



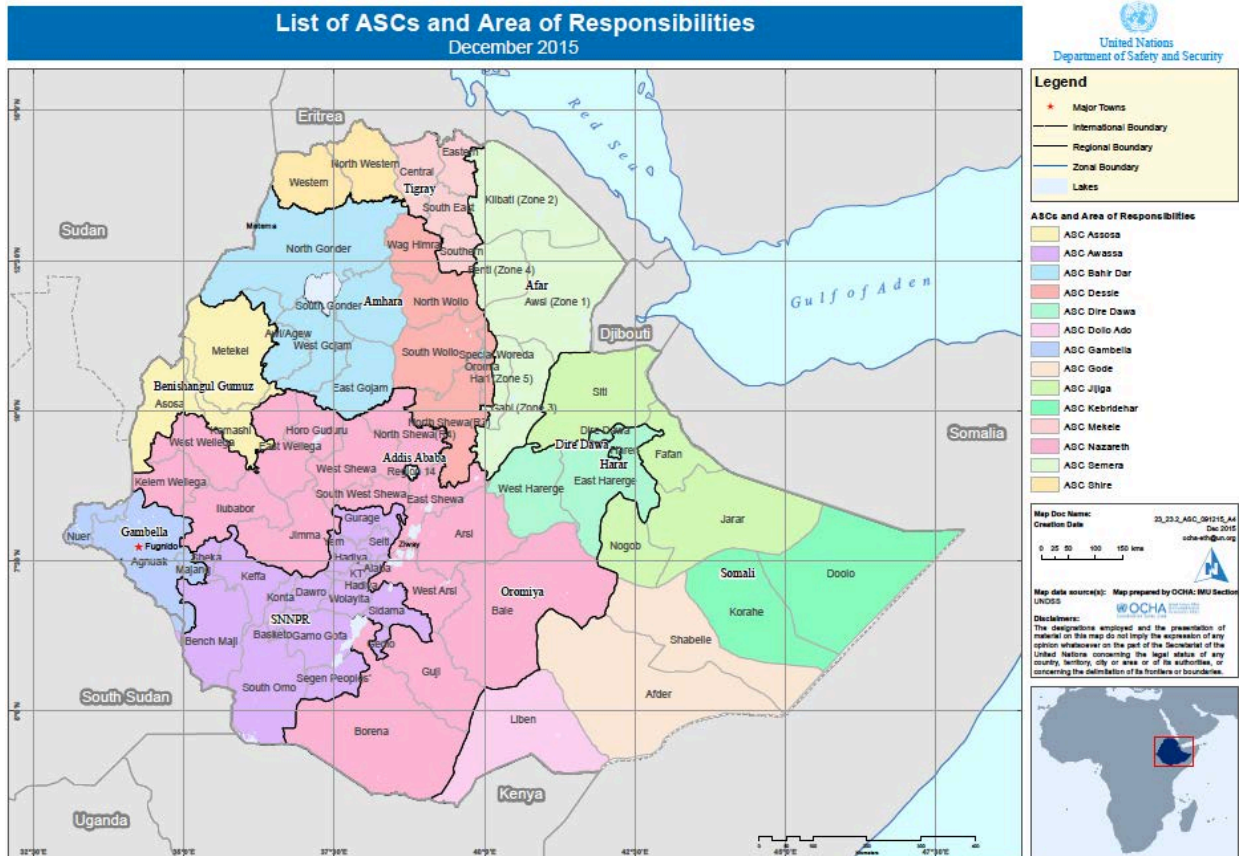
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## Weekly Security Update

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### 1. SECURITY SITUATION OVERVIEW

The overall security situation of Addis Ababa was calm.

Ethnic violence between Oromos and Somalis was reported in Borana, Bale, East and West Hararghe Zones of the region. Initially reported, but unconfirmed death toll was over 100.

In Somali, ethnic clashes between the Somalis and Oromos continue to be reported in several parts of the region, including Jijiga town.

In Dire Dawa, ethnic clashes reported between Somalis and Oromos.

Heavy refugee's influx from South Sudan continue to be reported in Gambella region.

No incidents affecting UN personnel/assets/operations were reported from Addis Ababa, Amhara, Tigray, Afar, SNNPR and Harar.



## 2. ADDIS ABABA



Nothing serious to report.

## 3. Dire Dawa



- **13 September – CIVIL UNREST:** Strikes took place at Ganda Tasfa in Dire Dawa in protest of two Oromos who had been found dead. Later that day a Somali tribesman was found dead. As a result, tensions remain high in Dire Dawa Town.

## 4. AMHARA



No serious incidents were reported from Amhara region.

## 5. SOMALI



Widespread ethnic violence between Somalis and Oromos was reported from Jijiga town. Incidents reported and witnessed included random mob violence against Oromos in the street and home invasions, looting and burning of Oromo homes in and around Jijiga.

The situation stabilized on 14 Sep when Regional Somali police deployed and maintained heavy presence in the streets of Jijiga. Shops reopened and some level of public transport resumed. Government forces have been assisting Oromo families to leave Somali territory and relocate to Oromia.

On Sep 15 Regional Government officials in Jijiga have informed the UN to remove all ethnic Oromo personnel from the Somali Regional State as a matter of security.

- **07 September – ARMED CONFLICT:** dozens of people were reported killed in a clash between Oromo and Somali in Salahad District. More than 30 people sustained injuries on both sides.
- **07 September – ARMED CONFLICT:** A Somali tribesman was allegedly killed by Oromos in Raytu District in revenge of Salahad killing.
- **09 September – CIVIL UNREST:** A Federal police officers and two government officials were dispersing a crowd when they were reportedly attacked and killed by group of Oromo gunmen on the road between Raso and Raytu Districts.
- **11 September - CIVIL UNREST:** At approx. 2100hrs in Jijiga, ethnic Somalis attacked the residences of Oromo's. Several house were stormed as well as an unknown amount of ethnic

Oromos received injuries. Somali Regional Police interfered quickly and were able to disperse the attackers.

