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## A

### 4.5 power-sharing formula

A power-sharing formula under which key positions in the state and parliamentary seats are allocated on a proportional basis across the 4 major clans and 0.5 to minorities

<b>ADR</b>	Alternative Dispute Resolution
<b>AFRICOM</b>	United States Africa Command
<b>AMISOM</b>	Africom Union Mission in Somalia
<i>Amniyat</i>	The intelligence of Al-Shabaab
<b>ASWJ</b>	Ahiu Sunna Wal-Jama'ah
<b>ATMIS</b>	African Transitional Mission in Somalia

## C

<b>CJEU</b>	Court of Justice of the European Union
<b>CEAS</b>	Common European Asylum System
<b>COI</b>	Country of Origin Information

## D

State level: armed forces/militias/paramilitary/special police

- Darwish**
- *Darwish* (Federal Police): Paramilitary unit of the Somali
  - Police Force distinct from the state level unofficial Darwish

**Diya** Payment of compensation (see also *mag*)

## E

**ERRs** Emergency Response Rooms

**EUAA** European Union Agency for Asylum

**EU** European Union

## F

**FGM/C** Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting

**FGS** Federal Government of Somalia

## H

**Hudud** Crimes that are ‘against the rights of God’ under Islamic religious law (plural of *haad*)

## I

**ID** Identification documentation

**IDPs** Internally Displaced Person(s)

**IED** Improvised explosive device

**IPA** Internal protection alternative

**ISS** Islamic State in Somalia

## J

**Jaish al-hisba or Hisbah** Armed force that Al-Shabaab uses as both police and a morality enforcement force

**Jilib** The group below which the community assumes the payment of ‘the blood price’

## L

### LGBTIQ

LGBTIQ people are persons:

- who are attracted to others of their own gender (lesbian, gay) or any gender (bisexual);
- whose gender identity and/or expression does not correspond to the sex they were assigned at birth (trans, non-binary);
- who are born with sex characteristics that do not fit the typical definition of male or female (intersex); and
- whose identity does not fit into a binary classification of sexuality and/or gender (queer).

## M

**Ma’awiisley**

A local clan militia, also referred to as Macawiisley, Macawiisleey, Macawisley, named after the sarong, a common piece of clothing

**Mag**

Payment of compensation (see also *diya*)

**Mooryaan**

Somali for bandits

**Mukhtar**

Local community leader

## N

**NIS** National Intelligence Service

**NISA** National Intelligence and Security Agency

**NGO** Non-Governmental Organisation

## P

**PMPF** Puntland Maritime Police Force

**PSF** Puntland Security Force

## Q

**QD**  
**(Qualification Directive)**

Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection, and for the content of the protection granted.

**QR**  
**(Qualification Regulation)**

Regulation (EU) 2024/1347 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection and for the content of the protection granted, amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC and repealing Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**S**

**Sharia** The religious law of Islam, Islamic canonical law

**SNA** Somalia National Army

**SPF** Somalia Police Force

**U**

**UN** United Nations

**UNHCR** United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

**UNICEF** United Nations Children's Fund

**UNOCHA** United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

**UNSG** United Nations Secretary General

**US** United States of America

**X**

**Xeer** Customary (clan) law

**Z**

**Zakat** The annual religious obligation to pay a specific percentage of a person's wealth to the poor