

**SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT**  
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**DECEMBER 13, 2010**

*(Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 1130 GMT, 13 December 2010)*

- Troops led by MP Muhammad Ahmad Furah have closed Mogadishu's port.
- The troops forced dozens of porters and other manual workers in the port to get out before it was closed down.
- The reason behind the closure remains unclear but sources say that internal conflict within the administration of the port has led it to be shut down.

**DECEMBER 12, 2010**

*(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 12 December 2010)*

- Defence Minister of Transitional Federal Government, Abdihakim Haji Mahmud, has said the government has plans to end the fighting in Mogadishu.
- The minister of defense, Abdihakim Haji Mahmud aka Fiqi, confirmed that the government had completed plans to oust insurgent groups from Mogadishu and elsewhere in the country.
- Meanwhile, the minister said that the government would first extend peace appeal to the insurgents adding that reconciliation and dialogue would be the first priority of the government before making any other move.

*(Source: Garoweonline.com in English 12 December 2010)*

- At least 15 people were killed over the weekend in the Somali capital Mogadishu, as fighting continued between Somali government forces backed by African Union peacekeepers and Al-Qa'idah-affiliated Al-Shabab insurgents, Radio Garowe reports.
- The sectors in the city where these clashes are taking place are Hodan and partly of Howlwadag districts.

**DECEMBER 11, 2010**

*(Source: Somali Puntlandpost website in Somali 11 December 2010)*

- Civil society groups issued a statement in Mogadishu in which they called upon the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG], Amisom [African Union's Mission in Somalia] troops and armed opposition groups to stop the fighting and allow humanitarian aid to reach the civilians.
- In their statement, civil society groups urged the TFG and Amisom troops to stop the shelling of Mogadishu neighborhoods and to instead seek to start dialogue with opposition groups.
- Two million Somalis, both inside Somalia and outside, are said to be in dire need of humanitarian assistance and often face human right violations.

**DECEMBER 10, 2010**

*(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 10 December 2010)*

- Somalia's Puntland authorities denied UN claims they had recently deported 10 people back to their homes in southern regions after seizing them in a security operation in Bossaso port town.
- Puntland Information Minister Abdihakim Ahmad Guled, who held a news conference in Garowe, the capital of Puntland, said that these reports from UN officials that the government deported people from Puntland to southern Somalia.

- The minister further stated that security forces have arrested many people who are suspected to be involved in destabilizing the region and are now held in the central jails. He added that they will be investigated and if they are found guilty they will be convicted.
- The minister blamed human rights organizations in the region as those responsible for the misinformation and propaganda against Puntland.

#### **DECEMBER 8, 2010**

*(Source: Radio Simba website, Mogadishu, in Somali 8 December 2010)*

- Kenyan security forces arrested Somali nationals at the border with Somalia.
- The security forces seized 26 Somalis and are in custody. The arrested people, who crossed from the Somali border town of Buulo Xaawo, were busy with their daily activities at Kenya border town of Mandera by the time of their arrest.
- “There is ongoing operation in Nairobi in which the Kenyan police are arresting Somali nationals.”

#### **DECEMBER 7, 2010**

*(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 7 December 2010)*

- A meeting between officials from UN political office for Somalia and Puntland government was held in Garoowe, the capital of Puntland.
- The meeting discussed how the constitution of Puntland and that of the Transitional Federal Government [TFG] could match. The two sides discussed issues pertaining to TFG's constitution and welcomed the one new of Puntland.
- Puntland officials said the region's constitution was approved by the parliament but it has not been endorsed through referendum.
- The move comes after Puntland minister of constitution and federal affairs said the TFG must implement several key issues that include federalism which is enshrined in the constitution.

*(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 7 December 2010)*

- Somali government forces arrested 25 people suspected of having links with Islamist groups fighting them and those of AU peacekeepers in Mogadishu following major security operations in Mogadishu's Waberi District.
- This is not the first time that government forces have conducted such operations in the area.
- The move comes at a time when mobilization of fresh fighting by government forces and Islamists continues in some parts of Mogadishu.

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

- The commander of AMISOM [African Union's Mission in Somalia] troops confirmed that they will “oust the Movement for the Al-Shabab Mujahidin and those of Hisb al-Islam from Mogadishu”
- The spokesman for AMISOM troops, Barigye Bahuko, in an interview with Shabeelle said their forces would continue with fighting until armed groups that are opposed to the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] accept peace.
- Mr. Bahuko said the ongoing fighting in northern districts of Mogadishu is a heavy one and that the youth brought in from southern Somali Regions which are controlled by armed opposition groups have sustained heavy losses in these fighting.

*(Source: Radio Simba, Mogadishu, in Somali 7 December 2010)*

- “Residents of southern Gaalkacyo in central Somalia took to the streets protesting against the recent fighting that broke out in the outskirts of the town. The fighting caused deaths and injuries.”

- The demonstration was organized by elders in southern Gaalkacyo which is under Galmudug regional administration. The protesters arrived at an office in which a meeting chaired by the president of Galmudug regional administration, Muhammad Ahmad Alim, has been taking place.
- The rally criticized Galmudug administration for failing to preserve security in the region.