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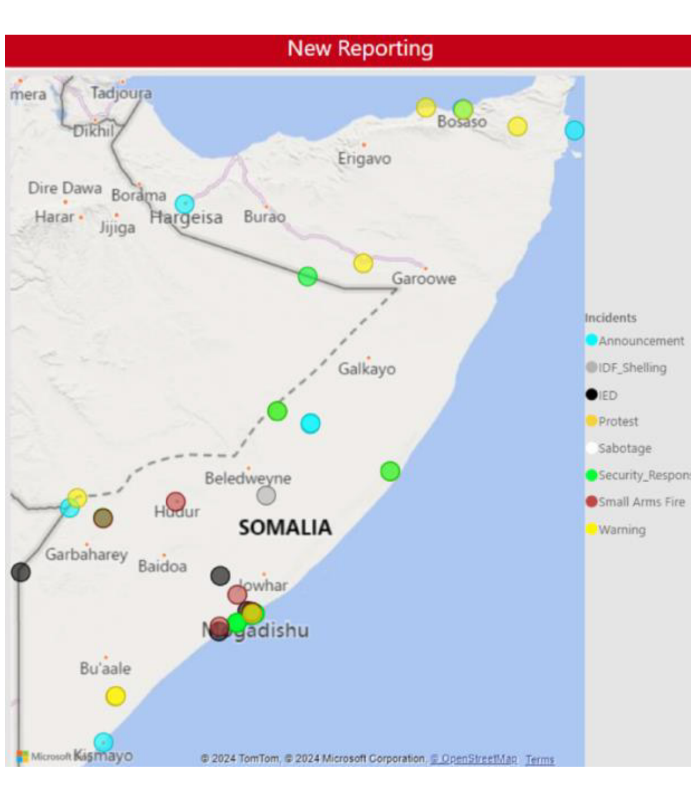

