

# Abbreviations and glossary

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## A

**AFRICOM** United States Africa Command

**AMISOM** African Union Mission in Somalia

**AMNIYAT** The intelligence unit of Al-Shabaab

**ASWJ** Ahlu Sunna Wal-Jama'ah

**ATMIS** African Transitional Mission in Somalia

## C

**CAT** Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

**CJEU** Court of Justice of the European Union

**CEAS** Common European Asylum System

**COI** Country of origin information

## D

***darwish***

- State level: armed forces/militias/paramilitary/special police
- Darwish (Federal Police): Paramilitary unit of the Somali Police Force distinct from the state level unofficial *darwish*

***diya***

payment of compensation

## E

**EASO**

European Asylum Support Office

**EUAA**

European Union Agency for Asylum

**ECHR**

Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (European Convention on Human Rights), as amended by Protocols Nos. 11 and 14, 4 November 1950

**ECtHR**

European Court of Human Rights

**ENDF**

Ethiopian National Defence Force

**EU**

European Union

## F

**FGM/C**

female genital mutilation/cutting

**FGS**

Federal Government of Somalia

**FMS**

Federal Member States

## G

**gaashaanbuur** military alliance

## H

**hadd crimes** Crimes that are ‘against the rights of God’ under Islamic religious law  
(plural *huduud*)

## I

**ID** identification documentation

**IDP(s)** Internally displaced person(s)

**IED** improvised explosive device

**IPA** international protection alternative

**ISS** Islamic State in Somalia

## J

**jilib** the group below which the community assumes the payment of ‘the blood price’ (*diya*)

## L

## **LGBTIQ persons**

LGBTIQ persons are persons:

- who are attracted to others of their own gender (lesbian, gay) or any gender (bisexual);
- whose gender identity and/or expression does not correspond to the sex they were assigned at birth (trans, non-binary);
- who are born with sex characteristics that do not fit the typical definition of male or female (intersex); and
- whose identity does not fit into a binary classification of sexuality and/or gender (queer)

## **M**

### **Ma’awiisley**

A local clan militia, also referred to as Macawiisley, Macawiisleey, Macawisley, named after the sarong, a common piece of clothing.

### ***mukhtar***

local community leader

## **N**

### **NIS**

National Intelligence Service

### **NISA**

National Intelligence and Security Agency

### **NGO**

Non-Governmental Organisation

## **P**

### **PMPF**

Puntland Maritime Police Force

### **PSF**

Puntland Security Force

## Q

<b>QD</b>	Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection, and for the content of the protection granted
<i>qisas</i>	retaliation under Sharia Law

## R

<b>RRU</b>	Rapid responses Units
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## S

<i>Sharia</i>	the religious law of Islam, Islamic canonical law
<b>SNA</b>	Somalia National Army
<b>SPF</b>	Somali Police Force
<b>SPU</b>	Special Police Unit
<b>SVBIED</b>	Suicide-vehicle born improvised explosive devices

## U

<b>UAE</b>	United Arab Emirates
<b>UK</b>	United Kingdom
<b>UN</b>	United Nations

<b>UNHCR</b>	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
<b>UNICEF</b>	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
<b>UNOCHA</b>	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
<b>UNSG</b>	United Nations Secretary General
<b>US</b>	United States of America

## X

<i>xeer</i>	customary (clan) law
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## Z

<i>zakat</i>	the annual religious obligation to pay a specific percentage of a person's wealth to the poor
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