

## 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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