

Somali Domestic Media Monitoring Report
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External Media Sources

(Source: The New Vision website, Kampala, in English 9 August 2010)

- **"The security threat posed by terrorists in the country is still very high", the Inspector-General of Police, Maj-Gen Kale Kayihura stressed.**
- **During a security brief with entrepreneurs and head of government institutions, Kayihura warned that the terrorists were planning more attacks.**
- **"Terrorists are targeting stop points for fuel tankers, filling stations and tanks, populated establishments including schools and also intend to assassinate VIPs," a source at the meeting said.**
- "The police will henceforth inspect private security companies offering guarding services to various institutions to see whether they comply with strict security measures," he announced.

August 8, 2010

State-Facilitated Sources

(Source: Somali Puntlandpost website in Somali 8 August 2010)

- A senior Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a official accused the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia of failing to do something about the security situation in the country. The official also accused the government of not implementing the agreement that they entered into with their group.
- Shaykh Suldaan Adan Ma'alim who returned after leading a delegation to a trip in number of Arab countries has held a news conference in Mogadishu and said senior government officials have failed to address the difficult situation that the country is in.
- "The president and other TFG officials have failed to address the situation that the country is in" said Shaykh Suldaan who added that they are ready to support the TFG. Shaykh Suldaan said the government has the capability to rid Mogadishu of armed opposition groups but that senior officials are reluctant to do so because they do not want to see an end to the current fighting in the country.
- "We as Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a do support the government, however, we do not get the support we need in the fighting," said Shaykh Suldaan who added that their group will continue to fight.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 8 August 2010)

- Shabelle received secret reports indicating that the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia [TFG] has sent an airplane carrying large military cargo.
- Senior TFG officials in Mogadishu and those of the Puntland Administration in Garowe have confirmed to Shabelle that the TFG has dispatched a plane carrying military cargo to the Puntland Administration towards the end of last week.
- This comes at a time when the Puntland President, Abdirahman Farole recently said he would rid the region of Shaykh Ataam and his forces, who he accused of being responsible for organized killings in the Region.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 8 August 2010)

- The leader of Hisb al-Islam, Shaykh Hasan Dahir Aweys called upon the Somali public to provide assistance to displaced people in the outskirts of Mogadishu.
- Shaykh Hasan Dahir Aweys held a meeting with traders, traditional elders, religious scholars, women, telecommunication companies and money transfer agencies to discuss ways of providing assistance to displaced people in Mogadishu and surrounding areas.
- Shaykh Hasan Dahir Aweys in his meeting with these groups urged them to provide assistance to displaced people in the outskirts of Mogadishu and surrounding areas that he said have been facing prolonged hunger. He stressed the holy month of Ramadan should be

taken advantage of and that aid agencies should not be relied on because they do nothing to assist Somali civilians in need.

August 7, 2010

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(Source: Somali Puntlandpost website in Somali 7 August 2010)

- Fierce fighting erupted this morning in the Galgala Mountain where Puntland forces and others led by the Shaykh named Ataam have been facing each other. The fighting is said to have resulted in the loss of life and injury on both sides.
- Doctors in Boosaaso have confirmed that that a number of people wounded in the fighting are currently receiving treatment.

August 6, 2010

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(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 6 August 2010)

- The President of the Puntland Administration, Abdirahman Shaykh Muhammad Mahmud Farole, has spoken his views on the armed groups led by Muhammad Sa'id Atam
- The Puntland leader today issued a long lecture in one of the mosques in Garoowe, the headquarters of the Puntland Administration, and vowed to fight forces loyal to Shaykh Atam whose militia recently engaged Puntland forces in fighting.
- Abdirahman Farole also stressed that the Puntland Administration recently deported groups that were destabilizing Puntland from Boosaaso. Farole further warned farmers in Galgala and surrounding mountainous areas where forces loyal to Shaykh Atam are based that Puntland forces will soon head to these areas to fight the insurgents.

(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 6 August 2010)

- ***The Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a administration in Banaadir Region [Mogadishu and its environs] threatened to intensify its war against Al-Shabab Mujahidin Movement during the holy month of Ramadan.***
- "We are pleased to inform the residents of Banaadir Region that in the coming Ramadan month, the Mujahidin of Ahlu Sunnah are planning to double the jihad against rival Al-Shabab and its allies," said Shaykh Shuriye.
- "The Ahlu Sunnah Mujahidin in Banaadir Region are planning to attack and drive out any person connected to Al-Shabab every where in Somalia," added the Ahlu Sunnah information secretary in the region.

August 3, 2010

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(Source: Somali Puntlandpost website in Somali 3 August 2010)

- The chairman of Hisb al-Islam, Shaykh Hasan Dahir Aweys, who spoke to the media, warned that "additional troops to Somalia would not bring solution to the country but will worsen it."
- He stressed that they [Hisb al-Islam] are "ready to fight any force deployed in the country and called on the international community to leave Somalis to the decide their destiny"
- ***"We are warning African countries against sending more troops to Somalia, since those sent earlier are causing suffering to the civilians. We advising them to withdraw their troops from the country," said Shaykh Aweys.***