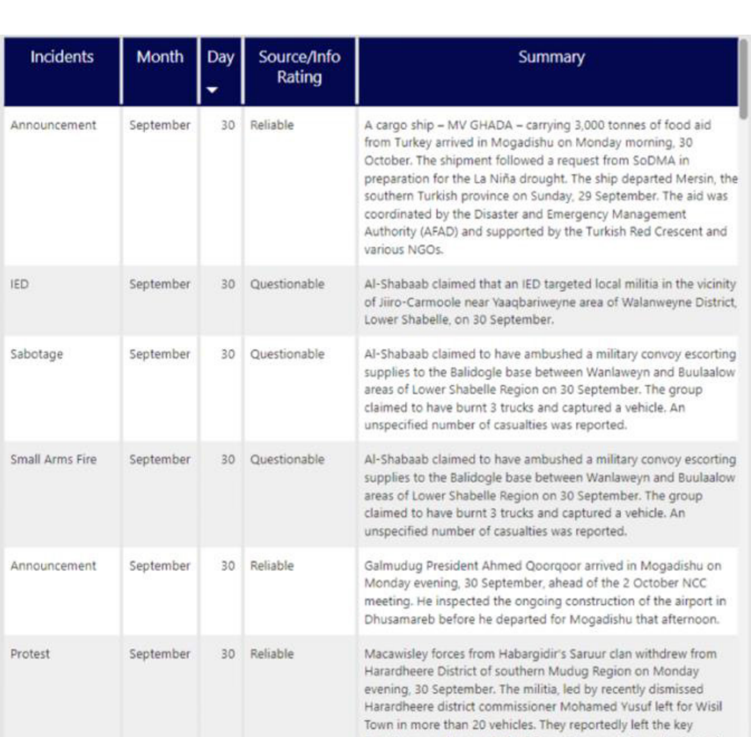

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IED	September	30	Questionable	Al-Shabaab claimed that an IED targeted local militia in the vicinity of Jiiro-Carmoole near Yaaqbariweyne area of Walanweyne District, Lower Shabelle, on 30 September.
Sabotage	September	30	Questionable	Al-Shabaab claimed to have ambushed a military convoy escorting supplies to the Balidogle base between Wanlaweyn and Buulaalow areas of Lower Shabelle Region on 30 September. The group claimed to have burnt 3 trucks and captured a vehicle. An unspecified number of casualties was reported.
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Announcement	September	30	Reliable	Galmudug President Ahmed Qoorqoor arrived in Mogadishu on Monday evening, 30 September, ahead of the 2 October NCC meeting. He inspected the ongoing construction of the airport in Dhusamareb before he departed for Mogadishu that afternoon.
Protest	September	30	Reliable	Macawisley forces from Habargidir's Saruur clan withdrew from Harardheere District of southern Mudug Region on Monday evening, 30 September. The militia, led by recently dismissed Harardheere district commissioner Mohamed Yusuf left for Wisil Town in more than 20 vehicles. They reportedly left the key frontline area due to a lack of financial support from the federal and Galmudug governments. However, they promised to return to

Security Developments

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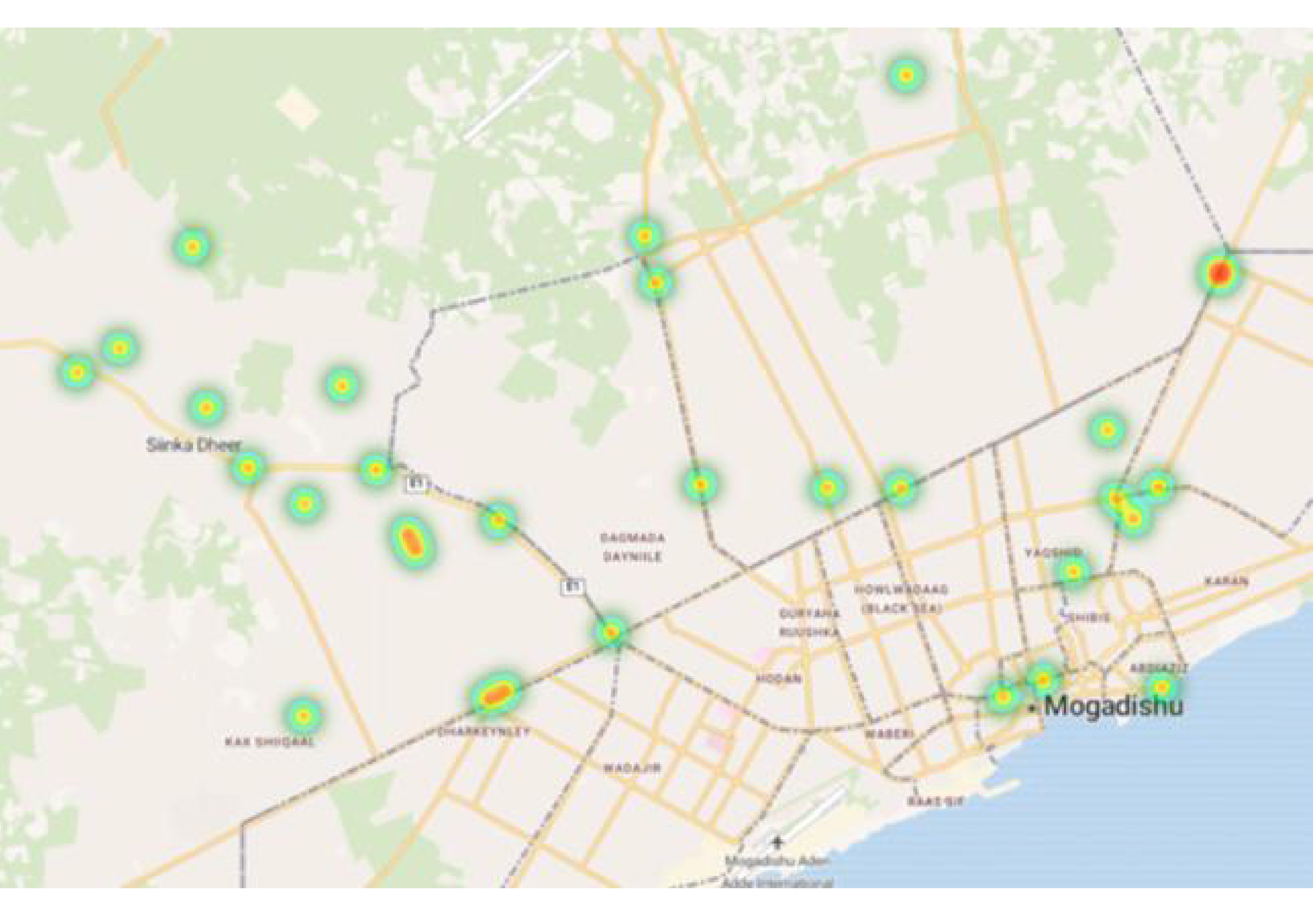
Explosions Reportedly Target 2 Businesses in Mogadishu's Daynile District on Tuesday Night for Installing CCTV Cameras

