

*Somali Domestic Media Monitoring Report*  
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- Djibouti president, Ismail Umar Guelleh, in an interview with the Qatari based Al-Jazeera television expressed concern that “the situation in Somalia is worsening.”
- "Groups fighting the TFG are not interested in peace. They intend to escalate the fighting in the entire Region and have earlier on openly made this declaration," said President Guelleh.
- "The international community should now take part in the attainment of peace and security in the country. Armed groups currently fighting in the country are not interested in peace. I believe the TFG has now secured enough force to instil security," said the Djibouti president.
- The Djibouti leader confirmed that his country was “planning to deploy its forces in Somalia as part of the operations to re-establish peace and security”

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 28 March 2010)*

- An Official of the Federal Somali Parliament called upon the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia's [TFG] Banaadir Regional Administration to “resettle the civilians that have been displaced in the neighbourhood of Afasiyoni in Hamar Jajab, Mogadishu.”
- The Deputy Speaker noted that “it was quite disappointing that TFG forces yesterday clashed among themselves in the area”

*March 26, 2010*

*(Source: Somali Puntlandpost website in Somali 26 March 2010)*

- The chairman of the Kulmiye party, Ahmad Muhammad Mahmud Silanyo, has said, “if the expected general elections are once again delayed, the current administration will collapse and Somaliland, like many other countries, will become a failed state”.
- Silanyo said “opposition parties fully trust the electoral commission and do not expect any more delays in holding of the general elections, but added there are attempts to postpone the election once again”. He warned that “if the elections were delayed, there will be fighting in Somaliland and collapse of civil order.”
- "When people ask me when will the general elections be held, I tell them it will be held at the scheduled time and the current administration is not interfering with it," said Silanyo.

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 26 March 2010)*

- Senior officials of the Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a [moderate Islamists] have said they “will intensify the fighting against Al-Shabab mujahidin Movement.”
- The chairman of the Ahlu Sunna wal Jama'a, Ma'alin Mahmud Shaykh Hasan, and the President of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG], Shaykh Sharif Shaykh Ahmad, who was travelling through Nairobi, held a meeting at a Nairobi hotel.

- The Chairman of Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a, while speaking at the venue, said “this latest move [of destroying graves of prominent clerics] by the Al-Shabab movement is meant to further escalate the conflict in the country, so that everyone flees and foreign terrorists can be trained in the country”.

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 26 March 2010)*

- ‘Following recent disagreements between the administration of Hisb al-Islam in Hiiraan Region and the relief organizations which operate in the region, a closed-door meeting was held in Beled Weyne yesterday afternoon by the administration and the organizations to discuss how to improve the security of the relief organizations so they could safely provide relief assistance to the needy people in Beled Weyne. The meeting also discussed how to curb the effects of the flooding caused by River Shabeelle.’

*March 25, 2010*

*(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 25 March 2010)*

- Islamic administration of Ahlu sunnah Wal Jama'a arrested local journalist in Cabduwaq district of Galgudud region, central Somalia.
- The motive behind his arrest remains unclear but sources indicate that “the reporter was arrested after covering news about the rifts that sparked with in members of Ahlu sunnah Wal Jama'a in central Somalia. Journalist Abdikarin Ahmad Bulan is due to appear before court”
- Somali Journalists are said to “face arrest, killing and harassment from the insurgents groups and Transitional Federal Government of Somalia who are divided in the current political situation of Somalia.”

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 25 March 2010)*

- “Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a fighters in Caabuud Waaq district, central Somalia arrested Abdikarim Ahmad Bulhan, a reporter for Radio Shabeelle from Galguduud Region.”
- The relatives of the journalist confirmed that “his arrest is related to a report he aired recently”. He is expected to appear before the district court.

*March 24, 2010*

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 24 March 2010)*

- Al-Shabab's has, for the first time, spoken about the order in which the TFG ordered residents living near Mogadishu airport to vacate. The head of Al-Shabab administration in Banaadir Region, Shaykh Ali Muhammad Husayn, condemned the statement made by the TFG's Banaadir regional administration.
- He alleged that “the TFG had earlier displaced these people after shelling their homes”, and added that “the TFG wants to displace them from areas they had fled to.”

*March 23, 2010*

*(Source: AllPuntland.com website in Somali 23 March 2010)*

- The Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] expressed its “dissatisfaction with the operations of humanitarian aid agencies in the country”.
- The TFG accused the agencies of “failing to assist civilians living in very harsh conditions in many part of southern Somalia regions.”
- The deputy Speaker of the Federal Somali Parliament, Prof Muhammad Umar Dalha, held a news conference in Mogadishu in which he alleged that “aid agencies have done very little to help vulnerable civilians in southern Somalia regions who are suffering a lot at this time”.
- Prof Dalha noted that “aid agencies get millions and millions of US dollars in the name of assisting Somalis; however, they do not fulfil their promises.”
- "Aid agencies do not assist the people as much as they are supposed to. Every year, they get hundreds of millions of dollars in the name of Somalia but they do not fulfil their promise. They distribute expired food to a small number of displaced people and we would like to call upon them to spend the funds they get on behalf of the people they claim to be assisting," said Prof Dalha.

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*(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 22 March 2010)*

- The Islamic governorate in Lower Jubba Region ordered local journalist who was detained in the custody of Kismaayo town to “get out the region within 36 hours”.
- Local journalist Muhammad Salad Abdille who was working for Somaliweyn Radio in Mogadishu and SBC [Somali Broadcasting Corperation] has been in jail for the last five days after Al-Shabab Islamic Movement accused him of “reporting baseless news”. The group also accused the journalist of “sending reports that against the security of the region.”
- “Most of the regional journalists have left for neighboring countries even gone abroad after coming under pressure from Islamist groups”

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

- The justice minister of Somalia's Transitional Federal Government has said that the recently-launched, UN-backed Radio Bar-Kulan is “operating illegally in the country”.
- The minister alleged that “the radio has no legal permission from the government of Somalia”, adding that “the new station cannot contribute to Somalia's peace and security.”
- Speaking to the media in Mogadishu, the minister said his government was “unaware of the radio”.