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# Abbreviations and glossary

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## A

<b>AFRICOM</b>	United States Africa Command
<b>AMISOM</b>	African Union Mission in Somalia
<b>AMNIYAT</b>	The intelligence unit of Al-Shabaab
<b>ASWJ</b>	Ahlu Sunna Wal-Jama'ah
<b>ATMIS</b>	African Transitional Mission in Somalia

## C

<b>CAT</b>	Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
<b>CJEU</b>	Court of Justice of the European Union
<b>CEAS</b>	Common European Asylum System
<b>COI</b>	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

**QD** 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

**(Qualification Directive)**

**qisas** retaliation under Sharia Law

## R

**RRU** Rapid responses Units

## S

**Sharia** the religious law of Islam, Islamic canonical law

**SNA** Somalia National Army

**SPF** Somali Police Force

**SPU** Special Police Unit

**SVBIED** Suicide-vehicle born improvised explosive devices

## U

**UAE** United Arab Emirates

**UK** United Kingdom

**UN** United Nations

**UNHCR** United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

**UNICEF** United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

**UNOCHA** United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

**UNSG** United Nations Secretary General

**US** United States of America

## X

***xeer*** customary (clan) law

## Z

***zakat*** the annual religious obligation to pay a specific percentage of a person's wealth to the poor