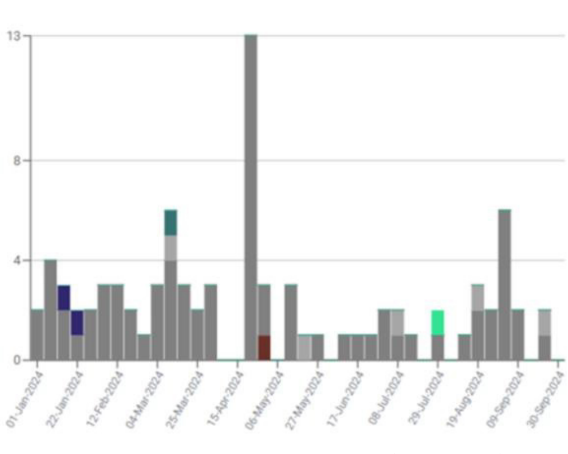
Media sources reported that at least 2 improvised explosive device (IED) detonations targeted a shop and a petrol station in the Guutaale Hospital area of Bangala neighborhood under Daynile District, Mogadishu, on Tuesday night, 1 October. The premises were reportedly targeted for implementing an order to install CCTV cameras. No casualties were reported but the buildings sustained extensive damage. District security officials believed the attacks were linked to al-Shabaab and said investigations had begun.

A third explosion was reported in Bangala neighborhood of Daynile District on Tuesday night, 1 October. No specific details were available on the target of the explosion. Gunfire was reported in the area after the blasts.

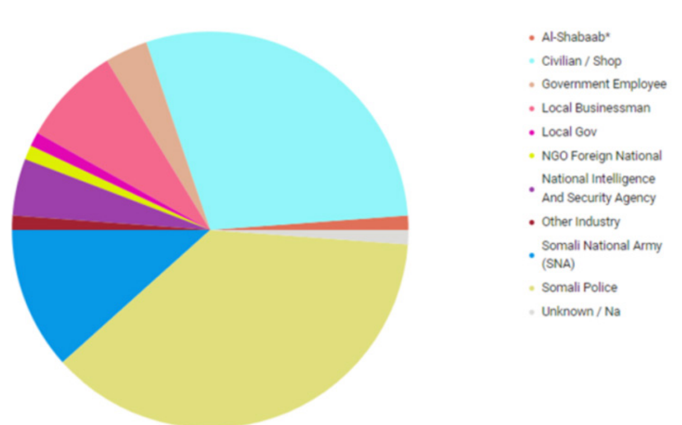
The CCTV order most likely followed recent al-Shabaab VBIED attacks in the outlying Garasbaley District of Mogadishu and the neighboring Ceelasha Biyaha area in August. Armed militants were reportedly seen in the Ceelasha Biyaha, with the attacks on the main Rob-Da'ay NISA Station along the highway to Mogadishu linked to attempts by the militant group to break security defenses to allow free movement of its operatives, weapons, and explosives into the Somali capital. Similar attacks were reportedly at Bakara and other main markets in Mogadishu at the beginning of the year following similar orders to install surveillance cameras at all business premises to aid in investigations into al-Shabaab activities. Such targeted attacks on businesses in the Ceelasha Biyaha area will most likely continue in the coming weeks as the implementation of the government order remains in place. Electronic shops in Mogadishu, known to supply surveillance cameras, will also bear the brunt of these attacks. The threat of terror attacks remains extant, with recent intel indicating an especially elevated risk of vehicle-borne IED explosions in the city



