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(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 17 October 2010)

- The newly-appointed prime minister of Somalia's Transitional Federal Government, Muhammad Abdullahi said that his government will engage in dialogue with insurgents.
- “The government will work on ways to restore peace and security in Somalia adding that reconciliation is the only ways to bring peace.”
- Somali President Shaykh Sharif Shaykh Ahmad has appointed Mohamed Abdullahi as the new prime minister of Somalia [on 14 Oct] after former Prime Minister Umar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke resigned due to prolonged political dispute between him and President Sharif over the new draft constitution.

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(Source: Radio Shabeelle, Mogadishu in Somali 0500 GMT, 16 October 2010)

- Fighting between government troops and Al-Shabab fighters is reported to have erupted a at the Ceel Gaal locality on the outskirts of Beled Weyne, capital of Hiiraan Region.
- [Muhiddin]: “The fighting which erupted a short time ago on the outskirts of Beled Weyne, particularly the locality of Ceel Gaal which is 18 kms to the east of Beled Weyne, is still going on. Government soldiers at Ceel Gaal were planning to attack Beled Weyne but Al-Shabab fighters who left Beled Weyne arrived at Ceel Gaal and the fighting started. Residents in Beled Weyne tell us that they can hear the sound of heavy weapons in various parts of the town indicating that the fighting is fierce. No casualty figures are available.”

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 16 October 2010)

- Cadaado: The president of Ximin and Xeeb administration, Muhammad Adan Tii'ey appealed to Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a Islamists after they carried an attack against Cadaado, Galgaduud region yesterday.
- The Ximin and Xeeb administration president was briefing Shabeelle radio on the return of Cadaado district of Galgaduud region [to his administration].
- Mr Tii'ey said the Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a Islamists who are neighboring the district, had once again violated the district which is administered by the Ximin and Xeeb administration.
- He said people who had fled the fighting between his forces and those of Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a Islamists had since returned.

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STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES

(Source: Holy Koran Radio, Mogadishu, in Somali 1530 GMT, 15 October 2010)

- [Presenter] The Banaadir Islamic governorate this afternoon executed two men who were spying for the Christian Ethiopians. Mahmud Shaykh Ahmad has the details.

- [Mahmud] Two men spying for the Christians in Ethiopia were executed in a square on outskirts of Mogadishu this afternoon. The two men had recently been arrested by the fighters of the Islamic governorate in Lower Shabeelle Region.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 15 October 2010)

- Fighters led by Abdishukri Ali Hirsi, who claims to be a member of Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a group [moderate Islamists], have captured Cadaadoo, the capital of Himin and Heeb regional administration in central Somalia.
- "Reliable sources said the fighters, led by Abdishukri, and supported by those of Ahlu Sunnah [wal Jama'a] captured the town after a battle with the Himin and Heeb fighters a short while ago."
- Five people, all combatants, were killed and many others wounded during the one hour battle.

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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 14 October 2010)

(Direct excerpts)

- "Hisb al-Islam fighters deliberately killed about five people in Xarardheere town, Mudug Region [central Somalia]. The victims are said to have been angry punishment being carried out against a young offender in the town."
- "The fighters were punishing a young man accused of watching indecent images from his mobile phone, which is contrary to Islamic teachings, when the incident happened."
- "Woman and children at the gathering, who felt the sentencing of the young man was unfair, booed at the Hisb fighters, who responded by firing directly at the crowd, resulting in losses"
- "So far, six people, among them a pregnant woman, have been confirmed dead whereas 18 others, majority of who are women and children, have been wounded by the fire opened by Hisb al-Islam forces, according to a local resident."

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 14 October 2010)

- The spokesman for AMISOM [African Union's Mission in Somalia] troops has dismissed yesterday's statement by the Movement for the Al-Shabab Mujahidin that the medication being given out their troops to the civilian population in Mogadishu are meant to infect them with killer diseases.
- "AMISOM provides free medical care to the Somali people and Al-Shabab is making it seem as though this medication is meant to infect them with AIDS. We are refuting these statements as Somali doctors are very much aware of the medication we prescribe which benefit many people," said Barigye Bahuko.
- The spokesman for AMISOM troops in Mogadishu urged less able civilians in the capital to ignore Al-Shabab statement and the order barring them from going to AMISOM's bases to get free treatment.
- "We are urging patients to come and get the medication they need. They should not pay any attention to the threats and intimidation by Al-Shabab as they want to stop people

from accessing the free medical care that they need. We will continue assisting poor Somali civilians," said the spokesman for AMISOM troops.

- "These Ugandan men have said they are giving medication to the public. This medication has been taken from an organization in Uganda that works in the field of AIDs," said Shaykh Ali Muhammad Husayn.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 14 October 2010)

- Al-Shabab Movement banned the importation of Khat in southern Somalia region, thus has affecting multitudes of people, a majority of whom were Khat traders with the Kenyan government.
- The Al-Shabab Movement yesterday took control of the Number 50 airport in Lower Shabeelle and were able to effectively suspend the importation of Khat.
- [Direct excerpt] "The traders, whom we spoke to at their businesses premises, which were literally empty, said they have now lost the source of livelihood and would like to appeal to officials of the Al-Shabab Movement to allow them to lift the ban on the importation of the Khat. Another Khat trader we spoke to, also said the ban on the importation of Khat by Al-Shabab does not only affect her, but also her children and extended family, whom she sustained through her businesses."

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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 13 October 2010)

- Civilians have been killed in mortar attacks carried out by AMISOM [African Union's Mission in Somalia] troops on various residential areas in Mogadishu
- Following the series of confrontations in parts of Hodan and Howl Wadaag districts earlier this morning, AMISOM troops carried out mortar attacks in several residential areas in Banaadir Region.
- The shelling was not just limited to neighbourhoods surrounding Bakaaraha market but also extended to neighbourhood in the districts of Kaaraan, Shibis and Yaaqshiid.

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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 12 October 2010)

- Hisb al-Islam fighters conducted an operation in which they arrested a number of youth found to be watching anti-Islamic clips in their mobile phones in [displaced peoples camp] Lafole locality, outskirts of Mogadishu.
- The Hisb al-Islam's head of preaching in the area, Muhammad Umar Muhammad, who spoke to Shabeelle, said that their fighters arrested 15 people, mostly youth.
- He said that the youth are being held at a station in the locality after their mobiles were confiscated, adding they will be taken to court soon.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 12 October 2010)

- The semi-autonomous region of Somalia, Puntland, declared war on pirates based in eastern coast of the region, Shabeelle Media Network website reported on 12 October.

- Shabelle.net quoted Puntland's Interior Minister Ali Yusuf as saying that they "will launch operations to fight pirate groups" in Garacad and Jariibaan.

OCTOBER 11, 2010

STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES

(Source: Holy Koran Radio, Mogadishu, in Somali 1530 GMT, 11 October 2010)

- [Presenter] The Islamic governorate in Banaadir Region warned the Muslim population in Mogadishu that "medicine containing the aids virus which has been distributed to some hospitals in Mogadishu by the infidel Africans."

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 10 October 2010)

- The Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] provided details of meetings held with South African ministers about the increased number of attacks that target the Somali community [in South Africa]
- Abdullahi Ahmad Abdulle alias Azhari, the Acting minister of Community in the Diaspora and Foreign Investment, spoke about discussions of the plight of Somali refugees in South Africa who "are targeted with organized killings"