

**SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT  
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**STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCE**

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

- The president of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG], Shaykh Sharif Shaykh Ahmad, reiterated his government decision to implement shari'ah law in the country.
- The president, who was speaking at a mosque in the presidential palace after Friday prayers, said that the TFG is sticking to its previous stance to implement sharia'ah law, which was approved by the cabinet and parliament.

**OCTOBER 22, 2010**

**STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES**

*(Source: Radio Simba, Mogadishu, in Somali 1000 GMT, 22 October 2010)*

- Puntland Regional administration forces declared that they have victoriously concluded the fighting with Islamist insurgents led by Shaykh Sa'id Atam in the Galgala mountainous localities in northeastern region of Somalia.
- "The latest fighting in which we defeated the insurgent groups occurred late afternoon yesterday," Sa'id Dhere said.

*(Source: Jamhuuriya, Hargeysa, in Somali 22 October 2010)*

- Somaliland police arrested a number of people "suspected of involvement in insecurity" in Burco, eastern Somaliland.
- "The operation conducted by the police in Burco is aimed at improving security. Many suspects were arrested and they will be investigated," said the deputy police commissioner.
- This is the first major security operation to be conducted by the police since Ahmad Muhammad Silanyo took over as the country's president three months ago.

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 22 October 2010)*

- The spokesman of Al-Shabab forces, Shaykh Abdiaziz Abu Musab, who spoke to media outlets in Mogadishu, said that Al-Shabab fighters have destroyed armored vehicles belonging to Ethiopian troops in Ceelgaal locality in the outskirts of Beled Weyne.
- There are no independent sources to confirm the claims made Al-Shabab. However, local resident have only confirmed that one Ural destroyed in the locality.
- Heavy artillery fire being exchanged by government forces and Al-Shabab were heard in some parts of the region

**OCTOBER 21, 2010**

**STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES**

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 21 October 2010)*

- The Governor of the Banaadir Regional Administration expressed "disappointment over accusations of corruption leveled against local administrations in his jurisdiction".
- The Governor of the Banaadir Regional Administration, Mahmud Ahmad Nur alias Tarzan responded a letter from the Attorney General's office accusing his administration of embezzling public funds

- Muhammad Ahmad Tarzan asked the central bank “not to pay any attention to the statement issued by the attorney general's office in which he said false allegations were made”.

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 21 October 2010)*

- “AU peacekeepers in Mogadishu shelled some districts in Mogadishu causing civilian deaths and injuries overnight. The peacekeepers fired artillery at Wardhigley and Hodan districts in Mogadishu.”
- “Five people are confirmed to have been killed and four others wounded by rounds of artillery fired by the peacekeepers.”

## **OCTOBER 19, 2010**

### **EXTERNAL SOURCE**

*(Source: UN Integrated Regional Information Network, Nairobi, in English 19 October 2010)*

- The situation for several thousand internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Somalia's southern port city of Kismaayo has worsened in the two years since Islamist insurgents took control of the town, forcing aid agencies to withdraw, thus cutting aid deliveries.
- The UN World Food Programme (WFP) stopped food distributions in Kismaayo when it ceased operations in the area in August 2008 following the takeover of the town by Al-Shabab, the largest insurgent group. The agency said it was not aware of any assistance being provided to the displaced since it left.
- "The situation of the IDPs in the region remains miserable," Roberta Russo, spokeswoman for the UN refugee agency, told IRIN.

### **STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES**

*(Source: AllPuntland.com website in Somali 19 October 2010)*

- The commander of Puntland special forces (Daraawiish), General Said Muhammad Hirsi (Said Dhere) has for the first time commented on the fierce fighting in Galgala mountains area near Boosaaso port town.
- He alleged that “the forces have captured many prisoners and killed several fighters from the group led by Shaykh Muhammad Atom.”

*(Source: Garoweonline.com in English 19 October 2010)*

- Security forces of Somalia's Puntland State government initiated operations to search Somali hard-line, Al-Shabaab in the Galgala hills, in northern Somalia, Radio Garowe reports.
- The operations were joined by armed forces, reportedly tightened security in Dhagahdheere, Kariin Haragode, Dindigle and Dareeye, where the Al Shabaab-allied militia led by Muhammad Sa'id Atom have been hiding in recent months in the face of a Puntland military offensive.
- Puntland's government accused Atom of being responsible for a string of bombings and assassinations of Puntland government officials.

## **OCTOBER 18, 2010**

### **STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES**

*(Source: Radio Voice of Mudug, in Somali 1230 GMT, 18 October 2010)*

- Authorities of Somalia's Puntland region threatened to withdraw from the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia if the new draft constitution of the country is not based on a federal system.
- The constitutional and federal affairs minister of Puntland, Abdi Hasan Jim'ale, who held a news conference in Garoowe said that there were some points over which Puntland raised questions, adding that they had sent a letter regarding these points to the independent commission drafting

the new Somali constitution.

*(Source: Radio Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo, in Somali 1015 GMT, 18 October 2010)*

- "The Somali government has imposed a curfew on Buulo Xaawo in Gedo Region, after capturing the town from Al-Shabab Islamists."
- The Forces of Transitional Federal Government of Somalia backed by fighters loyal to Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a imposed night-time curfew on Beled Xaawo district of Gedo region, southwestern Somalia after taking control of the town on 17 October from Al-Shabab Islamic Movement.
- A Somali government officer who is identified as Sayid Muhammad told the media that the forces will continue to drive away what he termed terrorists from the whole regions in southwestern Somalia.

**OCTOBER 17, 2010**

**STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCE**

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 17 October 2010)*

- Traditional elders in the town of Cadaado, Galguduud Region accused Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a forces, who seized control of the town, of looting businesses there.
- "They have looted businesses in the town and attacked innocent civilians in mosques They were even openly boasting of killing people in the town," said Dahir Hersi Abdi who is among traditional elders in the town. The elder called upon Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a officials to apologize to the residents of Cadaado for the suffering caused in the town.
- The statement by the traditional elder comes at a time when the Ximan and Xeeb Regional Administration managed to recapture the town of Cadaado from Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a forces who briefly gained control of the town.