Heatmap of IED Attacks in Mogadishu and Immediate Surroundings, 1 May – 1 October 2024



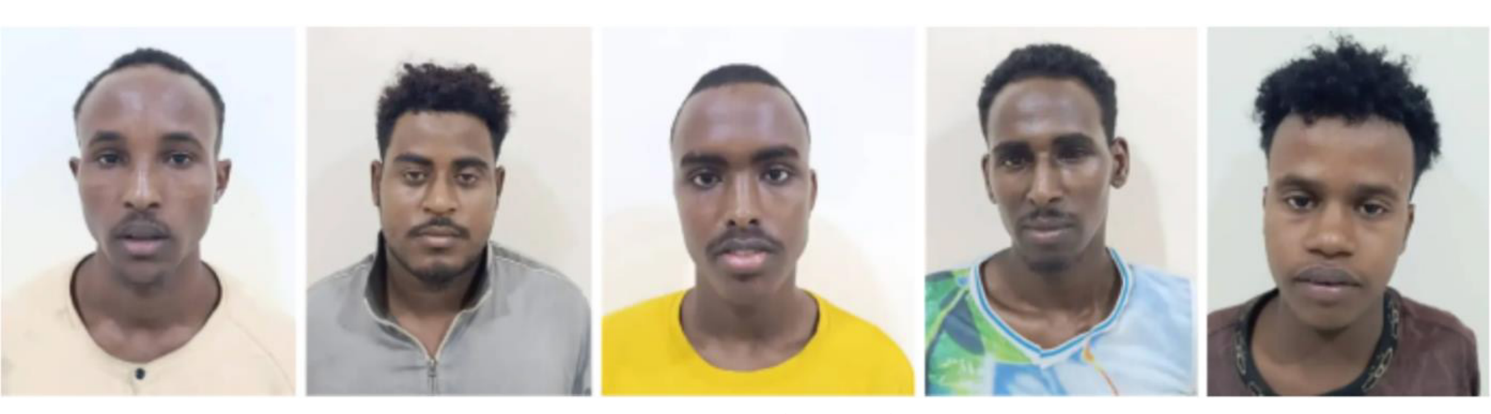
IED-Type Attacks in Mogadishu, 1 January – 1 October 2024



Targets of IED Attacks in Mogadishu, 1 January – 1 October 2024

NISA Arrests Terror Cell, Captures Explosives in Mogadishu

In a statement on 1 October, NISA announced the capture of a 5-member al-Shabaab network in Mogadishu. The suspects were caught with guns, 2 IEDs and mobile detonators. The agency also released their images.



Arrested Terror Cell in Mogadishu

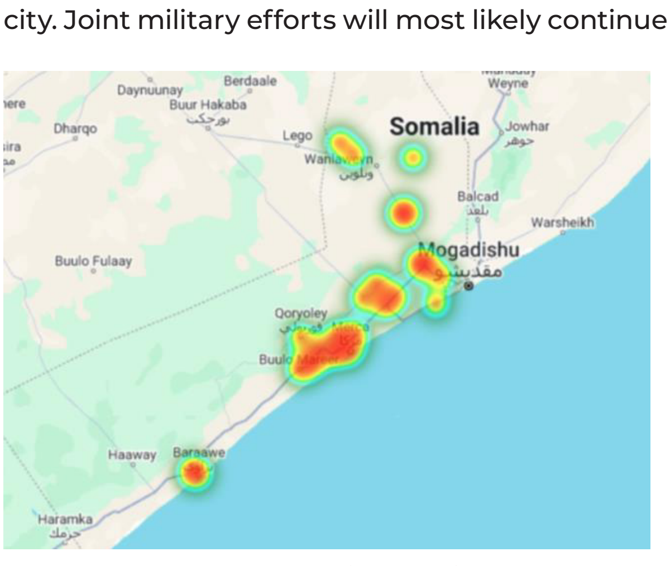
Captured Weapons and Explosives in Mogadishu, 1 October 2024

Hirshabelle, Southwest, and Jubaland

Haramcad and Duufaan Forces Clear Al-Shabaab from Lower Shabelle Coast South of Mogadishu

In a statement on Tuesday, 1 October, the Somali government announced that soldiers from Haramcad police and NISA's Duufaan unit carried out an operation against al-Shabaab along the Lower Shabelle coast – Gaacal-yaabar, Jirley Junction and Garasqaajo areas. They reportedly destroyed militant hideouts and arrested several people suspected to be working with al-Shabaab.

