

**SOMALI DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT**  
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*(Source: Shabeelle Media Network website, Mogadishu, in Somali 26 September 2010)*

- Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a have said that "they 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."
- In a news conference, the chairman of the consultative council of the Ahlu Sunnah wal Jama'a, Shaykh Umar Shaykh Abdiqadir said they were evaluating the government's seriousness in the [implementation of the] agreements between the government and Ahlu Sunnah through out the time when the agreements were being signed.

**September 24, 2010**

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*(Source: Holy Koran Radio, Mogadishu, in Somali 1530 GMT, 24 September 2010)*

- [Presenter]: Officials from the [hardline] Al-Shabab Islamic Movement administration have concluded a seminar on how women can take part in the holy war in Mogadishu.
- [Correspondent Tshow]: Al-Shabab Islamic Movement administration officials and teachers today concluded at Mogadishu's Khadija Bintu Khuweyda campus a seminar on the role of women in jihad. The women come from different districts in Mogadishu.
- Women who attended the seminar said that they learned important lessons on "how Muslim women could take part in the jihad". They added that they also received "important religious lessons, including the uniqueness of God."

*(Source: Garoweonline.com in Somali 24 September 2010)*

- The spokesman of AMISOM [African Union Mission in Somalia], Maj Barigye Bahoku, who addressed the press in Mogadishu confirmed that "AU troops have killed 25 Al-Shabab fighters."
- "We killed 25 Al-Shabab fighters. They were youth who were misled. We showed their bodies to the local residents and the press. We warn the youth against being misled to take part in these fighting," said the spokesman.

**September 23, 2010**

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

- The Transitional Federal Government of Somalia's [TFG] Ministry of Humanitarian Assistance expressed "serious concerns about the humanitarian situation in which displaced Somali civilians both in Mogadishu and its outskirts"
- The TFG acting minister of humanitarian assistance, Dr Mahmud Abdullahi Garweyne, has said that "there is a serious humanitarian situation in Somalia, one of the worst in the world."

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

- “Displaced people on the outskirts of Mogadishu have staged a demo against Hisb al-Islam, one of the Islamist groups fighting the Somali government”, Shabeelle website reported
- According to the website, the demonstrators were "protesting against Hisb al-Islam's action of evicting the displaced from their makeshift homes".
- The web adds that the displaced people were chanting "we don't want Hisb al-Islam." An elderly lady, who was among the protesters, said fighting had displaced them from their homes in Mogadishu and are now facing "fresh displacement caused by Hisb al-Islam."

### **September 22, 2010**

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

- AMISOM [African Union's Mission in Somalia] officials have asked the Al-Shabab Movement “to stop the fighting so that their troops in Mogadishu can rest.”
- The commander of AMISOM troops, Nathan Mugisha, while speaking at a function to mark the World Peace Day held at the AMISOM base in Xalane, Mogadishu, called upon armed opposition groups in Somalia to “stop the fighting so that the country can attain stability and prosperity”.

### **September 21, 2010**

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

- “The embattled Somali prime minister has resigned” Shabeelle Media Network website has reported.
- Shabelle.net reported that Umar Abdirashid Sharmarke "announced his resignation" and submitted it to the president.
- The website added the reasons for his resignation were the "widening rift" with the Somali President Shaykh Ahmad.

### **September 20, 2010**

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*(Source: Radio Mogadishu, in Somali 1600 GMT, 20 September 2010)*

- Somali religious scholars have denounced the move by [hardline] Al-Shabab and Hisb al-Islam insurgent groups to take over two local media outlets in Mogadishu was against Islamic teaching.
- In an interview, the head of Somalia's religious scholars, Shaykh Ahmad Abdi Dhicisow, said “the decision by the insurgents to take over Mogadishu's privately-owned HornAfrik and GBC [Global Broadcasting Corporation] radio stations was deplorable and against Islam.”
- He added that “Islam never allowed the looting of properties belonging to either Muslims or non-Muslims.”