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(Source: Somali Puntlandpost website in Somali 13 June 2010)

- A member of the Federal Somali Parliament called on senior Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] officials to "disarm its forces over the infighting among themselves in Mogadishu."
- Abdullahi Farah Hersi, a member of parliament has confirmed that "We are calling upon senior officials of the armed forces and those of the TFG to disarm the soldiers whenever they are stepping out of their barracks. If they go out with their arms, they inevitably engage in fighting amongst themselves,"

June 12, 2010

(Source: Radio Simba, Mogadishu, in Somali 1000 GMT, 12 June 2010)

• "Unidentified gunmen carried out a grenade attack at the house of a moderate Islamic group Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a official in Guri Ceel District, central Somalia", reported Radio Simba.

June 11, 2010

(Source: AllPuntland.com website in Somali 11 June 2010)

- Rival senior Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] officials in Mogadishu are holding parallel meetings in parts of the capital that are under the government's control.
- President Shaykh Sharif and other senior officials in government are said to have entered into an agreement with some officials in which they asked them to resign from their positions and expose the government as weak and non performing institution.

June 09, 2010

(Source: Garoweonline.com in English 9 June 2010)

- At least 13 people have been killed and several others injured in heavy clashes and roadside bomb blast that rocked Somalia's restive capital Mogadishu, witnesses and officials said.
- A land mine explosion killed seven Somali policemen and a civilian in Mogadishu's southern neighborhood of Afasiyoni.
- The policemen were passing the area when the explosion occurred, it was a land mine that was hidden in a pile of garbage near the road," said Muhammad Abdullahi Arig, a government spokesman.

June 08, 2010

(Source: Radio Banaadir, Mogadishu, in Somali 1700 GMT, 8 June 2010)

• [Presenter] "Some Somali cabinet ministers are said to have submitted resignation letters to Prime Minister Umar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke".

- [Tifow] "Diplomatic reports reaching from Somalia's presidential palace confirm that several ministers in the transitional government resigned. It is said that the resignation of the ministers was caused by a rift between the prime minister and the ministers. This development follows the resignation of the state minister for defense, Shaykh Yusuf Muhammad Indha-adde, a day ago. The minister then condemned the transitional government of failing to tackle insecurity problems and assisting famine-stricken people in Somalia. He also accused the transitional government of being behind a landmine explosion attack targeting him in Mogadishu."
- The minister who are said to have resigned include: Somalia's High Education Minister Muhammad Abdullahi Umar, the minister of international cooperation, Abdirahman Abdishakur Warsame, the minister of state for presidential affairs, Hasan Ma'alin, and the minister of humanitarian affairs, Mahmud Abdi Ibrahim alias Garweyne.

(Source: Holy Koran Radio, Mogadishu, in Somali 1530 GMT, 8 June 2010)

• [Presenter] "The president of Puntland regional administration, Abdirahman Muhammad aka Farole, said that Ethiopia will be held accountable in the coming hours for the fighting in Buuhoodle town in Cayn Region [Buuhoodle is in Somaliland's Togdheer Region, but recent pro-Puntland media say is part of newly-proclaimed "Cayn Region"]."

(Source: Garoweonline.com in English 8 June 2010)

- A Somali lawmaker is accusing African Union peacekeeping troops in Somalia of massacring Somali people, Radio Garowe reports.
- Lawmaker Dahir Abdulqadir Muse (Iro) said that "the peacekeepers are not keeping peace but protecting themselves and the top Somali government officials."
- "AMISOM is massacring Somali people, we are asking for their immediate withdrawal. The money spend on them should be redirected to Somali forces, who are in front-lines," said the lawmaker.

June 07, 2010

(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 7 June 2010)

- Officials of Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a accused the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia of "undermining the signed power-sharing accord in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital."
- The consultative chairman of Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a Shaykh Umar Abduqadir Adan accused the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia of "undermining the signed power-sharing deal between the group and the government in Addis Ababa".
- Shaykh Umar has appealed to the government to validate the signed pact and allow full cooperation and collaboration with the group.
- On 15 March, the Transitional Federal Government and Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a reached an agreement in Addis Ababa. Most of the issues agreed include power-sharing, military and resource sharing.

(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 7 June 2010)

- The governor of Hisb al-Islam group in the Banadir region, Macalin Hashi Muhammad Farah, warned that "air attacks are being planned against stronghold Islamists groups in southern and central regions of Somalia".
- Speaking to the media in Mogadishu, he said that "foreign enemies are planning to carry out massive air attacks against the Islamic groups" and called on "all the Mujahidin groups to be vigilant about any movement".
- The governor further said "they had confidential information that western countries have completed plans to undermine the group and destroy its bases in the country".
- He stressed that "the Islamist groups needed to be united in fighting against what he termed the enemy of Allah and encouraged them to continue fighting against Transitional Federal Government of Somalia and AU peacekeepers in Somalia".