The operation was likely an attempt to clear al-Shabaab militants from areas close to Mogadishu. Al-Shabaab activity in Lower Shabelle has seemingly surged since mid-September, increasing the militant group's threat in Mogadishu. Aldebaran has assessed that the increased activity south of Mogadishu is possibly linked to a recent increase in movements by the Somali military and ATMIS troops to and from Mogadishu and forward operating bases in Lower Shabelle. The militant group's recent attacks on Mogadishu have targeted security positions in the southwestern Kahda District, a possible indication of mobilizations in Lower Shabelle areas very close to the city. Joint military efforts will most likely continue targeting areas surrounding Mogadishu in the coming weeks.



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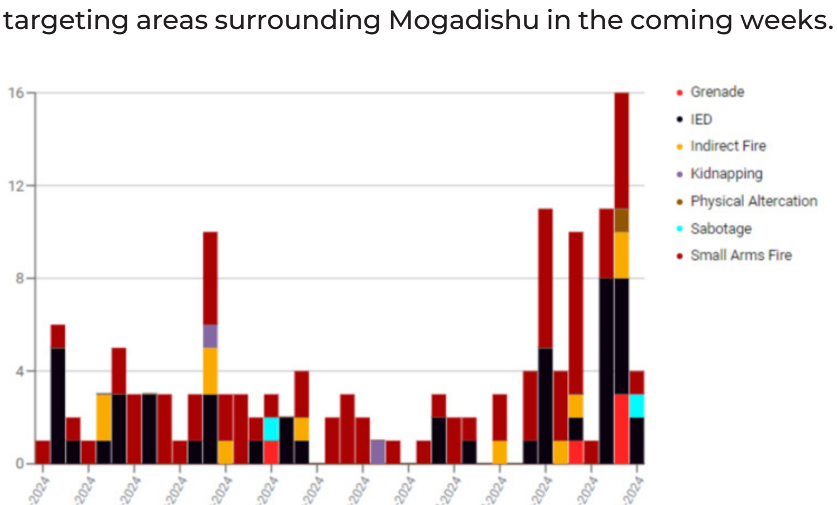

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Images from Operation Along Lower Shabelle Coast, 1 October 2024

UNCONFIRMED: Al-Shabaab Targets Supply Convoy Heading to Balidogle Base

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Somaliland, Puntland, and Galmudug

Puntland Leader to Launch War Against Islamic State in Bari Region

Puntland President Said Deni landed in Bosaso on Wednesday afternoon, 2 September. He was expected to launch meetings and activities to deliberate on the situation in the town and accelerate plans to launch operations against Islamic State in the Bari mountains.

On 1 October, sources reported that President Deni planned to travel to Bosaso to prepare and launch an operation against Islamic State elements in Bari Region. The development follows US intelligence reports that the militant group has been increasing in strength as more foreign fighters arrived from the Middle East.

Drama as Residents in Galguduud's Balanbale Town Raise Puntland Flag

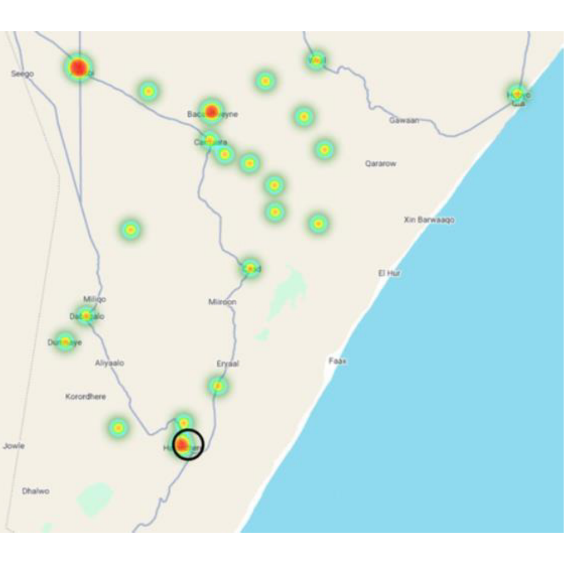
Puntland Flag in Balanbale, 1 October 2024

