al-Shabab officials and fighters in Beled Weyne town, central Somalia, "left" the town overnight following the arrival of "a large number" of Ethiopian troops in some parts of Hiiraan Region, Shabeelle website reported on 7 October.
- According to the website, "a small number of Al-Shabab fighters" were seen in some neighborhoods in the town this morning, while Ethiopian and government forces have been "mobilizing" themselves in Kalabayr locality, a few miles from Beled Weyne.
- A resident of Beled Weyne said that "the locals were in panic", following reports that the Ethiopian troops had crossed the border into Somalia.

**OCTOBER 6, 2010**

**STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCE**

*(Source: Garoweonline.com in English 6 October 2010)*

- Two Somali Islamist leaders have held a "secret meeting in Mogadishu" to discuss ways of setting up a new Islamist group, reports independent Garoweonline website.
- The two leaders, Al-Shabab's second in command Mukhtar Robow Abu-Mansur and Hisb al-Islam's chairman Hasan Dahir Aweys "discussed ways of setting up a new insurgent group".
- A Hisb al-Islam official who sought anonymity said "a new group which will be called Al-Islamiyah, comprising of splinter groups of Al-Shabab and Hisb al-Islam, will take over southern Somalia where Al-Shabab controls".

**OCTOBER 4, 2010**

**STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCE**

*(Source: Holy Koran Radio, Mogadishu, in Somali 1530 GMT, 4 October 2010)*

- Al-Shabab Islamic administration reportedly amputated the right hand and left foot of a man who was accused of "being a highway bandit in Buulo Berde District of Hiiraan Region", central Somalia, correspondent Salah Nabhan reported.
- [Salah] The amputation sentence came after Al-Shabab Islamic administration forces arrested the man on the road in Buulo Berde as he was robbing passengers travelling on a mini bus in the district. He took several valuables from the passengers including mobile phones. Many people gathered at the square where the amputation sentence was taking place.

**OCTOBER 3, 2010**

**STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES**

*(Source: Radio Mogadishu, in Somali 1600 GMT, 3 October 2010)*

- In a statement, WHO declared that "the recent fighting caused poor health conditions for more displaced people on Mogadishu outskirts and Banaadir Region". It also lamented the "shortage of medical staff to treat diseases affecting patients in the country".

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

- AMISOM [African Union's Mission in Somalia] troops "carried out indiscriminate shelling in Bakaaraha market in Mogadishu which has resulted in the loss of life and injury."
- "AMISOM troops today shelled various parts of Mogadishu and particularly the Bakaaraha market resulting in heavy losses. The mortar attack comes at a time when there is no ongoing fighting in the capital. The shelling by AMISOM troops soon turned to an exchange

of mortars with armed opposition groups and resulted in heavy civilian losses as they landed in residential areas while some civilians got caught up in major roads.”

- “Nine people have been confirmed dead in today's shelling and 30 others wounded as confirmed to us by drivers of public transport vehicles who evacuated the wounded and took them to Banaadir hospital. Two other people were killed and 21 others wounded in a separate incident after a stray mortar landed on a public transport vehicle on its way from Bakaaraha market as it was passing in the area near Jaale Siyad Police Academy. “