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In April 2023, the Dhulbahante committee in Laas Caanood announced that traffic between the Sool, Sanaag, and Cayn regions and Somaliland would be suspended, isolating Laas Caanood from the major port of Berbera and hindering traffic between Somaliland and Somalia.1322

Map 4 by IPIS shows non-al-Shabaab-controlled checkpoints in Caynabo, Guumeys, Tuulo Samakaab, Faleeryale, and Buuro Wadar in Sool region.1323 However, checkpoints in the contested regions, notably as a consequence of the conflict in Las Anod, are likely to be many more than those shown on the map.1324 For an overview on checkpoints at country level see section 1.7 Checkpoints and road security in Somalia.

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