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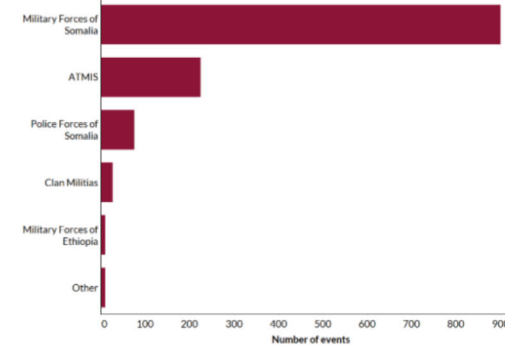
Mapping al-Shabaab's activity in Somalia in 2024



COVERAGE PERIOD: 1 January to 29 November 2024

The Somali government began its latest operation to counter al-Shabaab in August 2022. The first year of this operation was successful in dislodging the insurgent group from its strongholds in central Somalia. In 2024, armed clashes between security forces and al-Shabaab decreased. Government operations against al-Shabaab appear to be phasing down due to various reasons, including political and inter-clan disputes. This infographic shows al-Shabaab's activities in 2024. Similar to 2023, ACLED records the majority of al-Shabaab's activity in the Lower Shabelle region. This region is an epicenter of insecurity because of the surge in the presence of security forces and African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) bases, which are targets of al-Shabaab attacks.

Al-Shabaab's opponents in battle events
1 January - 29 November 2024



Battle events involving al-Shabaab were concentrated in:

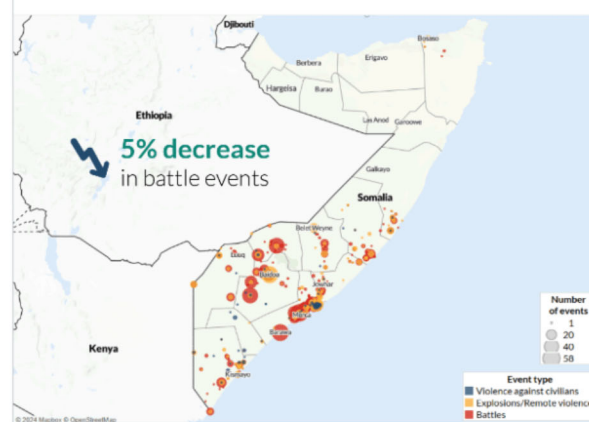
Lower Shabelle 462
Bay 213
Lower Juba 123

These regions host the highest number of government security forces and ATMIS bases and checkpoints and are the focus of the government's counter-insurgency operations against al-Shabaab.

44% decrease
in battle events in Banadir region in 2024

The decrease follows the deployment of stabilization forces, which are part of the Somali National Army (SNA), to secure the main entrance in Mogadishu. In turn, al-Shabaab is shifting away from Banadir and is more focused on defending the base and stronghold in Hirshabelle and Galmudug states from SNA forces.

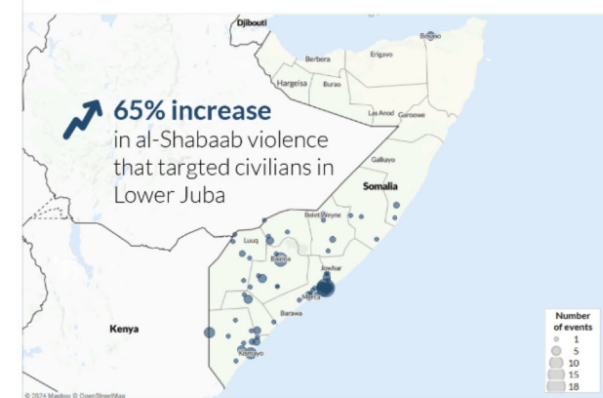
Political violence involving al-Shabaab in Somalia
1 January - 29 November 2024



Explosions and remote violence perpetrated by al-Shabaab in Somalia
1 January - 29 November 2024



Violence targeting civilians perpetrated by al-Shabaab in Somalia
1 January - 29 November 2024



1,918 POLITICAL VIOLENCE EVENTS involving al-Shabaab in Somalia

3% decrease
compared to the same period in 2023

EXPLOSIONS/REMOTE VIOLENCE
by al-Shabaab in 2024, compared to the same period in 2023

257% increase in Bay

28% decrease in Galmuduu

33% decrease in Hiraa

In Bay region, the number of al-Shabaab attacks targeting Ethiopian troop bases increased in 2024, after a controversial MoU between Ethiopia and Somaliland that the Somali Federal Government opposes.

Al-Shabaab violence targeting civilians increased in Lower Juba in 2024 as the militant group accused civilians of cooperating and spying for security forces.

21% decrease
in al-Shabaab violence that targeted civilians

260 Reported fatalities in Somalia

35% decrease
in civilian fatalities in Somalia compared to 2023