

**SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT**  
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(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 20 December 2010)

- The parliament of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia said that the unification of Al-Shabab and Hisb al-Islam would not affect the operations carried out by the government to stabilize the country and restore rule of law and order.
- Somali MP, identified as Muhammad Umar, told the media that the deal will not hamper their operations, adding that both AU peacekeepers and government would intensify their mission to oust the insurgents groups from the capital and other parts of Somalia.
- Somali lawmakers had previously expressed their concern over increased tensions.

(Source: Radio Shabeelle, Mogadishu in Somali 0500 GMT, 20 December 2010)

- The Al-Shabab commander in Gedo Region, southwestern Somalia, welcomed the merger of Hisb al-Islam and Al-Shabab
- Shaykh Bishar Ali Adan described the unity as "joyful" move that will "facilitate the removal of government forces and AU peacekeepers from Mogadishu", added the source.
- Hisb al-Islam's absorption into Al-Shabab comes after the latter seized from the former many areas in the south.
- Al-Shabab is accused of having links with Al-Qa'idah, and is strongly opposed to the policies of the UN-backed transitional government and presence of foreign peacekeepers in Somalia.

**DECEMBER 19, 2010**

(Source: Somali Puntlandpost website in Somali 19 December 2010)

- A civilian was wounded in skirmishes that erupted at a site where the aid agency, ICRC, was distributing food in the locality of Dhabad in Cabuud Waaq, Galguduud Region [central Somalia].
- An eye witness confirmed that a woman was wounded in shooting between employees of the aid agency who were distributing the food and some of the civilians who were there for the rations.

**DECEMBER 18, 2010**

(Source: AllPuntland.com website in Somali 18 December 2010)

- The spokesman for the Movement for Al-Shabab Mujahidin, Shaykh Abdiaziz Abu Mus'ab, claimed victory in recent fighting in Mogadishu and sent messages to the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] forces via the Mogadishu based media.
- The spokesman said that they have launched attacks on bases belonging to Amisom [African Union's Mission in Somalia] troops in Hodan and Boondheere districts of Mogadishu and inflicted heavy losses upon them.
- "The Mujahidin, while responding to aggression by foreign puppets, launched the first attacks in the area between Jubba and Boondheere junctions where the self-serving infidels

from Burundi and Uganda are based in. Their apostate accomplices came before them and the infidels then brought out their armoured vehicles but were enabled to advance. Both the foreign puppets and the apostates have as a result been killed by the Mujahidin's fire, " said the spokesman for the Movement for Al-Shabab Mujahidin.

- "We have in the past sent many messages to the apostates and we will not tire. You are fighting against infidels and have become apostates as a result of that. If you die in battle at the hands of the Mujahidin's fire you will, without question, end up in hell. I would therefore like to ask you to leave," said the Al-Shabab spokesman.

#### **DECEMBER 16, 2010**

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 16 December 2010)*

- Officials of the Movement for the Al-Shabab Mujahidin in Kismaayo, the main town of Lower Jubba [southern Somalia], have ordered residents of the town to take part in the ongoing fighting in Mogadishu.
- Reports from Kismaayo indicate that senior officials of the Movement for the Al-Shabab Mujahidin in Mogadishu have ordered residents of Lower Jubba to take part in the fighting in Mogadishu by force.
- This new order follows recent visit by the spokesman for the Movement for Al-Shabab Mujahidin, Shaykh Ali Mahmud Raage alias Ali Dheere. Sources in Kismaayo said various sections of the population in the Region have been ordered to take part in the fighting and were told it is mandatory.