Residents raised a Puntland flag in Balanbale District of Galguduud Region on Tuesday morning, 1 October. The development was a response to the slow reaction by the Galmudug administration to the suspension of flight operations at the airports in Abudwak and Balanbale in the past week.

Galmudug police forces in Balanbale District arrested youths who raised a Puntland flag in the town on Tuesday, 1 October. Protests broke out after police attempted to remove the Puntland flag.

Saruur Clan Macawisley Forces Withdraw from Southern Mudug's Harardheere Town in Protest on Monday Evening; Return on Tuesday

Macawisley forces from Habargidir's Saruur clan withdrew from Harardheere District of southern Mudug Region on Monday evening, 30 September. The militia, led by recently dismissed Harardheere district commissioner Mohamed Yusuf Kulmiye left for Wisil Town in more than 20 vehicles. They reportedly left the key frontline area due to a lack of financial support from the federal and Galmudug governments. However, they promised to return to the area if their complaints were resolved. Gorgor forces and Macawisley forces from the Saleban and Ayr clans remained in charge of security in the town; however, their numbers may not be enough to defend the town against another al-Shabaab assault.



However, local authorities reported that the Saruur clan fighters returned to their posts in Harardheere on Tuesday, 1 October. Their financial support concerns were reportedly addressed after they withdrew from the town on the evening of 30 September.

The withdrawal followed a joint statement on 8 September by Macawisley leaders of the Saleban, Ayr, Waceysle and Sarur clans in Harardheere denying a statement by the Galmudug Minister of Security that they had received financial support. The issue seemingly emerged after Galmudug state authorities replaced Mohamed Yusuf Kulmiye as district commissioner for acts of rebellion, including hosting state presidential candidate Liban Shuluq in Harardheere. The arrival of the new district commissioner, Caseyr Ibrahim Matan, in the town led to a clash among Macawisley forces on 1 September. The loss of Saruur forces makes the town more susceptible to al-Shabaab assaults and possible capture. The militant group has launched several attacks and attempts to retake the town, which it lost 2 years ago, in the past few months. However, efforts to resolve the existing political differences and the clan militia's complaints are expected to protect the military gains made in southern Mudug in the last 2 years.

Nationwide

AFRICOM Commander: Al-Shabaab Repowering, Islamic State Doubles in Size

In an interview on 1 October, AFRICOM commander General Michael Langley said that al-Shabaab has exploited the diplomatic dispute between Somalia and Ethiopia to raise its recruitment numbers. In June, US defense official said that al-Shabaab numbers were back to highs of between 12,000 and 13,000. General Langley linked the development to the effects of the political risk on counterterrorism cooperation between the 2 neighboring countries. He also indicated that Somalia needed "a credible holding force" to prevent al-Shabaab from retaking and re-inserting themselves in liberated areas. He added that military forces have lost territory while moving the military offensive to the next region or district.

General Langley raised concerns about Yemen's Houthi militant group's "aspirations" to collaborate with al-Shabaab. He said that the US was monitoring the situation because of its implications on regional security – possible Houthi pressure on both sides of the Gulf of Aden. Houthi militants have targeted more than 80 merchant vessels with missiles and drones since the Gaza war started in October 2023.

The AFRICOM commander said that the Islamic State in Somalia had doubled in size over the past year. He also warned about the possibility of the militant group increasing its foreign fighter presence in Bari Region. He also said that the US must take the reports about Abdulqadir Mumin – the IS leader in Somalia – was now the global leader.

Additionally, he ruled out any US role in the transition from ATMIS to AUSSOM. He insisted that US troops were in Somalia to advise and assist in training.

