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Potential targets of Al-Shabaab frequent attacks are: people officially representing or de facto associated with the FGS or the FMS administrations, including civilians; people working, formally or informally, to support their institutions, including civilians; the national and the federal security forces as well as other opposed darwish or clan militias; the international community; people opposing or perceived as opposing Al-Shabaab, including collaborators and informers of the above mentioned bodies and institutions.[567](#)

Al-Shabaab's intended targets belong to a broad range of profiles, with different ranking, status, and position. Although higher profiles might be preferred by the organisation, lower ones are also and more easily targeted. Moreover, forms and modalities of the targeting often affect 'indiscriminately' by-standers and the civilian population at large, when they are not the target in the first place.[568](#)

For background information on the scope of the targeting and the justification for the attacks please see the [EASO COI Report Somalia: Targeted profiles](#) (September 2021).[569](#)

- [1.6.1. Civilian government and governance officials, district commissioners](#)
- [1.6.2. Members of parliaments, clan and people representatives, electoral delegates](#)
- [1.6.3. Military personnel, including army officials, FMS forces, clan elders and militia members](#)
- [1.6.4. Other individuals opposing or perceived as opposing Al-Shabaab](#)

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