

Lazarus: The Resurrection of AMISOM

THREAT REPORT: AL-SHABAAB COMPELLENCE

Al-Shabaab's current situation smells of risky wins and shaky boots by AMISOM and the Federal Government. With Kismayu & Barrawe port cities completely in the hands of Kenyan Troops having been Al-Shabaab last economic stronghold. The port cities were easily retaken without much resistance by the coalition amongst other small victories as visible signs of Al-Shabaab downfall.

But any assertion of triumph over Al-Shabaab is untimely and highly impulsive; in fact, the most problematic period of the war against terror has just open up new wounds. The war against Al-Shabaab has developed into a rebellion, a violent extremist and ideological campaign against a foreign intervention to win the hearts & minds of Somalis from Dadaab, Eastleigh to Minnesota.

With recent audacious attacks on Kenyan military barracks at the coast and the recurrent IED explosion in Garissa, Mandera & Nairobi, Al-Shabaab has made it known to the world, that they are not just a small religious fanatical group but rather a conventional army ever capable of inflicting mass casualty.

Al-Shabaab has also made its presence known online through social media by creating an army of sympathizers and affiliate groups online garnering support and funding, these are like the:

- Islamic East Africa [@Islam4EA5rica](#) – Advocating for a caliphate in East Africa
- HSM Press 3 [@HSMpress_3](#) – Constant updates of Al-Shabaab fortunes & propaganda
- HSM Press123 [@hsm123](#) – Sympathizers
- Cross fit AlShabaab [@ShabaabFit](#)– Training propaganda pictures and videos

FACT SHEET:

AMISOM – Africa Union Mission in Somalia

- Has built Medical clinics, hospitals and aid for those affected by Al-Shabaab
- Has facilitated the opening of schools, universities and mosques
- Has also facilitated the Somalia peace process
- Training of Somalia Troops and assisted in setting up of security agencies in Somalia

KDF – Kenya Defense Forces & NIS

- Pulled the greatest amphibian takeover of Kismayu port city from Al-Shabaab
- Has facilitated the capture of Al-Shabaab leaders through solid intelligence
- Has maintained solid security on Kenya – Somalia border
- Has maintained minimal casualty since the beginning of operation Linda Inchi

OPERATION LAZARUS

To win the war on terror is to make it so expensive for Al-Shabaab to conduct warfare, by cutting down their supply lines, making sure all available resources are either non-existence, limited or insignificant for instance regulating the Somalia waters for fishing, sealing porous borders and establishing a new ideological movement against a common enemy of poverty.

The powerful Somalia clansmen play a critical role in the conflict; they need to be embedded in the federal government of Somalia through resource allocation, security cooperation and ideology, without them the AMISOM & the federal government cannot root out Al-Shabaab. With each passing day Kenya & AMISOM continue to gain more ground by weakening the core of the group.

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