

**SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT**  
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**State-Facilitated Media Sources**

*(Source: Radio Mogadishu, in Somali 1600 GMT, 3 October 2010)*

- World Health Organization has called for the need to tackle poor health conditions in Somalia.
- In a statement, WHO declared that the recent fighting caused poor health conditions for more displaced people on Mogadishu outskirts and Banaadir Region. It also lamented the shortage of medical staff to treat diseases affecting patients in the country,
- In the statement, WHO said that medical staff of 1,270 including 250 doctors operate in Somalia and that was not enough to tackle the health problems in the country. It also said recently wounded people in the latest fighting in Mogadishu do not get required medical treatment.

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

- "AMISOM [African Union's Mission in Somalia] troops have today carried out indiscriminate shelling in Bakaaraha market in Mogadishu which has resulted in the loss of life and injury."
- "AMISOM troops today shelled various parts of Mogadishu and particularly the Bakaaraha market resulting in heavy losses. The mortar attack comes at a time when there is no ongoing fighting in the capital. The shelling by AMISOM troops soon turned to an exchange of mortars with armed opposition groups and resulted in heavy civilian losses as they landed in residential areas while some civilians got caught up in major roads."
- "Nine people have been confirmed dead in today's shelling and 30 others wounded as confirmed to us by drivers of public transport vehicles who evacuated the wounded and took them to Banaadir hospital. "

**OCTOBER 2, 2010**

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*(Source: Daily Monitor website, Kampala, in English 2 October 2010)*

- At least 400 Somalis, who are allegedly being targeted by the Islamist group, Al-Shabab, for supporting African peacekeepers in that country, have appealed to the Ugandan government to evacuate them to Kampala.
- Speaking to foreign journalists in Mogadishu on Wednesday [29 September], the group presented a statement saying the Al-Shabab is accusing them of collaborating with African Union peacekeepers and the Transitional Federal Government.
- Their names and pictures, they said, have been pinned on Bakaaraha Market walls as betrayers of the jihad and should therefore be killed. Mr Abdul Hagate, who presented the statement, appealed to the Ugandan and Kenyan governments to evacuate them. "We receive calls every day from Al-Shabab saying they are going to kill us," he said, "thirteen of our colleagues have already been killed. We appeal to Uganda and Kenya to take us out of this place," he said.

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 2 October 2010)*

- Hisb al-Islam fighters have arrested a number of displaced people in Lafole locality in the outskirts of Mogadishu.
- The fighters arrested 10 people for defying an order to vacate the former Lafole University compound and near by area, which was issued by the Hisb al-Islam's top leadership.

### **OCTOBER 1, 2010**

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*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 1 October 2010)*

- Al-Shabab fighters have arrested about 20 youth, whom they accuse of violating decrees issued by the Islamic administration in Beled Weyne, central Somalia.
- Seventeen youth were arrested for wearing trousers extending beyond the ankles and for having foreign hair styles. The two acts have been banned by Al-Shabab administration in the town.

### **SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**

#### **State-Facilitated Media Source**

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 30 September 2010)*

- The Mujahidin Movement of Al-Shabab addressed the meetings recently held in New York and Madrid as being failures to the Somali people.
- Speaking at a news conference, the spokesman for Mujahidin Movement of Al-Shabab, Shaykh Ali Muhammad Rage aka Shaykh Ali Dheere alleged that they were held to cause problems for the Somali people, but ended without any results.
- "The meetings were held for several reasons among them were conspiracies and problems that were hatched against the Muslim people. Because the non-Muslims do not want to see the Muslim people who are in good condition, they want to see them while in problems. They have now seen that Somalia has become one of safest places in the world," Shaykh Ali Dheere said.

*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 30 September 2010)*

- An international conference on human rights recently held in Geneva, Switzerland, condemned abuses perpetrated against journalists and media outlets operating in Somalia/
- The secretary-general of the National Union of Somali Journalists (Nusoj), Umar Faruq Usman, who attended the meeting, said it discussed "abuses against Somali journalists" and the "take over of radio stations" by the Islamist groups in the capital Mogadishu.
- Usman added that the conference also highlighted the sentencing of a radio journalist to six years in prison by a court in Puntland, which it termed "a major abuse against journalists operating in the regional administration".

### **SEPTEMBER 28, 2010**

#### **State-Facilitated Media Source**

*(Source: Holy Koran Radio, Mogadishu, in Somali 1530 GMT, 28 September 2010)*

- [Presenter] Muslim society in Mogadishu said they recognized the false propaganda that are being propagated against Islamists in Somalia, appreciating the Islamists radios that operate in Somalia, our correspondent Salah Nabhan has the details.

- [Salah] though our Muslim society said that they earlier understood what the few radios that work for the apostates and Christians that operate in Mogadishu which they want to mislead out Muslim society.
- They indicated that the radios in Mogadishu disturbed Lower Shabeelle Region's peace after they exaggerated and broadcast that unidentified helicopter struck on residence by Al-Shabab Islamic governorate officials in Marka town, southern Somalia.
- "This is what infidels' radios are going to use in order to harass Muslim civilians mentally, it is also a method used by apostate governments and their Christian allies to disturb peace and security in Lower Shabeelle Region," one of the residents said.

## **SEPTEMBER 26, 2010**

### **State-Facilitated Media Source**

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

- Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a alleged that they have obtained evidence showing that senior officials of the Transitional Federal Government are members of Al-Shabab Movement which is fighting the government and Ahlu Sunnah group.
- This comes after officials from Ahlu Sunnah have announced that talks between them and the government have collapsed. Ahlu Sunnah officials now say they have obtained documents showing that some influential government officials are members of Al-Shabab Movement.