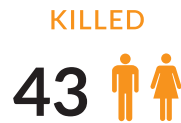


SUMMARY

HRPG documented 85 civilian casualties in June (43 killed and 42 injured), which represent a 17 per cent decrease compared to May. Al Shabaab remains the main perpetrator responsible for civilian casualties and continues its targeting of persons involved in the 2016/2017 electoral process, with four casualties recorded. One death sentence was pronounced by the Somaliland First Instance Military Court and three death sentences were upheld by the Puntland's Nugaal Regional Appeal Court. No arrests of journalists were recorded, though two media outlets were banned for 12 days, with the bans being subsequently lifted. Arbitrary arrests and/or prolonged detentions continue to be documented, the majority of cases occurring in Puntland, with a concerning focus on a particular clan. On a positive development, HRPG notes the announcement of the first female candidate in the Jubaland Regional Assembly elections and the intention of 23 others to run as candidates as well. The Federal President signed the instrument of ratification for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The Minister of Women, Human Rights and Development delivered her maiden speech to the Human Rights Council and introduced a two-year score card, which presents an overview of achievements by the Government of Somalia in facilitating the promotion and protection of Human Rights in Somalia from 2017 to 2019.

CIVILIAN CASUALTIES AND OTHER PROTECTION CONCERNS¹

KEY FIGURES



Casualty figures are subject to change due to late reporting and additional information received by HRPG after the publication of the brief.

HIGHLIGHTS

AS: 55 in June compared to 56 in May

State actors: decrease from 12 in May to eight in June

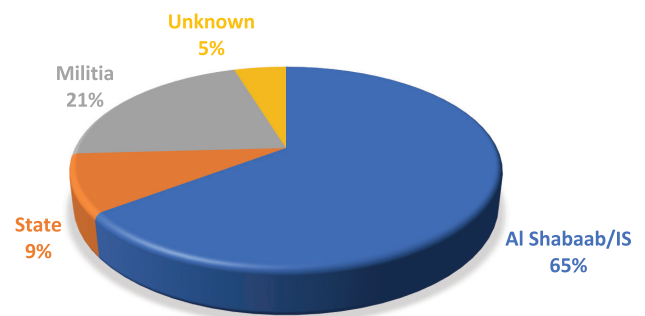
Clan Militia: increase from 11 in May to 18 in June

Assassination of 4 persons who participated in the 2016/2017 electoral process, decrease from 6 in May (12 total for 2019)

Arrest/Detention: 53 incidents reported in June, compared to 8 in May (35 persons from the same clan)

Assassination of six persons who participated in the 2016/2017 electoral process (eight in total since the beginning of 2019)

PERCENTAGE OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES BY MAIN PERPETRATOR - JUNE 2019



CONCERNS

DEATH PENALTY



- The Somaliland First Instance Military Court in Hargeisa sentenced a police officer to death, after finding him guilty of shooting another police officer. The Nugaal Regional Appeal Court in Puntland upheld the death sentences of three defendants passed by the Garowe District Court for the rape and killing of a 12-year-old girl in Galkayo, Mudug Region. This is the first time the forensics laboratory in Puntland was requested to provide additional information to support a case in court.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION



- The Somaliland Police shut down for 12 days the offices of two independent television stations in Hargeisa, after accusing them of airing false information. The ban was lifted following mediation facilitated by the Somaliland Journalist Association and the Somaliland Independent Broadcast Association.
- The Hargeisa Regional Court sentenced the youth wing leader of the Waddanni political party to six months imprisonment for offending the honour and prestige of the Somaliland President in his Facebook posts, according to the Article 220 of the Somali Penal Code.
- One faction of NUSOJ rebrands as the Federation of Somali Journalists (FESOJ).

STRENGTHENING NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS



HUMAN RIGHTS DUE DILIGENCE POLICY (HRDDP)

UNSO conducted HRDDP briefing sessions for the UNMAS focal points and its explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) teams for the Somali Police Forces (SPF) in Mogadishu, in line with the cooperation arrangement to support UNMAS in the implementation of agreed mitigation measures relevant to them. In the briefings, key measures on compliance of human rights and international humanitarian law obligations were discussed by the SPF EOD teams and it was agreed on key steps of further engagement to strengthen compliance, including on information sharing on violations and development of appropriate procedures.



CONFLICT-RELATED SEXUAL VIOLENCE

The Monitoring Analysis Reporting Arrangements Technical Working Group convened and reviewed cases of conflict-related sexual violence from the first half of 2019. It noted the under reporting of incidents due to a lack of access to conflict areas, cultural and social factors that discourage reporting, and the limited coverage of the policing and the justice services throughout Somalia. It also noted the prevailing patterns of unidentified armed men in uniform raping women without investigations being opened into the incidents, with the result that there are few cases of arrest and punishment of alleged perpetrators.



HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING/AWARENESS-RAISING

- Human rights training for 100 SNA soldiers in Baidoa at the recently opened UK Training Center in Baidoa.
- Session on human rights to the South West State Technical Committee of New Policing Model.
- HRPD Child Protection jointly with the Ministry of Women and Human Rights Development conducted a training on child rights and child protection for 55 officers from the SNA, NISA, the Custodial Corps and the SPF.
- HRPD Child Protection conducted a training on child rights and child protection for 35 members of the Hirshabelle State Parliament in Mogadishu.



ADVOCACY

International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: On 20 June, the President of the Federal Government signed the instrument of ratification for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



ADVOCACY

Minister of Women and Human Rights Development Addresses the United Nations Human Rights Council: On 24 June, the Minister of Women and Human Rights Development addressed the 41st Regular Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council. This was her maiden speech since Somalia became a member of the Council in January 2019. She urged for an increased structured coordination on human rights issues within the United Nations system and for best practices to be shared, and spoke about Somalia's progress in the field of human rights, presenting a two-year scorecard. She also expressed her support for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, including the team in Somalia.

The Day of the African Child

On 16 June, the Federal Ministry of Women and Human Rights Development in conjunction with the Federal Ministries of Defence, Internal Security, and Justice and Judiciary Affairs celebrated ***the Day of the African Child***, with the financial and technical support from AMISOM and UNSOM Child Protection Unit. The Government reaffirmed its commitment to strengthen child protection legislation and enumerated a series of steps taken by Somalia over the past seven years to prohibit the recruitment of children by the Somali military and armed groups. The event also provided the opportunity to launch inside Somalia a global advocacy campaign called "ACT to Protect Children affected by Conflict."

The International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict

On 19 June, the UNSOM Women's Protection Unit together with representatives from the Women and Children NGO Clusters, the Gender Based Violence Working Group, traditional and religious leaders, women's groups, representatives from the Federal Government of Somalia and from the IDPs community commemorated in Mogadishu the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict. The event observed the national theme "Stand with rape survivors, fulfil their rights," reflecting the global theme on the importance of a survivor-centered approach. A total of 62 participants (21 men and 41 women) attended the event, discussing how can they better work together to jointly assist conflict related sexual violence survivors and how to offer them better access to justice.