

2.5.3. Galmudug - Checkpoints and road security

In Galmudug, the relative scarcity of checkpoints can be attributed in part to the success of the local actors revenue sharing mechanism^{[1138](#)} and in part to under-reporting issues.^{[1139](#)} For an overview on checkpoints at country level see section [1.7](#) and [Map 4](#).

UNOCHA reported on humanitarian partners in Xarardheere who experienced 'extended' delays at checkpoints, demands for bribes and other protection concerns.^{[1140](#)} In another case, a humanitarian team was reportedly stopped at a checkpoint by clan militia and denied passage while the militia was looking for members of another clan.^{[1141](#)} In February 2025, government forces and allied militias attacked an Al-Shabaab-controlled checkpoint in Xarardheere district that was allegedly used to extort money from civilians and travellers.^{[1142](#)}

In September 2023, Al-Shabaab claimed responsibility for two car bomb attacks in Dhuusamarreeb, targeting the road to the town's main airport and a checkpoint within the town. The attack happened while President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud was residing in the town to continue the mobilisation against Al-Shabaab.^{[1143](#)} In July 2024, Al-Shabaab stole arms and ammunition in an attack on a government-escorted convoy in Abudwak district near the Ethiopian border. The weapons had been smuggled into the country and had been seized by the government forces.^{[1144](#)} In July 2024, the SNA reportedly cleared the road between Mesagaway and Barak-Sheikh Amir in Galgaduud region from landmines planted by Al-Shabaab.^{[1145](#)} Mine clearing operations by government forces were also taking place in Ceel Dheere district in December 2023,^{[1146](#)} and on the roads along the Hirshabelle-Galgaduud border regions in May 2024.^{[1147](#)} Several local media reported on landmine explosions killing or injuring civilians, including near Galcad in July 2023,^{[1148](#)} near Ceel Dheer district,^{[1149](#)} and in the Heraale area in July 2024.^{[1150](#)}

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