

Somali Domestic Media Monitoring Report  
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*(Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 1230 GMT, 18 April 2010)*

- “The Banaadir regional administration has given orders to radio stations operating in Mogadishu.”
- The regional administration in Banaadir has said it will “shut down any local radio station that has complied with a recent order by Hisb al-Islam banning music and songs on radio”.
- The secretary-general of the Banaadir regional administration Abdikafi Hilowle Osman said the government will not tolerate radio stations in government-controlled areas that take orders from Islamist groups.

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 18 April 2010)*

- The Galmudug Administration ordered aid agencies to register within a short period following complaints from residents of Gaalkacyo, Mudug Region [central Somalia].
- Galmudug Administration's Assistant Minister for Internal Affairs, Dahir Jama Matan called on all aid agencies operating in the Galmudug Region to “register as soon as possible.”

***April 17, 2010***

*(Source: AllPuntland.com website in Somali, 17 April 2010)*

- The Addis Ababa agreement between the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] and Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a in which the group were to be given official positions in government was supposed to have been implemented by 15 April.
- Sources close to both sides have said no consensus has been reached and there is a lot of potentials for conflict.
- It is not yet known what the outcome of the Mogadishu talks will be, however, the Ethiopian government and donor countries that are based in Nairobi brokered the agreement in order to ensure that both sides unite and make concessions for each other.

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 17 April 2010)*

- Security forces in Boosaaso, Bari Region [Northeastern Somalia] have arrested more than 100 illegal immigrants from Ethiopia.
- Security forces in Boosaaso conducted operations in which they arrested up to 113 Ethiopian illegal immigrants in areas near the town's coast.

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali, 17 April 2010)*

- Puntland Administration has issued a stern warning to human traffickers operating along its coast at a time when the administration arrested many illegal immigrants yesterday.

- Puntland Administration's Security Minister, Yusuf Ahmad Kheyr, has told the media they have made the decision to crack down on human traffickers operating in the region. The minister said illegal immigrants are charged by the traffickers who at times throw them into the ocean. The minister said the administration has decided to fight the traffickers in Puntland region in order to avert the problems they subject illegal immigrants to.
- Puntland's security minister has said they will also crack down on illegal immigrants in the region and send them back to where they came from. The minister appealed to civilians in Puntland region and non-governmental organizations to assist the administration on the issue.
- The statement by the minister comes at a time when the Puntland security forces in Boosaaso, Bari Region [North Eastern Somalia] have arrested more than 100 illegal immigrants from Ethiopia.

### ***April 15, 2010***

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 15 April 2010)*

- The Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] has said it welcomes the decision by the United States of America to freeze assets belonging to leaders of Islamists groups in Somalia and called upon other countries to do the same.
- The TFG has welcomed a decision by the United States of America's president, Barrak Obama, to sign a proposal forwarded by the country's treasury which sought to freeze assets of leaders of Movement for the Al-Shabab Mujahidin and those of Hisb al-Islam.
- The TFG Ministry of Treasury, Abdirahman Umar Usman alias Yarisow, told Shabeelle the TFG welcomes the decision by the United States of America to freeze assets belonging to some of the leaders of Islamists groups in Somalia. The minister said this was an important opportunity for the government and called upon other countries to take similar measures.
- The minister also said the government is unsure whether assets belonging to Islamists leaders in Somalia have already been frozen but that they shouldn't be given any opportunity to get arms and finances regardless. Yesterday, the United States of America's Treasury Department has said it was going to freeze assets belong to a number of individuals among them Abshir Abdullahi, Shaykh Hasan Abdallah Hirsi alias Hasan Turki, Ahmad Abdi Aw Mahmud, Yasin Ali Beynah, Muhammad Abdi Garad, Shaykh Fu'ad Muhammad Khalaf , Bashir Muhammad Mahmud and Muhammad Si'id.
- So far, the leaders of Islamists groups in Somalia have not spoken on the move by the United States Treasury Department which also said similar sanctions would also be imposed on the leader of Hisb al-Islam, Hasan Dahir Aweys.

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 15 April 2010)*

- The United Nations expressed serious concerns over civilian casualty in the ongoing fighting and attacks in Mogadishu.
- The United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator, Mark Bowden, expressed serious concerns about the continued heavy civilian casualty in Mogadishu and said

residents of the Somali capital are victims of the warring groups fighting in the country.

- Bowden has asked warring groups in Somalia to be mindful of the rights of the civilian population and added that he is quite dismayed by the suffering civilians who are caught in the cross fire between the warring groups. The official said the current shelling has resulted in the heaviest civilian casualty among the few remaining Mogadishu residents this month.

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- The administration of Hisb al-Islam in Banaadir Region [Mogadishu and its environs] imposed another ban on independent radio stations in Mogadishu.
- Addressing a news conference at Hisb al-Islam headquarters in Mogadishu, Ma'alim Hashi Muhammad Farah, [one of the Hisb al-Islam governors], he thanked the independent radio stations in Mogadishu for obeying and implementing the order he imposed on them [of not playing music or songs]. However, he said these stations are also required to stop the music and songs accompanying the advertisements they air.
- "The public is saying songs and music has been stopped but there is something remaining. Like the advertisements contain small music beats, therefore God willing we want that stopped", said Hashi.

#### ***April 14, 2010***

*(Source: Radio Simba website, Mogadishu, in Somali 14 April 2010)*

- Hisb al-Islam insurgent group closed one of the radio stations operating in Mogadishu after accusing it of violating the decree issued by the group.
- The Voice of Peace also known as the Global Broadcasting Corporation [GBC] was closed following an order issued by Hisb al-Islam administration in Banaadir Region [Mogadishu and its environs].

#### ***April 13, 2010***

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

- There has been an increase in number of losses sustained following yesterday's attacks on residential areas in Mogadishu. African Union's Mission in Somalia [AMISOM] troops meanwhile denied any involvement in these attacks.
- There has been an increase in the number of losses sustained as a result of mortar attacks carried out in residential areas in parts of Banaadir Region.

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

- Displaced people in the outskirts of Mogadishu have today staged demonstrations in opposition to recent statement by Banaadir Regional Administration which said local the aid agency, DBG, does absolutely nothing to the civilian population.
- The demonstrators were also in opposition to the Banaadir Regional Administration's orders on the DBG agency following the accusations of non performance.

- The demonstrations were attended by hundreds of civilians most of them women and children in the areas between Mogadishu and Afgooye [Lower Shabelle, southern Somalia] and was in support of the operations of the DBG. T
- he demonstrators were carrying placards with the "We do not support rejection of DBG" and "We will not forget the good work they have done for displaced people."