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Clashes in Dhahar District Displace Over 5,000 Amid Tensions


 Displaced Families

833


 Displaced Individuals

5,000


 Deaths

2


 Injuries

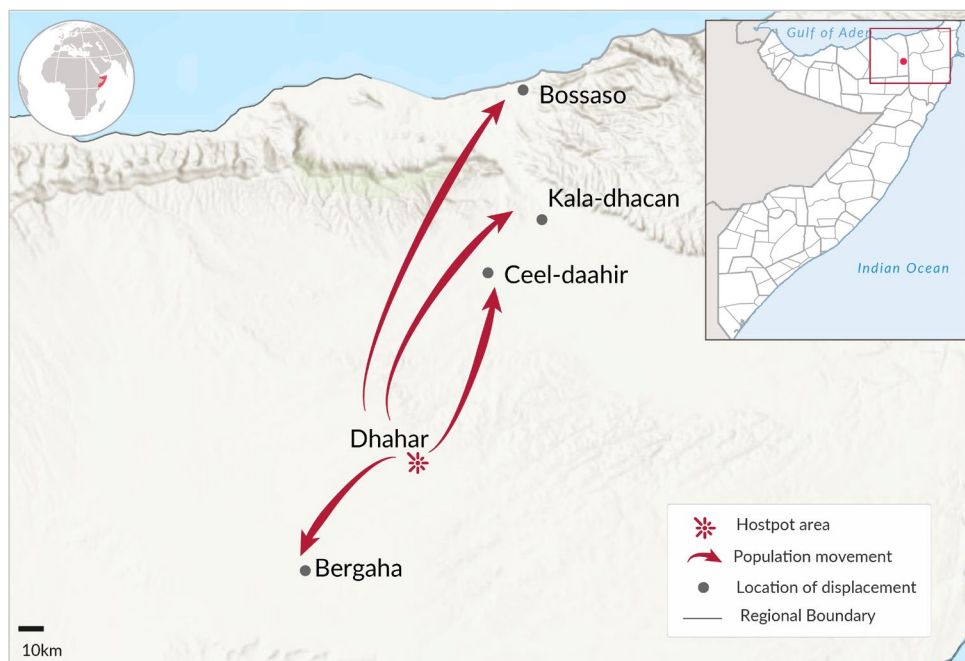
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 Coordinates

9°44'52.8"N
48°49'11.6"E.


 Incident Date

July 15, 2025



Background

On July 15, 2025, an armed confrontation erupted in Dhahar District. The clash involved armed forces and communities who had been engaged in dialogue regarding regional administrative matters.

The confrontation resulted in significant displacement, with at least 833 households (approximately 5,000 individuals) forced to flee their homes. The displaced community has sought refuge in nearby rural villages: Beragaha, Ceeldaahir, Kala Dhaca, Booda-Cade, Dhabansaar, Gacal Guule, and further toward Bossaso District to seek safety.

Previous Location	Arrival locations	Households
Dhahar	Bergaha	167
Dhahar	Ceel-daahir	17
Dhahar	Kala-dhacan Village	250
Dhahar	Boodacade Village	250
Dhahar	Dhabansaar Village	83
Dhahar	Gacal guule Village	25
Dhahar	Bossaso town	8
Dhahar	Dhahar rural area	33
(Total 5,000 individuals)		833 households

Among the displaced are vulnerable groups, including women, children, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and individuals with chronic illnesses. These families are currently living in precarious conditions, with limited access to shelter, food, and healthcare.

The security situation in Dhahar remains volatile and unpredictable, as both armed groups are still present in the area. While high risk of renewed clashes, further displacement, and worsening protection concerns remain.

This incident highlights the fragile security situation in Dhahar, where ongoing violence and unresolved political tensions continue to drive displacement and humanitarian needs. As of this alert, no aid has reached to the affected communities.

Protection Risks

Forced Displacement: The conflict forced over 5,000 individuals, including the most vulnerable, to flee their homes. Many are now living in remote villages outside Dhahar with limited or no access to basic services.

Forced Recruitment: Locals reported that there is a heightened risk of both forced and voluntary recruitment, particularly among young men, into local armed groups and militias.

Urgent Humanitarian Needs

Emergency Shelter: Some displaced families are currently residing in open areas, while others are with host families in rural villages, lacking adequate shelter and basic services. Emergency shelter is among the immediate needs.

Food Assistance: As families fled without belongings or food, many of the displacement sites are facing acute food insecurity, and an urgent food response is needed.

Health Services: There is a critical need for mobile health clinics, first aid, trauma care, and essential medicines, especially for vulnerable individuals with pre-existing health conditions.



The PSMN (Protection & Solutions Monitoring Network) is a UNHCR-led project that identifies and reports on displacements, as well as the protection risks and incidents driving such population movements. On behalf of UNHCR and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), 10 local partners across Somalia conduct data gathering—primarily through interviews with affected communities and key informants—and monitor displacement trends at strategic locations.

To request further details on displacement, please contact SOMMOPMN@UNHCR.ORG