

Somali Domestic Media Monitoring Report
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(Source: Radio Simba, Mogadishu, in Somali 1000 GMT, 6 June 2010)

- AU peacekeepers confirmed that two of their soldiers were killed, and more others wounded in the latest fighting between them and insurgent groups in Mogadishu.
- "Two of our forces were killed, several others wounded in the recent fighting against insurgent groups in Mogadishu," AU peacekeepers spokesman has said.

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(Source: AllPuntland.com website in Somali 5 June 2010)

- African Union's Mission in Somalia [Amisom] troops denied that "some of their armored vehicles were burnt down in the recent fighting in Mogadishu".
- "Al-Shabab forces took some of the journalists to the areas where the fighting took place and showed them vehicles belonging to Amisom troops which they set ablaze".
- "Videos of the burning armored vehicles were also publicized by Al-Shabab, portraying Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] and Amisom officials in bad light over their persistent denials that none of Amisom vehicles were burnt in the fighting, and claims that they have attained victory."
- Al-Shabab forces have said that "they will continue fighting against TFG forces and those of Amisom troops until shari'ah law is fully implemented in the country".

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- The Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] has said that "they have captured a few places among them the Liido Beach near the Somali presidency which is where opposition groups have been firing mortars from."

June 3, 2010

(Source: Radio HornAfrik, Mogadishu, in Somali 0500 GMT, 3 June 2010)

- "Fighting erupted this morning between government forces backed by AU peacekeepers and Islamist Al-Shabab militants in Mogadishu's Kaaraan and Abdiazziz districts. About five people were killed and 16 others are known to have been wounded after stray mortars landed in civilian neighborhoods."
- The Lifeline Africa Emergency Ambulance Services manager, Ali Muse, said "other private vehicles have been ferrying the wounded to the hospitals but we carried 16 wounded people", reports independent leading broadcaster Radio HornAfrik.
- The fighting is still continuing. Al-Shabab has claimed to have destroyed a vehicle belonging to the AU peacekeepers.
- "Hardline Islamist groups Al-Shabab and Hisb al-Islam are opposed to the Western-backed transitional government and the presence of AU peacekeepers in Somalia."

June 1, 2010

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- “Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a religious scholars, who are among those taking part in the fighting in Somalia, have distanced themselves from the latest fighting in parts of central Somalia regions. Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a particularly distanced itself from the fighting in Hiiraan Region which was yesterday captured by Somali government forces.”
- Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a information office has issued a statement in which they said “they were not involved in the fighting that broke out in Beled Weyne and surrounding areas, adding that their forces are still in parts of Hiiraan Region where they have been in the recent past.”
- "Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a forces are not in anyway involved in the fighting in Hiiraan Region. They are still in other parts of Hiiraan Region where they have been in the recent past. We are therefore telling the media to distance themselves from reports that Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a religious scholars are involved in the fighting", read the press statement issued by the group.

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- The spokesman of Al-Shabab Mujahidin Movement, Shaykh Ali Mahmud Rage [aka Shaykh Ali Dheere] addressed hundreds of residents of Afmadow Town, southern Somalia about the situation in the region.
- Shaykh Ali Mahmud Rage said “residents of the town should participate in the fighting with the unbelievers for the sake of God”. He added that “the foreign troops and those Somalis supporting them are opposed to the implementation of Shari'ah law in the country.”
- Speaking on the Somali regions occupied by Kenya and Ethiopia, Shaykh Ali Dheere called on the civilians in these regions to “start an uprising and prepare themselves for liberation war to force these two countries out of the Somali regions [of Kenya and Ethiopia].”

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- The Somali government has condemned the fighting and the operations carried out by the Ethiopian government in Buuhoodle town in south-central Somaliland last week.
- Officials at the Somali Ministry of Internal Affairs accused the Ethiopian government of “trespassing into the Somali side of the border without any permission from the government and thereby violating the security cooperation enjoyed by the two administrations.”
- "Frankly, we are quite disappointed. Ethiopia shamefully violated our borders and came into Buuhoodle where they engaged the people in fighting, resulting in losses that they are responsible for. We are telling our neighbours not to repeat the move and be mindful of the neighbourly relations and the cooperation we have," said Abdirashid Muhammad Hidig, while speaking on the situation in Buuhoodle.

May 31, 2010

(Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 1230 GMT, 31 May 2010)

- The Somali government has accused Ethiopian of trespassing on Somali territory.

- The Transitional Federal Government of Somalia for the first time accused Ethiopian government of “killing civilians in Buhodle District of Togdheere region”.