

SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT
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(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 15 November 2010)

- Somalia's foreign minister and deputy prime minister, Muhammad Abdullahi Omar, has accused Al-Shabab and Hisb al-Islam of being a threat to the security of the Horn of Africa.
- He accused Al-Shabab Islamic Movement and Hisb al-Islam of being a threat to the security and peace of Somalia and called on the international community for assistance to restore law and order in the country.
- Speaking to the media in Mogadishu, the foreign minister explained that the two Islamist groups were not willing to have a dialogue with the government to end the prolonged instability of the country.
- This comes at a time when Islamist groups have threatened to step up attacks against Transitional Federal Government and AU peacekeepers in Somalia.

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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 13 November 2010)

- A powerful explosion occurred at the Afar Irdood police station in Mogadishu's Hamar Weyne District around mid morning today and police officers there opened fire after the blast.
- Eye witnesses confirmed that the explosions were caused by hand grenades that were hurled at the station by unidentified gunmen. The officers at the station then fired shots.
- The gunmen fled from the scene.
- Losses sustained in the attack are not yet clear.
- There has been an increase in the number of grenade attacks targeting government forces in few districts in the capital that are under the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] control.
- These grenade attacks have caused multiple losses.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 13 November 2010)

- The leader of Hisb al-Islam, Shaykh Hasan Dahir Aweys, called upon armed groups fighting the government to redouble their efforts against the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] forces and Amisom [African Union's Mission in Somalia] troops in Mogadishu.
- The Hisb al-Islam chairman, Shaykh Hasan Dahir Aweys, while addressing a congregation at the Abu Hureyra mosque in Mogadishu's Bakaaraha market, shortly after Friday prayers, called upon all groups that are opposed to the government to redouble their efforts in fighting the TFG this month.
- Shaykh Aweys said his forces are ready to set up attacks against TFG and Amisom forces.
- The Hisb al-Islam leader also accused Amisom and TFG troops of being in the capital for the sole reason of massacring civilians with mortars.

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

- The chairman of Hisb al-Islam, Shaykh Hasan Dahir Aweys, threatened that his group will step up attacks against Transitional Federal Government and AU peacekeepers
- The chairman of Hisb al-Islam accused AMISOM of massacring innocent Somali people and threatened that his group would step up attacks against the Transitional Federal Government and AU Peacekeepers. Speaking to hundreds of his supporters at a mosque in Mogadishu after Friday prayers, the chairman urged young Somali men and women to take part in the holy war.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 11 November 2010)

- Memberd of the Federal Somali Parliament and ministers in the former Prime Minister Umar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke's Administration called for an immediate end to the renewed hostilities in Galguduud Region.
- MPs, ministers in the previous administration and traditional elders that hail from clans that recently fought in Galguduud Region have today held a meeting in Mogadishu in which they asked the warring sides to stop.

(Source: Radio Simba website, Mogadishu, in Somali 0000 GMT, 11 November 2010)

- The mayor of Boosaaso, Mahmud Farah Beldajo, has issued a decree in which he has imposed restrictions on two Somali TV stations, Universal TV and Horn Cable TV that operate in the town.
- The mayor accused the two TV stations of airing falsehood reports on Puntland region.
- According to the decree, the offices of the two stations, Universal TV and Horn Cable TV, were ordered to be shut down completely.
- The representatives of the two stations have denied the accusations, describing them as baseless.

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

- More than 10 people have been wounded in an explosion attack that targeted the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] within Xamar Weyne District, Banaadir Region. Reports also indicate that a number of people have also been killed in the explosion attack.
- A hand grenade was hurled at a vehicle in which TFG forces were travelling in as it was passing through the Khat Market in Xamar Weyne and particularly the areas near Marwas Mosque resulting in losses ranging from the loss of life and injury. T
- he bomb hurled at the TFG forces vehicle is said to have hit women selling Khat in the market and other bystanders and as a result, over 10 people are reported to have been wounded. Reports also indicate that bodies can be seen lying at the scene of the attack and the TFG forces have stopped the public from going near them.

(Source: Somali Puntlandpost website in Somali 9 November 2010)

- Prime Minister Muhammad Abdullahi Muhammad alias Farmajo agreed to enter into talks with armed opposition groups fighting the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] following a meeting he held with Somali National Reconciliation Committee.
- "We have asked the prime minister to agree to include both groups that are opposed to the TFG and those that are not in the reconciliation dialogue and he has agreed," said Ismail who added that his committee will continue pursuing its work.
- "The new administration that I am to form will focus its attention to issues of reconciliation and security and I am determined to take part in reconciliation in my country," said Prime Minister Farmajo while talking to reporter shortly after he was sworn in

(Source: Radio Simba website, Mogadishu, in Somali 9 November 2010)

- Reports from Buulo Xaawo District in Gedo Region, southwestern Somalia indicate tough living conditions in the district.
- A Radio Simba reporter in the district believes that the residents are facing the worst living conditions experienced in the district in recent past.
- Most of those suffering in the district and other parts of Gedo Region are the people who fled the fighting in Mogadishu.

(Source: Daily Monitor website, Kampala, in English 9 November 2010)

Text of report by John Njoroge headlined "Stay alert over terror, police tell city residents" published by leading privately-owned Ugandan newspaper The Daily Monitor website on 9 November; subheading as published

- Police noted that security measures in most public places countrywide have deteriorated just four months after the twin bomb attacks on Kampala. It is now asking members of the public to avoid public places with poor or no security measures.
- "The public is being asked to demand for better security measures in the public places they visit. Al-Shabab has issued several other threats on Uganda," Senkumbi said yesterday. "Police is asking the public to shun public places with poor security for their own safety."

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EXTERNAL MEDIA SOURCE

(Source: UBC Radio, Kampala, in English 0400 GMT, 8 November 2010)

- The spokesman for the African peacekeeping troops in Somalia, Maj Bahuko Barigye, says Al-Shabab is a deadly organization whose aim is to destroy any living thing on earth save their own supporters.
- Speaking in a UBC Radio interview, Maj Bahuko Barigye noted that Al-Shabab have spread their terror beyond Somalia to cow the entire region, adding that efforts to root them must be supported not only by troops contributing countries but the entire world.
- Bahuko Barigye said the population in Somalia is a hostage of the Al-Shabab militants who have issued numerous terror statements across the country. He therefore defended Burundi and UPDF to stay in Mogadishu, saying they have enabled the Somali transitional government have some sense of direction in government.