

SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT
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(Source: Garoweonline.com in English 27 November 2010)

- Hundreds of Somali women were recruited and trained in the southern port city of Kismaayo by Al-Shabab Radio Garowe Reports.
- Garowe Online received reports that indicate the trainers, which were approximately 150 soldiers, were marching in the street of Kismaayo with AK47 on Saturday [27 November]. "The recruiters were teenagers who needed more training, so that they participate in fighting against our enemies [Amisom] because every Muslim must join the jihad [holy war]," said Al-Shabab leader in Kismaayo, Shaykh Hasan Yaqub.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 27 November 2010)

- The Transitional Federal Government of Somalia's [TFG] governor of Banaadir Region, Muhammad Ahmad Nur Tarzan apologized for accusations that the administration's secretary-general, Abdikafi Hilowle, levelled against aid agencies in the region.
- The governor of Banaadir Region, Muhammad Ahmad Nur alias Tarzan, held a news conference in Mogadishu in which he said he was disappointed by the accusations made against aid agencies operating in the region by one of the officials in his administration.

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

- The two radio stations of Cabuud Waaq and Badbaado which were based in Caabduud Waaq District, Galguduud Region [central Somalia] are back on air after Ahlu Sunan Wal Jama'a religious scholars in the town allowed them to resume their operations on 25 November.
- Reporters in the town and the Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a administrations reached an agreement yesterday and the local administration's officials of security and public affairs have apologized to the two stations for the closure. Residents of Cabuud Waaq have welcomed the resumption of two station's programs.

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

- Officials of Banaadir Regional Administrations accused Mogadishu-based aid agencies of providing assistance to armed opposition groups fighting the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG].
- The TFG's Banaadir Regional Administration's Secretary, Abdikafi Hilowle Usman, held a news conference in Mogadishu in which he accused some aid agencies in the capital of having links with the Movement for Al-Shabab Mujahidin. Usman said these aid agencies have been diverting the humanitarian aid meant for displaced people to Al-Shabab and that this had affected displaced people in the outskirts of Mogadishu. He accused the aid agencies of failing to assist vulnerable civilians.
- The official also said aid agencies that are based in areas that are under the TFG's control have been turning a blind eye to displaced people in these areas. He alleged that if these organizations fail to provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the displaced people they will be barred from working in areas that are under the TFG control and will have to go back to Nairobi where their headquarters are based.

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- According to media reports, there is a power struggle within Al-Shabab between Shaykh Mukhtar Robow and Shaykh Mukhtar Abu Zubeir, also known as Ahmad Godane. The rift within Al-Shabab appears to have opened during the militant group's recent Ramadan offensive, which left hundreds of Al-Shabab fighters dead in clashes with Amisom troops and forced Al-Shabab fighters to pull back from several areas of Mogadishu.
- "Al-Shabab fighters no longer roam at night," said a resident who lives in an Al-Shabab stronghold who did not wish to be named. "I don't know why, but they are seriously worried. It seems like the recent infighting has affected the group. They are much weaker and are fast losing public support. No one likes them anymore. They have become an outcast."
- "The people of Somalia know the conduct of interim government officials," the resident added. "Al-Shabab wants to force us to support their foreign ideas and culture. Somalia is a homogenous community that will never change. It's just a matter of time before Al-Shabab disappears."

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

- Somali government has called for the formation of a committee that will investigate atrocities committed by Africa Union peacekeepers against civilians in Mogadishu.
- The acting Somali minister for social affairs, Professor Muhammad Umar Dalha told Radio Shabeelle that due to the continuous atrocities against Somali civilians, there is a need to form a committee that will investigate the massacre of civilians done by AMISOM troops, Somali government forces and the insurgents.

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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 23 November 2010)

- The commander of Amisom [African Union's Mission in Somalia] troops, Nathan Mugisha, expressed regret over the incident in which the African Union soldiers shot 10 civilians, two of whom later died following the heavy injuries they sustained in the shooting.
- Nathan Mugisha said "the incident that took place today, 23 November, was an unfortunate. I share the grief that Somali civilians are experiencing and the losses that Mogadishu residents sustained today. We have received information indicating that two people have died and seven others were wounded. One of those wounded is currently undergoing treatment at an Amisom hospital in Mogadishu and we are ready to provide similar assistance to the other wounded civilians if needed. We are also still conducting investigations as to why the Amisom convoy opened fire to civilians in areas near the United Nations headquarters, and particularly between the airport and Kilometre Four."
- The commander for Amisom troops also said they have arrested the soldiers who shot Somali civilians earlier today and added that they are still conducting investigations in order to ascertain what prompted the soldiers to shoot at the civilians, whether their lives were in danger or not.

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(Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 1130 GMT, 22 November 2010)

- The prime minister of Transitional Federal Government of Somalia, Muhammad Abdullahi Farmajo, alleged that AU peacekeepers will not continue shelling civilian populated areas if his government is approved by the parliament
- The Prime Minister of Somalia's Transitional Federal Government, Muhammad Abdullahi aka Farmajo, described as tragic the death of innocent civilians caused by the prolonged fighting in

Mogadishu, adding that it will not happen again for AMISOM to shell civilian areas in the Somali capital if his government is endorsed by parliament.

- Speaking to the media, the prime minister further stated that his government would work on ways to restore peace and security in the country. He accused insurgents of hosting foreign combatants in Somalia who, he said, caused violence to create hostility between the government and its people.

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

- Somali journalists in Caabud Waaq district of Galguduud region, central Somalia condemned Ahlu Sunna wal Jama'a for closing down local radio stations in the region.
- Journalists in central Somalia who held a meeting in Caabud Waaq district of Galguduud region condemned the administration of Ahlu Sunna wal jama'a for closing two independent radio stations in Caabud Waaq [Radio Caabudwaaq and Radio Badbaado].
- Mahad Ahmad who spoke on behalf of the journalists said that the closure of the radio stations in the region is against freedom of expression as well as press freedom, adding that the two radio stations had been serving the people of Somalia with free and fair information and so to shut them down was unfortunate.