

SUMMARY

December had the lowest number of civilian casualties recorded over a one-month period in 2017 with 82 casualties, including 44 killed, 33 injured, four cases of rape, and one death in custody, a 13 per cent decrease from November. Al Shabaab (AS) was the main perpetrator with 29 casualties, including 11 summary executions. State actors were responsible for 23 casualties, while airstrikes resulted in seven civilian casualties (five deaths and two injuries). One civilian casualty was attributed to AMISOM. The abduction of civilians increased with 28 reported cases (up from 19 in November and 10 in October). Three death sentences were pronounced, one in Mogadishu by the Military Court against an alleged AS member and two in Puntland by a civilian court. A TV journalist was killed in an unclaimed VBIED attack in Mogadishu, while three journalists were arrested in Somaliland and another in Middle Shabelle region, each of whom were accused of publishing “false news”.

KEY FIGURES

CIVILIAN CASUALTIES

TOTAL



Total 2017 = 2,854

1,380 KILLED

1,433 INJURED

41 RAPED

HIGHLIGHTS

Total casualties: **13%** from November and lowest for 2017

AS: **6%** from November, lowest for 2017

Clan conflict: **50%** from November

Security forces: **23%** from November

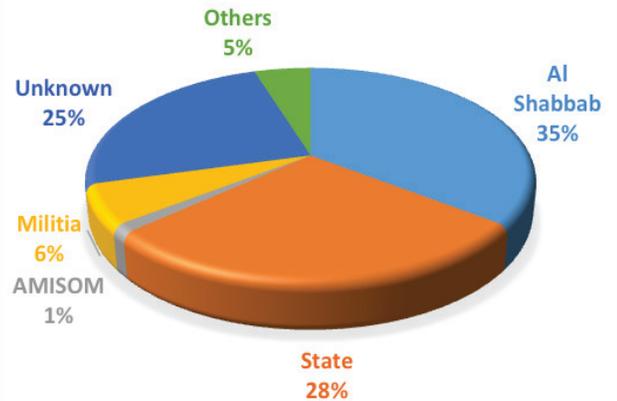
7 civilian casualties by airstrikes

1 civilian casualty attributed to AMISOM

Abductions by AS: **64%** from November

Summary Executions by AS: **11** casualties

PERCENTAGE OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES BY MAIN PERPETRATOR - DECEMBER 2017



CONCERNS

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION



Arrest: 4 journalists – 3 in Somaliland & 1 in HirShabelle
34 total in 2017
1 journalist killed in Mogadishu | 5 total in 2017

DEATH PENALTY



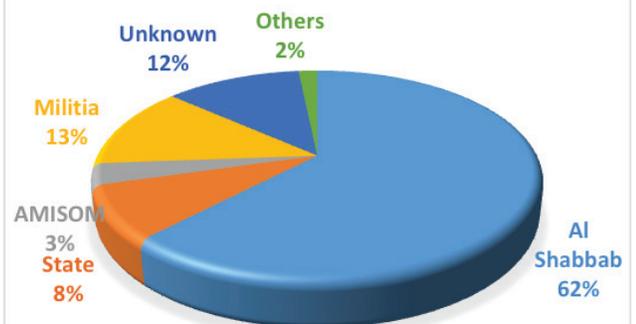
3 death sentences- 2 in Puntland, 1 in Mogadishu
41 total in 2017

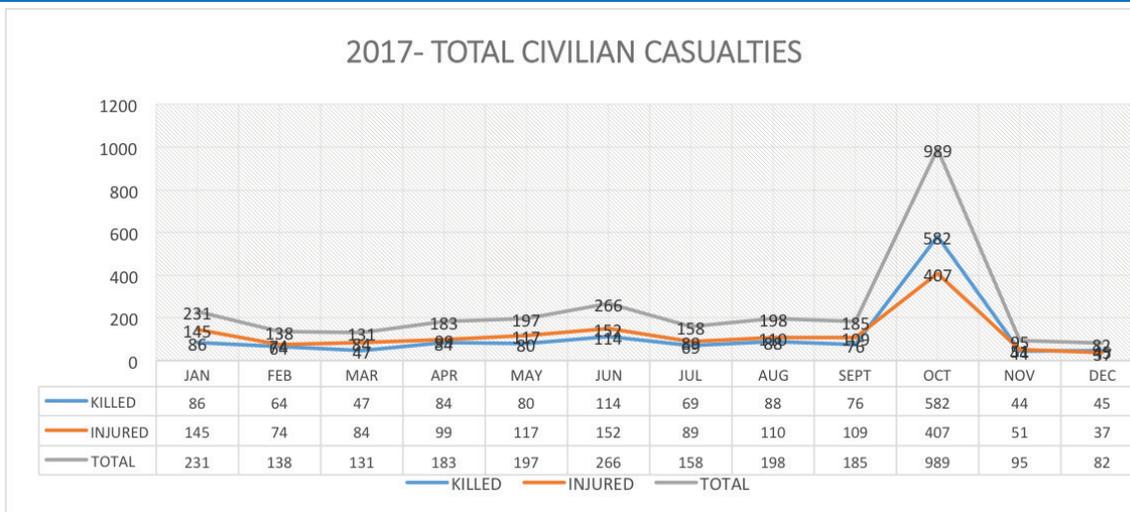
ARBITRARY ARREST / DETENTION



5 in Somaliland, 3 in Puntland (including 4 journalists)
11 total in 2017

PERCENTAGE OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES BY MAIN PERPETRATOR - TOTAL 2017





STRENGTHENING NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS



HUMAN RIGHTS DUE DILIGENCE POLICY

In December, the General and Preliminary Risk Assessment for the Somali Police was finalized and the UN communicated the recommended measures for the prevention of and response to violations of human rights and international humanitarian law to the FGS.



INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Celebration of International Human Rights Day, following 16 days of activism: **HRPG** conducted several human rights and awareness-raising activities, in particular in the context of the **16 days of activism** that culminated with the celebration of the **International Human Rights Day on 10 December**. It also celebrated the **World Disability Rights Day** in Garoowe, Mogadishu, Baidoa, Kismaayo, and Hargeisa. In Mogadishu, members from the Federal Government of Somalia, UN, and civil society discussed potential actions of the FGS, Parliament, civil society and other stakeholders to ensure disability-inclusive development, especially in the context of the implementation of the **Somalia National Development Plan (NDP)** that is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 Agenda (leave no one behind).



The Protection of Civilians report

published on 10 December is the first UN report in Somalia on civilian casualties and a first attempt by UNSOM to quantify the number of (civilians killed and injured in the context of the armed conflict) and assess the toll of the conflict on civilians between 1 January 2016 and 14 October 2017. UNSOM engaged several actors identified in the report, some of whom provided written responses, such as AMISOM and Kenya (<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/SO/ReportProtectionofCivilians.pdf>)

HUMAN RIGHTS TRAININGS



Jubbaland

20 members of the Jubbaland Human Rights Working Group on Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism on grave violations of children's rights and Conflict Related Sexual Violence in Kismaayo.

HirShabelle

25 SNA officers on general International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law in Beledweyne.

ISWA

40 religious leaders on general International Human Rights Law in Baidoa.



NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS

The selection of the nine members of the National Human Rights Commission was completed and will be submitted to the Cabinet in 2018.