

## **SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT**

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### **12 FEBRUARY 2011**

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 12 February 2011)*

- Al-Shabab administration in Lower Shabelle Region, southern Somalia issued a number of decrees against the schools in the region.
- The chairman of Al-Shabab administration in the region, Shaykh Muhammad Abu Abdullah, who has been lately visiting schools in the region, banned putting together boys and girls in one class. He also ordered schools in the region to release students 10 before noon [so that they perform the noon prayer] and that the importance of Jihad should be taught in schools, as he put it.

### **11 FEBRUARY 2011**

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

- The prime minister of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia, Muhammad Abdullahi Muhammad aka Farmajo urged government forces not to harass civilians.
- In a speech to the force, he urged the different arms of the government forces to protect and help civilians.
- Government forces are regularly accused of subjecting civilians living in areas control by government to various kinds of harassment. They are accused of killing and robbing civilians.

### **10 FEBRUARY 2011**

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

- More than 16 people were wounded in a grenade attack on civilian area. Those responsible for the attack are not yet known. Up to 20 individuals have been wounded in a grenade attack in an area where civilian gather in the neighbourhood of Buulo Xuubey, Wadajir District, Mogadishu, and those responsible for it are not yet known.

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

- Excerpt from Somali Shabeelle Media Network website on 10 February confirmed that Islamic clerics of Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a group have banned activities of Shabeelle Media Network reporters in areas under their control, after Shabeelle Radio aired reports against Ahlu Sunna group.
- The spokesman of Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a's in central regions, Shaykh Abdirisak Muhammad Ash'ari told the media that leaders of the group were not happy with reports aired by the station.

### **9 FEBRUARY 2011**

*(Source: Somali Puntlandpost website in Somali, 9 February 2011)*

- Demonstrations in opposition to the presence of Somaliland forces were held in Laas Caanood, Sool Region. The demonstrations were in opposition to the presence of Somaliland forces and recent troubles in Sool Region and the town of Buuhoodle in Togdheer Region.
- Hundreds of demonstrators among them women and children burnt tyres in Laas Caanood today causing widespread disruption in the town and challenged Somaliland forces there.

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 9 February 2011)*

- The Transitional Federal Government of Somalia's [TFG] ministry of internal affairs confirmed that "the government plans to capture Mogadishu from Al-Shabab in the coming days."

- TFG's deputy minister for internal affairs, Ibrahim Isaq Yarow, spoke to the media in Mogadishu today and said that the government is planning to take control of Mogadishu and other parts of the country controlled by Al-Shabab group.

#### **8 FEBRUARY 2011**

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

- The United Nations has asked the Kenyan government not to deport Somali refugees seeking asylum in the country given that the very conflict they were fleeing from is still ongoing in the country.
- Valerie Amos who is the UN under-secretary-general for humanitarian affairs and emergency relief coordinator has said the deportation of Somali refugees back to their country was quite unfortunate and expressed her disappointment with the Kenyan government which recently deported Somali youth back to their country.
- "We will continue supporting Kenya with issues of Somali refugees and it should stop deporting those seeking safety in their country," said Valerie Amos.

#### **6 FEBRUARY 2011**

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

- The administration of Al-Shabab Islamic Movement in Wanla Weyne District of Lower Shabeelle Region [southern Somalia] arrested more than one hundred people accused of being members of Takfir Islamic sect.
- Reports from Wanla Weyne say the number of those arrested in Al-Shabab operation yesterday is over 150, most of them clerics of Takfir sect.