New Somali Police Chief Takes Charge

The new Somali Police Commissioner, Brigadier General Asad Diyano, officially took over office from Major General Sulub Ahmed Firin on Tuesday, 1 October. The federal Minister of Internal Security, Abdullahi Sheikh Ismail (Fartaag), witnessed the handover. General Diyano and Minister Fartaag also toured the Somali Police Command premises.

Brigadier General Diyano officially assumed office at an event in Mogadishu on Wednesday afternoon, 2 October. Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre, federal Minister, Abdullahi Sheikh Ismail (Fartaag) of Internal Security. Lawmakers and other officials were in attendance. Diyano promised to come up with new plans to secure Mogadishu and re-establish trust in police across the country (SEE DIYANO'S INAGURAL SPEECH HERE).

Somali Police Command Handover, 1 October 2024

UNCONFIRMED: Ethiopian Troops Impose Strict Measures for Vehicles Crossing from Somalia to Ethiopia

On 1 October, sources claimed that Ethiopian troops had imposed punitive measures on vehicles crossing the border from Somalia to the Somali Region. The move was linked to tensions between Somalia and Ethiopia.

Somalia Participates in International Coalition Meeting Against Islamic State

On 30 September, the federal Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Ali Omar, participated in the International Coalition Ministerial Meeting in Washington DC. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken chaired the meeting.

Representatives from 87 nations pledged to enhance global counterterrorism efforts and develop strategies to prevent the expansion of the Islamic State.

Turkish Drone Manufacturer Visits Mogadishu

The CEO of Turkish drone manufacturer Baykar, Haluk Bayraktar, met President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud during a recent visit to Mogadishu on Saturday, 28 September. Details about the meeting were not disclosed. Baykraktar later disclosed that they discussed growing cooperation between Mogadishu and Ankara on defense, security, and infrastructure development. The company's Bayraktar TB2 drones are in use by Turkish military forces in Somalia.

President Mohamud with Haluk Bayraktar, 28 September 2024

Political, Economic, and Humanitarian Announcements

NCC Meeting Opens in Mogadishu on Wednesday

President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud opened the National Consultative Council meeting in Mogadishu on Wednesday afternoon, 2 September. Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre, Deputy Prime Minister Salah Jama, Mayor Yusuf Madale of Mogadishu and all state leaders, except Puntland's Said Deni, were present at the meeting.

A delegation led by Southwest President Abdiaziz Laftagareen landed at AAIA in Mogadishu on Wednesday morning, 2 October. He brought with him a large number of special security forces from Baidoa. Laftagareen was expected to attend the NCC conference and may also hold a special meeting with President Mohamud to resolve their differences.

Federal and State Leaders at NCC Meeting in Mogadishu, 2 October 2024

New Police Chief Meets Swedish and Italian Ambassadors

On 1 October, the new Somali Police Commissioner, Brigadier General Asad Osman Abdullahi Diyano, met the Swedish Ambassador to Somalia, Joachim Waern. According to a statement from the police command, they discussed cooperation in security matters – including the fight against al-Shabaab and increased training support to the Somali police. The meeting was Diyano's first since his appointment on 26 September.