- **12 September – EXTREMISM:** A group of government Militias were attacked by ONLF in Bukudawa District, 25km south of Aware Town. Several government militias were reportedly killed in the attack and one injured. There were no reported casualties from ONLF side.
- **13 September – ARMED CONFLICT:** A group of young Somali members attacked Oromo tribesmen in Kebridehar Town. Three Oromo members were reportedly injured. Several Oromos residing in Kebridehar Town left town in fear of reprisals.
- **13 September – ARMED CONFLICT:** Fighting took place between ONLF and RSPF at Sibbi District, 20km from Sagag Town. As a result, several ONLF members were reportedly killed and unknown number was injured on both sides.
- **13 September – CIVIL UNREST:** Kebridahar town approx. 10:00hrs, local youth threatened ethnic Oromo residing in Kebridahar and attempted to attack them, however Regional Police interfered and managed to stop the attackers, but tensions remain.
- **13 September -** Regional Police started collecting ethnic Oromos in Jijiga Town and taking them to police protected concentration points within Kebeles for further evacuation to Oromia (voluntary).

## 6. OROMIA:



- **08 September – ARMED CONFLICT:** There was fighting between the Somalis and Oromos in Wachile District and Hudet District of Somali Region. The fighting resulted in three killed and five injured from Oromo side. No reported casualties from Somali side.
- **08 September – ARMED CONFLICT:** A clash between the Somalis and Oromos broke out in various districts and villages of Sawena and Rayitu of Bale Zone. According to sources more than five killed and unknown number was injured, and a large number of persons were displaced from their home.
- **08 September – ARMED CONFLICT:** Fighting broke out between the Somali and Oromo tribes in Meisso. A hand grenade was thrown at school, wounding several children. At Waltane, Kikiliftu, Rasa Sawa there were fighting which resulted in casualties from all sides. As a result, a large number of persons were displaced and need humanitarian assistance.
- **10 September – ARMED CONFLICT:** A clash broke out between the Somalis and Oromos in various districts. Details of casualties are unknown and tension still persisted. These fighting are in areas in the vicinity to the road leading from Negele to Dolo Ado.
- **11 September – CIVIL UNREST:** According to local sources, 35 Somali members and 3 Somali Land nationals reportedly killed allegedly by Oromo protesters in East Hararghe of Awaday Town.
- **11 September – CIVIL UNREST:** Strikes took place in Eastern Hararghe of Awaday Town, reportedly two protesters killed and a commercial vehicle containing Khat (Chat) was burned. There was no information available at this time.

- **12 September – CIVIL UNREST:** Clashes started in Awaday approx. 0930 hrs., several vehicles were burned. Ethnic Oromo started searching for Somalis residing in town or attempting to travel through town. Several trucks were burned and local Somali Chat dealers were attacked and killed. As per evening 13. September a death toll of almost hundred people was reported, with information that women and children may be among the dead. The bodies of the victims were taken to Jijiga but not immediately released for burial, with the intention to have the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission investigate.
- **12 September – CIVIL UNREST:** Further demonstrations, roadblocks and burning of vehicles was reported from Kubi and Celenko towns located on the main road between Awash and Harar.
- **13 September – ARMED CONFLICT:** Between 10:00 and 11:00 hrs. As many as 32 (according to local resources) dead bodies of ethnic Somalis who allegedly have been killed in Awaday yesterday arrived in Karamar Hospital in Jijiga. Relatives are called to identify the bodies. Allegedly woman and children are among the death. Further reports claim that some of the bodies have been mutilated (unconfirmed). Another 11 bodies of ethnic Somalis (seven of them from Somaliland) also allegedly having been killed in Awaday yesterday were taken to Harar this morning. As per this afternoon a total of 97 Somalis were killed in Awaday – confirmed number.
- **13 September – CIVIL UNREST:** At 1100 hrs. In Jijiga, several houses belonging to ethnics Oromos were attacked and burnt down. Regional Police managed to safe inhabitants. Information circulating in town states that the reason for this was that an Oromo woman employed by a Somali family as servant poisoned the family this morning at breakfast and several family members are in the hospital. This agitated the youth and they attacked.
- **13 September – CIVIL UNREST:** 1100-1200hrs ethnic Somali youth were hunting ethnic Oromos in Jijiga town, three (3) incidents were personally witnessed by UNDSS Team (FSCO and LSA). However, in all incidents Somali Regional and Special Police reacted quickly and were able to rescue the victims from the mob. The victims were injured.
- **13 September – ARMED CONFLICT:** Heavy fighting between Somali and Oromos was reported from Babile (50 km west of Jijiga on main road to Dire Dawa) town as of approximately 10:00hrs this morning;
- **13 September – ARMED CONFLICT:** fighting between Somali and Oromo has been reported from Biki town (Siti Zone border with Oromo). No further information available for the moment.
- **13 September – CIVIL UNREST:** Dire Dawa 1200 hrs, ethnic Oromos started protesting and attack ethnic Somalis. The reason is the rumoured beheading of two Oromos in Dire Dawa last night. Dire Dawa Regional Police stopped the protest.

## 7. SNNPR:



Nothing serious to report.

## 8. GAMBELLA:



- **08 September – CRIME:** A revenge killing happened around noon, the preparator was arrested. The incident is under police investigation.
- **11 September - CRIME:** Three suicides in three different locations were reported from Gambella. The causes are under police investigation.
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## 9. BENISHANGUL GUMUZ



Nothing serious to report.

## 10. TIGRAY:



Nothing serious to report.