

Somali Domestic Media Monitoring Report
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(Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 1230 GMT, 23 May 2010)

- The Hisb al-Islam faction ordered aid agencies in Hiiraan Region, central Somalia, to halt their operations and have accused them of failing to perform.
- The governor accused aid agencies of “lack of performance and assistance to the vulnerable people” adding that “offices of aid agencies in Beledweyne town must be closed down”.

(Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 1230 GMT, 23 May 2010)

- The commerce minister of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia, Abdirashid Iro, accused the Ethiopian government of “attacking Puntland territory [northeastern Somalia].”
- The minister accused the Ethiopian government of “trespassing on Buuhoodle town [northcentral Somali town bordering Ethiopia in Somaliland's Toghddeer Region].” The minister who was commenting on the fighting in the last few days between local residents and Ethiopian troops in Buuhoodle, accused Ethiopia of “illegally entering Somali territory and killing innocent civilians in the town.”

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

- A member of the Federal Somali Parliament condemned “the government led by President Sharif Shaykh Ahmad and donor countries together with the international community for the lack of accountability”.
- The MP alleged that “the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] receives a lot of money which is unaccounted for.”
- Mowlid Ma'ane Umar, a Member of the Federal Somali Parliament who is also vying for the position of the Speaker of Parliament, has accused the international community and the TFG of “wasting the funds meant to assist Somali civilians”.
- "You always give the government cash or are making pledges. We know that they have not recently received much, however, you should follow up on the cash you are releasing now and account for it so that public money is no longer embezzled," said Mowlid Ma'aane.

(Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 1230 GMT, 21 May 2010)

- “Al-Shabab Islamic Movement has shut down and taken away equipment of local Somaliweyn Radio station in Mogadishu”
- “Fighters loyal to Al-Shabab Islamic Movement today raided local Somaliweyn radio station in Somali capital. The fighters are said to have entered the building of the radio station and taken away the FM equipment. The reason behind the closure of this radio station is unclear but sources say that the group had recently accused

Somaliweyn Radio of not obeying orders of the Islamist group and of airing anti-Islamic programs”

- The director of the radio station in Mogadishu, Abukar Muhammad Kadaf, accused Al-Shabab of “taking away the radio equipment and called on them to return the property of the radio station”.

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

- The head of information of Ogaden National Liberation Front [ONLF], which fights in Ethiopia's Somali Region, Husayn Muhammad Nur, gave an interview to Radio Shabeelle while in Doha, Qatar and accused Somaliland and Puntland administrations of handing over ONLF officials to Ethiopian government.
- He believes that “other ONLF officials are being held in Somaliland and Puntland prisons”
- The official accused Ethiopia of “being behind the crisis in Somalia and the political rift among top Somali government officials”. He called on the public to “support ONLF in its war against the Ethiopian government.”

(Source: Radio Simba website, Mogadishu, in Somali 17 May 2010)

- The chairman of Al-Shabab Mujahidin in the Banaadir Region “vehemently denounced the interim Somali government and the African peace keeping force AMISOM [African Union Mission in Somalia].”
- The chairman, Shaykh Ali Muhammad Husayn, accused the Somali government of “hatching a conspiracy against the Somali people.”
- He reiterated Al-Shabab will continue fighting AMISOM troops.
- He accused AMISOM of “being responsible for yesterday incessant bombings in Mogadishu which caused great suffering to civilians.”

(Source: Garoweonline.com in English 17 May 2010)

- Somalia's former state minister for defense, Shaykh Yusuf Muhammad Siyad aka Indha Adde has “lambasted his own government for having hidden affairs with insurgent groups like Al-Shabab and Hisb al Islam”, Radio Garowe reports.
- Indha Adde, a former warlord, told reporters in Mogadishu that “several Somali government forces with their weapons including some 4,000 machine guns US donated, defected to the insurgent after government failed to pay their salaries”.
- "Trained Somali government forces with their weapons have joined the insurgents fight us, and this is the work of some members in the government," he said.
- "The soldiers are trained to fight so if the government fails to pay them then they will defect to the insurgents," he added.
- He supported the idea of dissolving the government led by Prime Minister Umar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke, arguing that “it failed to fulfill its pledges of restoring peace and order in the country.”
- Indha Adde's accusation come just hours after President Shaykh Sharif Shaykh Ahmad dissolved the government and promised to appoint a new premier

