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Glossary and abbreviations

Term	Definition
4.5 power-sharing formula	A power-sharing formula under which key positions in the state and parliamentary seats are allocated on a proportional basis across the 4 major clans and 0.5 to minorities
Adoon	Slave
Af-Maay	Somali dialect spoken in parts of southern and central Somalia, including the inter-riverine region
Af-Mahaa	Standard Somali language
AFRICOM	United States Africa Command
AMISOM	African Union Mission in Somalia
Amniyat	Al-Shabaab's intelligence wing
AS	Al-Shabaab, militant Islamist organisation in Somalia
ASWJ	Ahlu Sunna Wal-Jama'ah, the multi-clan armed Sufi group
ATMIS	African Transition Mission in Somalia
AU	African Union

AUSSOM	African Union Support and Stabilisation Mission in Somalia
Badeeco	Goods
Bajaaj	Three-wheeled motor rickshaws also known as Tuk-Tuk
BAMF	Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge
Bandar	Port, harbour
***Berket* (plural *berkedo*)**	Water catchment
Bi'da	Innovations in Islamic law that are seen as deviating from established practices
Bikro	A concept meaning that 'there is honour in husbands having difficulty penetrating their wives on their wedding night as it indicates purity or virginity'
Bir ma geydo	Somali for 'spared from the spear'
BRA	Benadir Regional Administration
Casualty	A person who is killed, wounded or incapacitated
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CID	Criminal Investigation Department
Dadka laga tirade badan yahay	Minority, literally people who are small in numbers

Dalag	Agricultural produce
Darwish, Dervish	State level armed forces/militias/paramilitary/special police
Degan	Clan-homeland
Dhaqan celis	Somali for return to culture
DIS	Danish Immigration Service
Diya	Payment of compensation (see also *mag* or *jilib*)
DSA	Detailed site assessment
Fatwa	A legal ruling on a point of Islamic law (Sharia) given by a qualified Islamic jurist in response to a specific question or issue
FFM	Fact-Finding Mission
FGM/C	Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting
FGS	Federal Government of Somalia
Fiqh	Islamic jurisprudence, referring to the science of understanding and applying the principles of Sharia (Islamic law)
FMS	Federal Member State
Foosto	Water container of about 200 liters
Gadiid	Transit
GBV	Gender-Based Violence

Gibil cad	Light-skinned
Gibil madow	Dark-skinned
Godob reeb, or godobtiir	In the context of clan conflicts/feuds, the tradition of compensating the victim's group with one or more unmarried girls from the murder's family who are offered for marriage
***Hadd crimes* (plural *huduud*)**	Crimes that are 'against the rights of God' under Islamic religious law
Halal	Anything that is permitted or lawful according to Islamic law
Hanbali	One of the two main Sharia schools (*madhab*) present in Somalia
Haram	Actions, behaviours, foods, or practices that are forbidden by Islamic law
Haramcad	Turkish-trained police force also known as *Cheetah*
Hiraba	Islamic law legal category that comprises highway robbery rape, and terrorism
Hisba	Religious duty of 'commanding right and forbidding wrong'
HSM	Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, President of Somalia
IDP	Internally Displaced Person
IED	Improvised Explosive Device
IND	Immigration and Naturalization Directorate

Infaq	In principle, the Islamic practice of generosity and charitable giving as a voluntary act; in the context of this report, local tax imposed by Al-Shabaab and based on need
Isbaaro	Somali for checkpoint
Isbaaro soo booda	Somali for temporary or pop-up checkpoints
ISIS or ISS	Islamic State in Somalia
ISIS-Somalia	Islamic State in Somalia, or ISS; a Somalia-based affiliate of the Iraq/Syria-based IS (also called the Islamic State of Iraq in the Levant/Syria (ISIS), or Daesh)
Jaish al-hisba or Hisbah	Armed force that Al-Shabaab uses as both police and a morality enforcement force
Jareer	Somali for curly hair
Jingad	Shack, makeshift or informal dwelling, typically constructed using readily available materials like mud, wood, or corrugated metal
JISA	Jubbaland Intelligence and Security Agency
JOC	Joint Operations Centre
Khaniis	Somali term used to designate all LGBTQI+ persons
Khat	Khat (*Catha edulis*) is a flowering shrub native to East Africa and the Arabian Peninsula and used as a recreational drug
Kufar	Arabic for unbelievers
Laan dheere	Long genealogies

Maamulka ridada	The government of apostasy
Macawisley	Communal militia
Madhab	Sharia school
Mag	Payment of compensation (see also *diya*)
Malcaamad	Koranic school
MEDA	Minority Empowerment and Development Agency
Mooryaan	Somali for bandits
Mufsid fil-ard	In an Islamic context, spreading corruption in the land
NISA	National Intelligence and Security Agency
NUSOJ	National Union of Somali Journalists
PISA	Puntland Intelligence and Security Agency
PMPF	Puntland Maritime Police Force
PRADO	Public Register of Authentic identity and travel Documents Online
PRMN	Protection and Return Monitoring Network
PSF	Puntland Security Forces
Qaad* or *Jaad, or Mira	Somali for Khat, also known as Mira (particularly in Swahili)

Qadi	Muslim judge who administers Islamic law in a Sharia court. They also have extrajudicial functions like mediation and guardianship
Qisas	Retaliation under Sharia law
Saab	Name for the *Rahanweyn*/*Digil-Mirifle* clan family (after their ancestor Saabe)
Sab	Minority group, occupational caste
Samaale	Somali ancestor for Somali clans (*Dir, Isaaq, Darood, Hawiye*)
SGBV	Sexual and gender-based violence
Shafi'i (Shafi's)	One of the two main Sharia schools (*madhab*) present in Somalia
Sharia (Shari'a', Sharia'ah)	The Islamic law
SHDS	Somali Health and Demographic Survey
Sheikh	In Somalia, common honorific used for respected individuals, particularly senior religious leaders and scholars knowledgeable about Sharia law
SJS	Somali Journalists Syndicate
SNA	Somali National Army
SSC	Sool, Sanaag, and Cayn
Ta'zīr	Ordinary crime
Takfir/Takfiir	Declaring other Muslims as infidels because they do not adhere to certain behaviour

TFG	Transitional Federal Government
Ulama	Menof knowledge well versed in Muslim religious sciences (e.g. Qur'an, hadīth, fiqh)
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNSOM	United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia
Xeer	Customary (clan) law
Xidid	Root
Xoolo	Livestock
***Zakat* or *zakah, or zakawat* in Somali**	Religious tax under Islamic law
Zina	Unlawful sexual intercourse under Islamic law

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