USAID Grants Somalia USD 68.5 Million for Stability Project for Liberated Areas

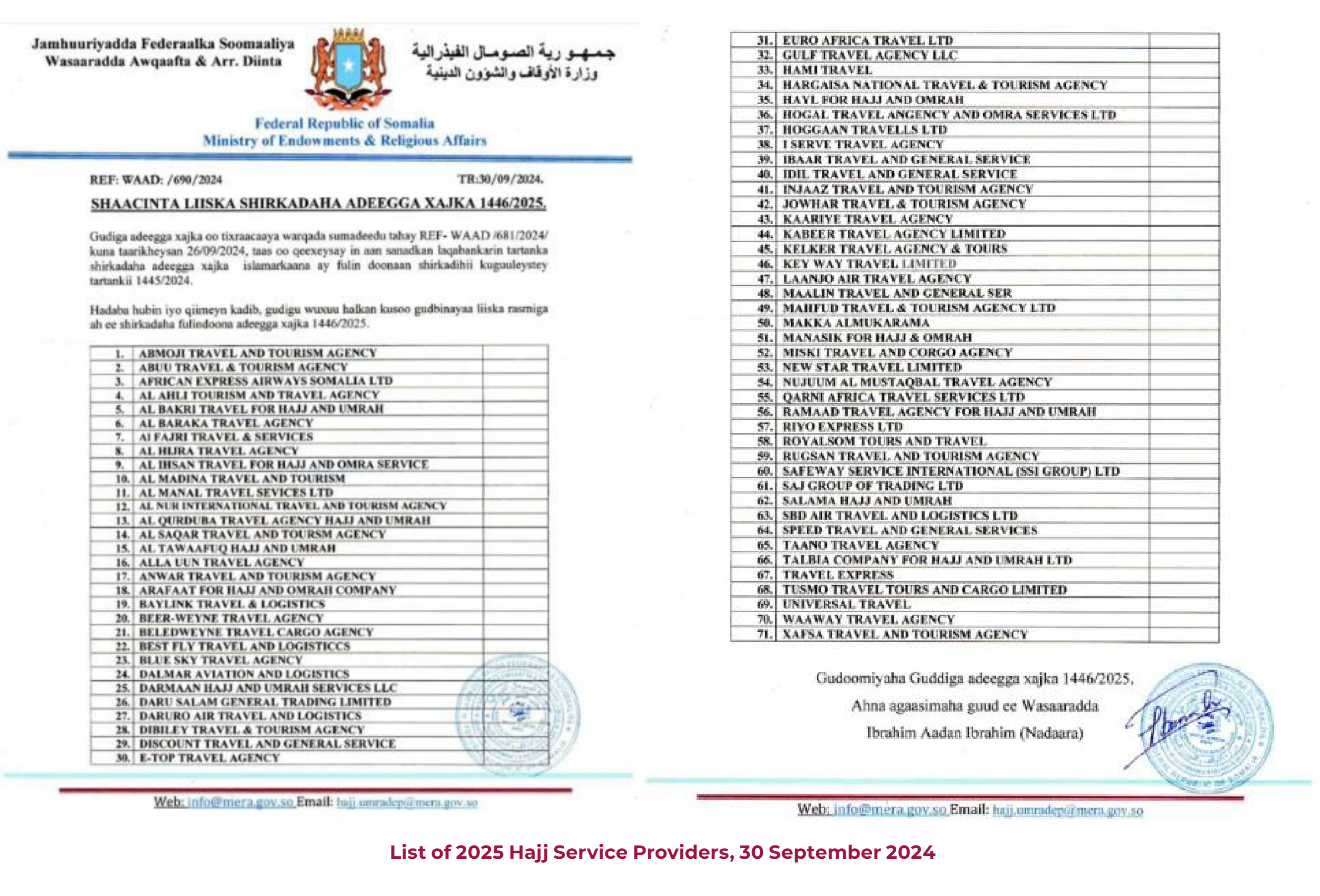
On 1 October, federal ministers Mohamud Beenebeene of Planning and Bihi Egeh of Finance signed a USD 68.5 million Development Assistance Grant Agreement with USAID Somalia director Catie Lott in Mogadishu. The grant will help address economic growth, governance reforms, health, education, women and youth empowerment, and support Somalia's long-term vision for resilience and sustainability. Minister Beenebeene said that most of the grant money would go to the development of health, education and good governance in newly liberated areas.

SCC-Khatumo Elder Blames Political Forces for Instigating Disputes with Puntland

In a press briefing on the evening of 1 October, the Supreme SSC-Khatumo traditional leader, Garaad Jama Garaad Ali warned that a group of politicians were intent on creating divisions between SSC and Puntland. He added that the group has been against all SSC administrations in the past for pro-Somaliland reasons.

Hajj Committee Releases List of 2025 Service Companies

On 30 September, the 2025 Hajj Service Committee released the official list of 71 companies that will have next year's contract. The companies were reportedly not part of the previous Hajj. The committee recently announced that companies would not tender for the service due to time constraints.



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List of 2025 Hajj Service Providers, 30 September 2024

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