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Glossary and abbreviations

Term	Definition
ACLED	Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project
AFRICOM	United States Africa Command
AMISOM	African Union Mission in Somalia
ASWJ	Al-Shabaab, militant Islamist organisation in Somalia
ATMIS	African Transition Mission in Somalia
AU	African Union
AUSSOM	African Union Support and Stabilisation Mission in Somalia
AWD	Acute Watery Diarrhoea, cholera
BRA	Benadir Regional Administration
CFR	Council on Foreign Relations
CID	Criminal Investigation Department
Danab	Special operation unit within the SNA trained by the US AFRICOM
Darwish, Dervish	State level armed forces/militias/paramilitary/special police
DSA	Detailed site assessment
ENDF	Ethiopia National Defence Forces
FGS	Federal Government of Somalia
FMS	Federal Member State
Gorgor	Special operation unit within the SNA trained by Türkiye
HIPS	Heritage Institute for Policy Studies

HSM	Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, President of Somalia
IDP	Internally Displaced Person
IED	Improvised Explosive Device
INSO	International NGO Safety Organisation
IPC	Integrated Food Security Phase Classification
IPIS	International Peace Information Service
Isbaaro	Somali for checkpoint
Isbaaro soo booda	Somali for pop-up checkpoint
ISIS or ISS	Islamic State in Somalia
JISA	Jubbaland Intelligence and Security Agency
KDF	Kenya Defence Forces
Macawisley	Communal militia, community defence forces
Mooryaan	Somali for bandits
NRC	Norwegian Refugee Council
NISA	National Intelligence and Security Agency
PMPF	Puntland Maritime Police Force
PRMN	Protection and Return Monitoring Network
PSF	Puntland Security Forces
Sadat	Turkish private military company
SHDS	Somali Health and Demographic Survey
SHCC	Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition
SNA	Somali National Army
SSC	Sool, Sanaag, and Cayn
SSC-K	Sool, Sanaag, and Cayn – Khatumo Administration
UNHCR PRMN	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Protection & Return Monitoring Network
UNSOM	United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia
UNSOS	United Nations Support Office in Somalia

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