

SUMMARY

A total of 234 civilian casualties were recorded this month, including 91 killed and 143 injured. This represents an increase of 67 per cent compared to October. Al Shabaab (AS) was responsible for 89 per cent of the casualties and 19 reported cases of abductions. AS carried out two mass casualty attacks in Mogadishu and one in South Galkayo causing 169 casualties. AS continued to target civilians who had reportedly participated in the 2016 electoral process. AS executed a 15-year-old boy in HirShabelle for the alleged rape of a six-year-old boy. AMISOM reportedly killed four civilians following an attack on their convoy in Mogadishu. Over 80 families of alleged AS members left a town in Jubaland following an order issued by the local administration.

KEY FIGURES

CIVILIAN CASUALTIES AND OTHER PROTECTION CONCERNS¹

January - November 2018

TOTAL
1,384

KILLED
595

INJURED
789

ABDUCTIONS
440

November 2018

TOTAL
234

KILLED
91

INJURED
143

ABDUCTIONS
19

¹ Casualty figures are subject to change due to late reporting and/or additional information received by HRPg after publication of the brief.

HIGHLIGHTS

AS: **276%** increase from October

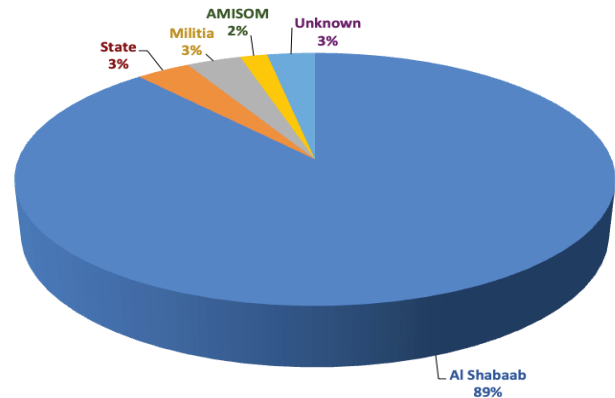
State Actors: **65%** decrease from October

Abductions: **82%** decrease from October

Arbitrary arrests and/or prolonged detention:
8 compared to 6 in October

Clan militia: **58%** decrease from October

PERCENTAGE OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES BY MAIN PERPETRATOR - NOVEMBER 2018



DEATH PENALTY



- Seven death sentences pronounced in November.
- One execution carried out:
 - A Darawish soldier in Jubaland, who had not had legal representation and had not been granted the right to appeal.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION



- A traditional elder arrested by the Puntland Police for criticizing the position taken by the Federal Member States versus the Federal Government of Somalia during a meeting of a group of elders and released after five days in detention.

CONCERNS

STRENGTHENING NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS



HUMAN RIGHTS DUE DILIGENCE POLICY (HRDDP)

As part of the efforts to strengthen implementation of HRDDP in the framework of UNMAS support to AMISOM, an awareness training for UNMAS's contractors on the prevention measures against violations was delivered by UNSOM HRPG. The initiative aimed to reinforce prevention measures and the role of UNMAS partners on the ground. Among the next steps agreed include how to mainstream human rights, humanitarian law and compliance messages in their work.

CHILD PROTECTION



In November, the Country Task Force on Monitoring and Reporting (CTFMR) documented a total of **182 incidents** of grave violations affecting **460 children (390 boys and 70 girls)**. The children were **victims of abduction (137), killing (54) and maiming (84), recruitment and use (118), rape (29), and arrest and detention (38)**. There were three attacks on schools and three incidents of denial of humanitarian access. AS was responsible for most of the violations (68 per cent), followed by Somali Police (11 per cent—predominantly detention of children), unknown armed elements (six per cent), Somali National Army (four per cent), clan militia (three per cent), AMISOM (one per cent). The remaining violations were attributed to Federal Member States forces.

After sustained advocacy by the UN, on 20 August 2018, the President of Puntland signed a decree to pardon 34 children who had been sentenced to various prison terms for their association with Al Shabaab in Garowe since 2016. On 24 November, the children were transferred from Puntland to a reintegration centre in Mogadishu, where they are currently awaiting to be reunited with their families.

HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING



- Two-day workshop to promote the **rights to political participation of minorities** in Hargeisa;
- Two-day training in Mogadishu for **Military Court judges and prosecutors** from Baidoa, Beletweyne and Mogadishu on **due process and fair trial standards** as well as safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty;
- One-day training on gender-based violence, conflict-related sexual violence and the National Action Plan on Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict to **25 participants (seven women)** from the Human Rights Inter-Ministerial Task Force;
- Delivery of sessions on **rights of arrestees and detainees** as well as administration of justice in a workshop organized by UNDP benefitting the Puntland Community Police in Garowe.

IN FOCUS



Workshop to promote the rights to political participation of minorities in Hargeisa

- On 12-13 November, UNSOM HRPG conducted a workshop to promote the rights to political participation of minorities;
- The workshop was attended by 60 participants (14 women) and included representatives of minority clans, members from different institutions, human rights defenders and civil society representatives, and lawyers;
- The participants issued a statement addressed to the President, the Parliament and political parties asking for the allocation to minority clans of a quota of 12 seats in the Parliament (six in each House) and 14 seats in the local councils in the capital cities of the regions of Somaliland;
- The participants also established a caucus group to advocate for the adoption of the quotas.

