

AL SHABAAB'S ACTIVITY IN SOMALIA

Between 23 and 26 December, Al-Shabaab conducted a series of coordinated attacks across Somalia and northeastern Kenya, targeting Somali National Army (SNA), Ethiopian, Ugandan, and Kenyan forces, as well as civilian infrastructure. The group also confirmed the death of a senior leader, Mohamed Mire Jama, in a U.S. airstrike

Incident Report:

23 December 2024:

Balad, Somalia:

- Target: Balad Police Station
- Operation: Explosion targeting the station. Al-Shabaab claims responsibility for killing 2 Somali National Army (SNA) soldiers and injuring 5 others.
- High-Value Targets: Al-Shabaab claims that General Odawaa Yusuf Raage, Commander in Chief of the Somali Army, and Abdullahi Sanbaloolsha, Commander in Chief of the Intelligence Service, were in proximity during the attack, though no confirmation on their status post-attack.

Dinsoor and Qansahdhere, Somalia:

- Target: Ethiopian and SNA bases
- Operation: Raids on military installations.

Baidoa, Somalia:

- Target: Civilian gathering
- Operation: Attack leading to unspecified casualties.

Doolow and Beled Hawa, Gedo, Somalia:

- Target: SNA positions
- Operation: Killed SNA commander Qoorgab, injured 6 including "First Lieutenant" Omar Kenini, and destroyed a military vehicle with a B10 Cannon.

Beled Hawa, Somalia:

- Target: NISA Operative
- Operation: Attempted assassination; the operative survived.

Note: Al-Shabaab has begun using magnetic Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) in civilian areas, increasing the threat to non-combatant populations.

24 December 2024:

Dubley, Jubbaland, Somalia:

- Target: Kenyan Christian Missionaries
- Operation: Explosion causing one fatality and three wounded.

Kismayo and Baidoa, Jubbaland, Somalia:

- Target: Military bases
- Operation: Attacks on strategic locations.

25 December 2024:

Hadar and Luuq, Lower Shabelle and Jubbaland, Somalia:

- Target: Ethiopian and SNA military bases
- Operation: Raids on the bases.

Damsi, Mandera County, Kenya:

- Target: Kenyan military base
- Operation: Raid resulting in casualties among Kenyan soldiers.

26 December 2024:

Wilmarer, Fafi District, Garissa County, Kenya:

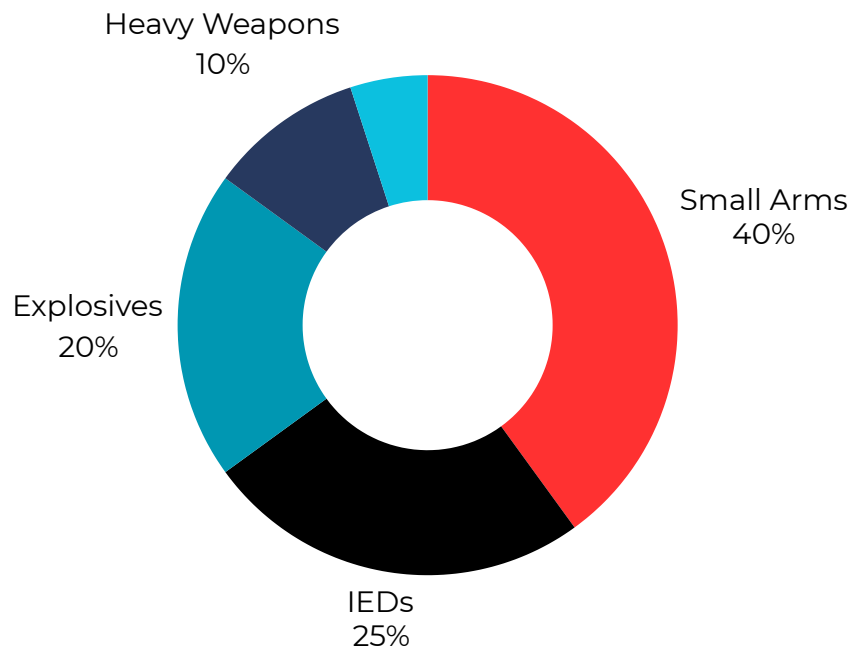
- Target: Kenyan military convoy
- Operation: Ambush leading to the death of 5 Kenyan soldiers.

Burhakpa and Km 60, Somalia:

- Target: Military bases manned by Ethiopian and Ugandan forces
- Operation: Shelling and raids.

Al-Shabaab Leadership: On 24 December, Mohamed Mire Jama, known as the "Governor of the Islamic regions" and de facto Interior Minister for Al-Shabaab, was killed by a US airstrike in Lower Shabelle. His death was acknowledged by Al-Shabaab, which released a three-page statement on his "martyrdom."

Weapons Used by Al-Shabaab in the Attacks Between 23-26 December



Most Affected Regions

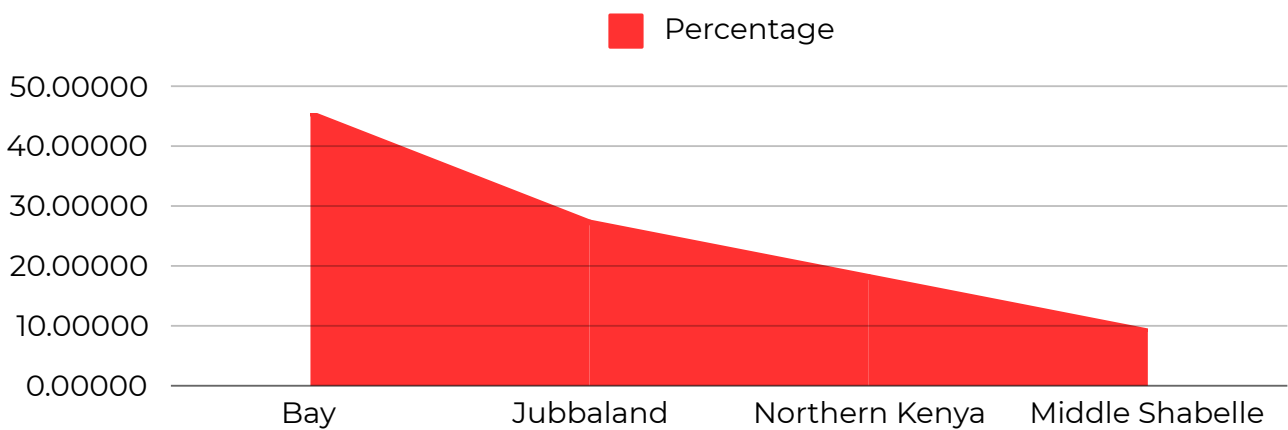




Image of Mohamed Mire Jama/Source:Al Kataib

IS-SOMALIA ACTIVITY

Puntland has initiated preparations for a significant offensive targeting ISIS elements within its territory, codenamed "Operation Hillcan." This operation has been publicly announced with accompanying military footage, indicating a strong intent to eradicate ISIS presence in the region.

Concurrently, supporters of IS Somalia have escalated their activities by issuing threats against Puntland's soldiers and intensifying psychological operations (PSYOP) to undermine morale and operational effectiveness.



Image of Puntland Forces /Source Kaab TV

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