

Somali Domestic Media Monitoring Report
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(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 24 April 2010)

- Security forces in Puntland seized a vehicle carrying military supplies in Gaalkacyo town, central Somalia. The vehicle is said to have been taking the supplies to the World Food Program [WFP].
- It is the first time that a humanitarian aid agency has been found with military supplies.
- WFP officials are yet to comment on the issue.

April 22, 2010

(Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 1230 GMT, 22 April 2010)

- Leaflets warning traders in Mogadishu's Bakaaraha were distributed in the market.
- The leaflets alleged that “insurgents were planning to attack the new building of Somalia's parliament where MPs have been expected to hold their session for months”.
- The traders were ordered to “close their business premises for the next few days”.
- Sources say that Al-Shabab Islamic Movement was behind these warning leaflets.
- The group has reportedly informed traders at Bakaaraha market to be careful about intensive shelling from African peacekeepers

(Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 1230 GMT, 22 April 2010)

- Somalia's Hisb al Islam faction issued a decree ordering local radio stations to allocate air time for the group.
- Hisb al Islam Mogadishu Governor, Moalim Hashi, said the move is “aimed at transmitting religious programs through local Radio stations.”
- The governor has further said that they “want to teach the people in Mogadishu more about the Islamic religion”.
- The governor has also ordered all radio stations to air mosques sermons by Hisb al Islam officials.
- In the decree, Hisb al Islam said that any radio station that fails to comply with the order will be closed.

April 21, 2010

(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 21 April 2010)

- Officials of Banaadir region's administration and those of the information ministry disputed the move in which the region's administration shut the two radios for complying the orders of Hisb al-Islam group which banned airing of songs and music.
- The director of Somaliweyn Radio in Mogadishu told the media that government forces arrived at the station and ordered its closure. He said they complied with the order, adding that the ministry of information later issued a decree allowing us to resumes our transmission.

- The minister of information, Dahir Mahmud Gelle, described the closure of these radios, which are located in areas controlled by the government, as illegal.

(Source: AllPuntland.com website in Somali 21 April 2010)

- Donor countries who support the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] are concerned about how millions of dollars given to the government to fight powerful Islamists groups in the country have been spent.
- Some of the donor countries that have in the past released the funds directly to the government have now channeled the assistance through the United Nations in the hope of getting returns and detailed accounts of how it has been spent.
- The TFG has been accused of being “deeply corrupt” as officials concerned with the management of financial assistance have failed to give any returns on how the funds directly channeled through them have been managed.

April 20, 2010

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 20 April 2010)

- The Mujahidin Movement of Al-Shabab has said they have taken control of Galcad and Masagawaa Districts in central Somalia.
- Al-Shabab commanders who contacted Radio Shabeelle have said they have taken control of the two districts that are in central Somali region of Galgaduud [moderate Islamists stronghold].