

SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT

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(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 12 June 2011)

- At least five people have been killed by a land mine "laid by Somalia's Al-Shabab to avenge the killing of Al-Qa'idah operative Fazul Abdullah", privately-owned Radio Gaalkacyo reported on 12 June.
- The report said the Somali group carried out the "heavy" explosion at a Mogadishu checkpoint - the Ex-Control.
- According to the source, the bombing which was "heard in a large area" was meant to avenge the killing of Fazul, who was gunned down by government troops on 8 June.
- A senior army official has told the media that this bombing will "not stop them from their anti-Al-Qa'idah operations in Somalia," added the source.

(Source: Garoweonline.com in English 12 June 2011)

- AMISOM has threatened that they will capture the remaining areas of [Mogadishu's] Bakaaraha Market Radio Garowe Reports: "We are now moving toward Bakaaraha, we want to liberate Bakaaraha" AMISOM spokesman Mr. Paddy Ankunda said in an interview with the Radio Garowe.
- Major Pandy Ankunda also confirmed that Al-Shabab fired mortars to the AMISOM bases, which caused AMISOM to respond with mortar shells to the area near the Bakaaraha Market.

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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 11 June 2011)

- Demonstrators who are angry over reports of Prime Minister Farmajo's impending resignation set Madina hotel in Mogadishu ablaze where some Members of the Federal Somali Parliament reside forcing them to flee from the hotel on foot. Some of the MPs spoke to Shabelle about what actually transpired.
- Hasan Ali Abdi who was among the MPs at the hotel at the time of the attack alleged that angry demonstrators led by a group of government soldiers stormed the hotel and looted it. The MP blamed the TFG for the attack on the hotel.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 11 June 2011)

- The Al-Shabab Movement has arrested traditional elders, and has accused them of working with Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] commanders in various regions.
- Resident of Xuddur, Bakool Region, confirmed to Shabelle that a number of traditional elders were arrested by Al-Shabab forces in the town. At the time of the arrest, the traditional elders were meeting in the town

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

- The Deputy Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Humanitarian Aid, Osman Adan Dhubow, accused the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] of embezzling funds donated by MPs and were meant to assist displaced people in Banaadir Region. Somali MPs had donated parts of their salary to a fund that was meant to assist displaced people in the capital.
- The MP said the officials of the TFG Ministry of Internal Affairs and those of government appointed committee on humanitarian aid have embezzled a total of 51,300 US dollars meant to be used in assisting displaced people in the capital. He said these officials spent the funds without consulting parliament and as they are now demanding for an explanation of how they have been spent.
- The deputy chairman also gave details of a visit to displaced camps in the Mogadishu and particularly the one in Waberi and the 21st October. The MP said many of the civilian in these camps live in very harsh conditions and are in dire need of humanitarian assistance. He accused the TFG of being too slow in responding to the plight of displaced Somali civilians.

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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 7 June 2011)

- Al-Shabab fighters arrested a number of women for ululating at a wedding in Mareray District, southern Somalia.
- Eyewitnesses confirmed to Radio Shabeelle that Al-Shabab militants have arrested 15 women for ululating at a wedding party.
- Al-Shabab fighters have also arrested 10 youth for playing soccer at displaced peoples' camp in Lafole locality in the outskirts of Mogadishu.