



### [AU finalises troop structure, deployment plans in Somalia](#)

Representatives from the African Union Commission (AUC), Somalia and troop-contributing countries have concluded a four-day meeting to finalise plans for capacity building in the peace mission in Somalia, the AU mission said on Wednesday. The meeting finalised the force composition and deployment plans for the African Union Support and Stabilisation Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM), the AU mission said in a statement issued in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia. The Star.

### [Erdogan reaffirms support for Somalia's security, stability in presidential meeting](#)

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has met with Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud in Ankara, reaffirming Türkiye's commitment to Somalia's security, territorial integrity, and economic development. During the meeting at the Presidential Complex on Thursday, President Erdogan emphasised that Türkiye places great importance on Somalia's peace and stability and will continue to support efforts aimed at establishing lasting peace and stability with Ethiopia. Hiiraan.

### [The Horn Of Africa States: The Challenges And Potential Of Somalia's Mining Sector – OpEd](#)

Somalia, a country grappling with numerous challenges, is at a crucial juncture in its efforts to harness its natural resources for economic development. The country is said to hold unlimited and untapped wealth and resources both obvious in terms of agricultural lands and marine space, perhaps the biggest in Africa with a coastal belt of over three thousand kilometers and underground. Beneath its lands, mountains and seas also lie immeasurable wealth in terms of oil and gas, gold, lithium, uranium (a third of known global reserves of the mineral), copper and many others. EuroAsia Review.

### [U.S. airstrikes targeted ISIS militants in Somalia, AFRICOM confirms](#)

U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) confirmed that airstrikes on March 25, 2025, killed several ISIS-Somalia operatives in northern Somalia, near the Golis Mountains. The operation was conducted in coordination with the Somali government. No civilian casualties were reported, according to AFRICOM. The strike is part of efforts by U.S. and Somali forces to counter the growing threat of ISIS-Somalia, a group that has expanded its presence in the region in recent years. Initially formed by defectors from the al-Qaida-aligned Al-Shabaab, ISIS-Somalia now has an estimated 1,000 members, up from approximately 300 in 2019. Hiiraan.

### [Which Way Will Trump Go on Somalia?](#)

This week on The Horn, Alan talks with Crisis Group's Somalia expert Omar Mahmood about what the impact of a major Trump pivot on Somalia could look like, as well as Al-Shabaab's new offensive and the recent thaw in Ethiopia-Somalia relations. In this episode of The Horn, Alan is joined by Omar Mahmood, Crisis Group's Senior Analyst for Somalia and the Horn of Africa to discuss Somalia's uncertain new global context with the dawn of a new Trump administration. Hiiraan.

### **Somalia: U.S. Military Target Islamic State With Airstrikes in Puntland, Somalia**

The United States Military launched airstrikes against Islamic State (IS) militants in northern Somalia at the request of the federal government, intensifying efforts to counter the group's expanding influence in the Bari region. The U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) operation hit "known IS hideouts" in the Golis mountains of the semi-autonomous Puntland region late Tuesday, according to a Mogadishu statement. Initial reports suggest "multiple IS fighters" were killed, with no civilian casualties noted, though further details remain undisclosed. Despite its smaller presence in Somalia compared to Al-Qaeda-linked Al-Shabaab, IS has sparked growing alarm among security experts due to its rising activity in the East African country. All Africa.

### **Somalia receives military equipment from African Union ahead of AUSSOM deployment**

Somali government has received a significant shipment of military equipment from the African Union to enhance the country's security infrastructure and support ongoing efforts to stabilize the region. The consignment includes armored vehicles, helmets and vests, an armored personnel carrier, fuel and water tankers, engines, medical supplies, and other essential resources. Somali Ambassador to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the AU, H.E. Amb. Abdullahi Mohamed Warfa received the equipment during a handover event with the AU Continental Logistics Base (CLB) team in Douala, Cameroon. Hiiraan.

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