

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
<i>Adoon</i>	Slave
<i>Af-Maay</i>	Somali dialect spoken in parts of southern and central Somalia, including the inter-riverine region
<i>Af-Mahaa</i>	Standard Somali language
AFRICOM	United States Africa Command
AMISOM	African Union Mission in Somalia
<i>Amniyat</i>	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
<i>Badeeco</i>	Goods
<i>Bajaaaj</i>	Three-wheeled motor rickshaws also known as Tuk-Tuk
BAMF	Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge
<i>Bandar</i>	Port, harbour
<i>Berket (plural berkedo)</i>	Water catchment
<i>Bi'da</i>	Innovations in Islamic law that are seen as deviating from established practices
<i>Bikro</i>	A concept meaning that ‘there is honour in husbands having difficulty penetrating their wives on their wedding night as it indicates purity or virginity’
<i>Bir ma geydo</i>	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

<i>Dadka laga tirade badan yahay</i>	Minority, literally people who are small in numbers
<i>Dalag</i>	Agricultural produce
<i>Darwish, Dervish</i>	State level armed forces/militias/paramilitary/special police
<i>Degan</i>	Clan-homeland
<i>Dhaqan celis</i>	Somali for return to culture
DIS	Danish Immigration Service
<i>Diya</i>	Payment of compensation (see also <i>mag</i> or <i>jilib</i>)
DSA	Detailed site assessment
<i>Fatwa</i>	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
<i>Fiqh</i>	Islamic jurisprudence, referring to the science of understanding and applying the principles of Sharia (Islamic law)
FMS	Federal Member State

<i>Foosto</i>	Water container of about 200 liters
<i>Gadiid</i>	Transit
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
<i>Gibil cad</i>	Light-skinned
<i>Gibil madow</i>	Dark-skinned
<i>Godob reeb, or godobtîir</i>	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
<i>Hadd crimes (plural huduud)</i>	Crimes that are 'against the rights of God' under Islamic religious law
<i>Halal</i>	Anything that is permitted or lawful according to Islamic law
<i>Hanbali</i>	One of the two main Sharia schools (<i>madhab</i>) present in Somalia
<i>Haram</i>	Actions, behaviours, foods, or practices that are forbidden by Islamic law
<i>Haramcad</i>	Turkish-trained police force also known as <i>Cheetah</i>
<i>Hiraba</i>	Islamic law legal category that comprises highway robbery rape, and terrorism
<i>Hisba</i>	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
<i>Infdaq</i>	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
<i>Isbaaro</i>	Somali for checkpoint
<i>Isbaaro soo booda</i>	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)
<i>Jaish al-hisba or Hisbah</i>	Armed force that Al-Shabaab uses as both police and a morality enforcement force
<i>Jareer</i>	Somali for curly hair
<i>Jingad</i>	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

<i>Khaniis</i>	Somali term used to designate all LGBTQI+ persons
<i>Khat</i>	Khat (<i>Catha edulis</i>) is a flowering shrub native to East Africa and the Arabian Peninsula and used as a recreational drug
<i>Kufar</i>	Arabic for unbelievers
<i>Laan dheere</i>	Long genealogies
<i>Maamulka ridada</i>	The government of apostasy
Macawisley	Communal militia
<i>Madhab</i>	Sharia school
<i>Mag</i>	Payment of compensation (see also <i>diya</i>)
<i>Malcaamad</i>	Koranic school
MEDA	Minority Empowerment and Development Agency
<i>Mooryaan</i>	Somali for bandits
<i>Mufsid fil-ard</i>	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
<i>Qaad or Jaad, or Mira</i>	Somali for Khat, also known as Mira (particularly in Swahili)
<i>Qadi</i>	Muslim judge who administers Islamic law in a Sharia court. They also have extrajudicial functions like mediation and guardianship
<i>Qisas</i>	Retaliation under Sharia law
<i>Saab</i>	Name for the <i>Rahanweyn/Digil-Mirifle</i> clan family (after their ancestor Saabe)
<i>Sab</i>	Minority group, occupational caste
<i>Samaale</i>	Somali ancestor for Somali clans (<i>Dir, Isaaq, Darood, Hawiye</i>)
SGBV	Sexual and gender-based violence
<i>Shafi'i (Shafi's)</i>	One of the two main Sharia schools (<i>madhab</i>) present in Somalia
<i>Sharia (Shari'a', Sharia'ah)</i>	The Islamic law
SHDS	Somali Health and Demographic Survey

<i>Sheikh</i>	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
<i>Ta'z?r</i>	Ordinary crime
<i>Takfir/Takfir</i>	Declaring other Muslims as infidels because they do not adhere to certain behaviour
TFG	Transitional Federal Government
<i>Ulama</i>	Men of knowledge well versed in Muslim religious sciences (e.g. Qur'an, hadith, fiqh)
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNSOM	United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia
<i>Xeer</i>	Customary (clan) law
<i>Xidid</i>	Root
<i>Xoolo</i>	Livestock

***Zakat or zakah, or
zakawat in Somali***

Religious tax under Islamic law

Zina

Unlawful sexual intercourse under Islamic law