

SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT

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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 13 May 2011)

- The [hardline Islamist] Al-Shabab movement threatened the people of Uganda and has said that they will “soon be celebrating the bloodshed of AMISOM [African Union's Mission in Somalia] troops who will be killed in Mogadishu”.
- The spokesman for the Al-Shabab movement, Shaykh Ali Mahmud Raage alias Ali Dheere, spoke to the media about the re-election of the Ugandan president, Yoweri Museveni, and threatened to attack the people of that country.
- Ali Dheere said that though “Ugandans are celebrating the victory of the country's president in the elections, they will soon celebrate the shedding [by Islamists] of the blood of Ugandans and their soldiers [as part of AMISOM] in Mogadishu”.

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

- A meeting to avenge the death of Usamah Bin-Ladin was held by senior leaders of Al-Shabab in Afgooye town
- The broad-based meeting, which was attended by Al-Shabab leaders, was held in Afgooye. The objective of the meeting was to determine “the way Al-Shabab could seek revenge for Shaykh Usamah Bin-Ladin whom the USA claimed to have killed”.
- Shaykh Mukhtar Roobow Cali Abu Mansuur, who was one of the officials who attended that meeting, said Usamah played a role in Al-Shabab fighting against the government and AMISOM, adding that Usamah was well informed about what was going on in Somalia. Abu Mansuur added that Usamah was a valuable person to Al-Shabab and that they would revenge for him.
- "USA and Obama have failed in world politics. Bin-Ladin's killing will not affect our fighting in the world against the USA and Westerners. We have decided to continue with the fighting and revenge for Usamah Bin-Ladin", Amriiki said

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

- The Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a leadership accused Shabelle media of failing to work with its officials. Shaykh Umar Shaykh Abdikadir who is the Chairman of the Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a Consultative Council alleged that although Shabelle is the most widely listened to radio station in the country, they are dissatisfied with the relation between Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a and the radio station. .
- He alleged that Shabelle media has aired a number of false reports and is not neutral in the conflict in the country adding that the station works with specific political groups. The Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a official congratulated Shabelle on celebration to mark anniversary of its formation, both for Radio and Television and said he wanted to share words of advice with the media group.

(Source: The Star, Nairobi, in English 10 May 2011)

Text of report by Maureen Mudi entitled "Coast MP claims parents are sending children to Al-Shabab" published by privately-owned Kenyan daily newspaper The Star on 10 May

- Kisauni MP Ali Hassan Joho said he has information concerning the recruitment of youths who have been joining Al-Shabab.

- Joho said he knows some youths whose parents allowed them to fight in Somalia. "I know youths who were personally taken there. As a parent, how do you encourage that? How can your son leave Mombasa to Somalia and you just sit and wait? We should all take responsibility," he said.
- The Kisauni MP was speaking at the ASK [Agricultural Society of Kenya] showground in Mkomani at a meeting of provincial administration, local politicians, leaders and security teams in Mombasa. They met to discuss rising insecurity, the outlawed Mombasa Republican Council [MRC] and the Al-Shabab threat in the region.
- Security chiefs said they were making preparations to counter any violence after the MRC allegedly claimed they will evict all outsiders (upcountry residents) in the area.

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

- An MP of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia has said that he was tortured in Mogadishu airport while travelling to abroad, privately-owned Shabeelle website reported.
- "I wanted to fly to abroad and was given permission by the chairmen of the parliamentary committee, but the police stopped me from doing so," said Mursal.
- The MP has called on top government officials to tackle "harassment of MPs" by government forces, added the source.