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(Source: UBC Radio, Kampala, in English 0400 GMT, 7 November 2010)

- The spokesman for the African peacekeeping troops in Somalia, Maj Bahuko Barigye, alleged that Al-Shabab's aim is "to destroy any living thing on earth save their own supporters."
- Speaking in a UBC Radio interview, Maj Bahuko Barigye threatened that Al-Shabab "have spread their terror beyond Somalia to cover the entire region", adding that "efforts to root them must be supported not only by troops contributing countries but the entire world."

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 7 November 2010)

- The president of the Puntland regional administration, Abdirahman Shaykh Muhammad Farole pardoned the director of Horseed Media radio station in Boosaaso, Abdifatah Jama Mire, who was earlier sentenced to six years in prison. He was convicted for interviewing [rebel] Shaykh Atam who was fighting the Puntland administration.
- President Farole said he had accepted a request submitted to him by the journalists operating in Puntland region asking for the director of Horseed Media, Abdifatah Jama Mire, to be set free. He said the director would be released soon.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 7 November 2010)

- Leaflets warning reporters that work in Afgooye, Lower Shabelle were dumped in town in the last few hours and as a result, some of the reporters working there have left the town.
- The circulation of the leaflets comes few days after a reporter based in the town, Hasan Matore, was wounded.
- The leaflets threatened the wounded reporter who was accused of filing reports for "enemy" radio station. Shabeelle's chief reporter in the town, Abdirazzak Adan Qoslaye, was also threatened.
- Reporters in the town were panic stricken after the circulation of the leaflets and some of them left the town as a result.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 7 November 2010)

- Commanders of Ahlu Sunnah Wal Jama'a religious scholars in Gedo Region [south western Somalia] have threatened to attack the town of Buulo Xaawo [also in Gedo] which member of the Movement for the Al-Shabab Mujahidin has captured.
- The spokesman for Ahlu Sunnah Wal Jama'a administration in Gedo Region, Sharif Abdiwahid Shaykh Adan told Shabelle that plans are now under way to once recapture Buulo Xaawo which was recently captured by the Movement for the Al-Shabab Mujahidin.
- Sharif Abdiwahid said they have now put together the required military logistics and are ready to launch attack on Al-Shabab bases in the town in the next few hours.

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(Source: Garoweonline.com in English 5 November 2010)

- Over the past months security forces from Somaliland and Puntland have conducted several successful operations against violent extremist groups in Sanaag Mountains straddling the two authorities.

- Starting in mid October, operations began in Puntland to eliminate a terrorist stronghold in Cal-Madow mountain range, Bari Region. Puntland troops launched attacks against extremists fighting for a local Al-Shabab leader named Muhamad Sa'id Atom, who wants to destabilize northern Somalia on behalf of Al-Qa'idah.
- Somalia Information Minister, Abdirahman Umar Usman (Eng. Yarisow), said: "The Somali Government stands with their brothers and sisters in Somaliland and Puntland in their resistance to violent extremism. The people of northern Somalia have worked long enough for a safe environment in which to improve their lives and the lives of future generations. We will support their impressive efforts to establish peace and stability in these regions."

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 5 November 2010)

- The Al-Shabab Mujahidin Movement has threatened to destroy bases which they say the US had established in Somalia. Shaykh Fu'ad Muhammad Khalaf, who is among the top officers of Al-Shabab, said Al-Shabab would destroy large bases that the US government had established in Somalia.
- Fu'ad Muhammad Khalaf pointed out that the US government had established large bases in Boosaaso, Hargeysa, Barbar [presumably Berbera] and Mogadishu. He said Al-Shabab would destroy these bases and added that the Somali public would support the flag of Al-Shabab.

(Source: Radio HornAfrik, Mogadishu, in Somali 5 November 2010)

- Radio HornAfrik, a key FM station in the Somali capital remains off air since it was raided by the hardline Somali Islamist group, Al-Shabab on 19 September.
- The privately-owned Shabeelle website reported on 19 September that "Al-Shabab militants stormed the station and took away all the radio equipment".
- HornAfrik, located in Mogadishu's Bakaaraha Market, which is controlled by Al-Shabab, was incepted in 1999 and has been very influential station in the Mogadishu, before Al-Shabab fighters stormed and looted it.

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(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 4 November 2010)

- A senior official from the Mujahidin Movement of Al-Shabab, Shaykh Fu'ad Muhammad Khalaf aka Shongole, vowed that his group will wage war on the people of Uganda and Burundi to revenge for the killings that are carried out against innocent civilians by their troops in Somalia.
- He reiterated that the Ugandan and Burundian troops caused trouble for women and children, adding that they destroyed their residences in Somali capital and caused them to flee from their homes.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 4 November 2010)

- Three people have been killed and five others wounded in a heavy fighting that broke out in Mogadishu, the Shabeelle website reported
- According to the website, the confrontation involving government forces and Al-Shabab militants erupted after the Islamists "launched a surprise attack against government positions in Boondheere District" which is close to the presidential palace.
- Shabeelle says "among the victims were small number of civilians" who remained in the district, which had been a scene of fierce fighting between the two sides during the month of Ramadan.

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(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 gmt 3 November 2010)

- Al-Shabab mujahidin movement called children in Mogadishu to take part in the holy war. Al-Shabab officials have also called women in Banadir region [Mogadishu and its environs] to allow their children to fight along the mujahidin in the holy war against the government. Al-Shabab's governor for Banadir Region, Shaykh Ali Muhammad Husayn, who addressed hundreds of women in Mogadishu, who were attended [military] training, has called on mothers to send their children to fight against the government and the AU peacekeepers in Mogadishu.
- "Fighting against the enemy of Allah in Mogadishu is at the final stage, so women and men must join the holy war."
- "It is compulsory for women in Mogadishu to train their children on taking part in fighting and buy guns for them."

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 3 November 2010)

- Telecommunication and money transfer companies in Dhuusa Mareeb, Galguduud Region [central Somalia] remain closed for the third day after the local Ahlu Sunnah Wal Jama'a [moderate Islamists] administration ordered them to close.
- Two of the telecommunication companies earlier shut by Ahlu Sunnah have now been reopened at the administrations approval.

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(Source: AllPuntland.com website in Somali 2 November 2010)

- The spokesman for Al-Shabab in Banaadir Region, Shaykh Ali Muhammad Husayn, while speaking to the media in Mogadishu, called upon all Somali women to take part in the ongoing fighting in the capital.
- "I would like to call upon all Somali women to take part in the Jihad. For the elderly that are unable to join the Jihad, I would like to ask you to send your boys and armed them with AK47 guns and ammunition," said Shaykh Ali Muhammad Husayn.