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COI QUERY RESPONSE

SOMALIA – SECURITY SITUATION

In June 2024 the *United Nations Security Council* states that: “During the reporting period, a total of 166 improvised explosive device attacks were recorded, resulting in 300 casualties. Three vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices were used. One person-borne improvised explosive device was used in Mogadishu, which did not result in any casualties...There were three rocket attacks in Mogadishu during the reporting period, all claimed by Al-Shabaab.”¹

In June 2024 the *African Union Transition Mission in Somalia* states that: “...security remains relatively calm in areas under FGS and ATMIS presence. The threat of Al-Shabaab remains unpredictable.”²

A report issued in June 2024 by the *Armed Conflict Location and Event Data* comments on: “...clashes were recorded in Lower Shabelle, Galgaduud, Lower Juba, Bay, and Bakool Regions...”³

In July 2024 *BBC News* comments on: “Several people have been killed after a car bomb exploded outside a popular cafe packed with football fans in the Somali capital, Mogadishu.”⁴

¹ United Nations Security Council (3 June 2024) Situation in Somalia, Report of the Secretary-General, p.3).

² African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (24 June 2024) Statement to the UN Security Council By H.E. Ambassador Mohamed El-Amine Souef Special Representative of the AU Commission Chairperson (SRCC) for Somalia & Head of ATMIS, p.4)

³ Armed Conflict Location and Event Data (28 June 2024) Fighting deepens around El Fasher in Sudan, al-Shabaab loses territory in Somalia, and police crack down on tax-related protests in Kenya, p.4

⁴ BBC News (15 July 2024) Car bomb kills Somalis watching Euro football final

The *UNHCR* in July 2024 points out that: “The security situation in Somalia remained unpredictable. Al-Shabaab...remained the main security threat, and it targeted government security forces, government workers, and African Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) personnel and facilities.”⁵

In July 2024 the *UNHCR* states that: “The Somali Security Forces continued its military campaign to regain territories from the non-state armed group (NSAG), which conducted indiscriminate reprisal attacks, resulting in the deaths and displacement of innocent bystanders. Clan conflict, political differences between the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) and the Federal Member States (FMS), Somaliland, and Ethiopia threaten the already fragile security situation.”⁶

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