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Country/entity Somalia

Region Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement name Idale Peace Agreement between the Hubeer and Yantaar

Date 31 Dec 2006

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim Yes

arrangement

Somali Civil War (1991 -)

Originally spurred by centre-peripheral tensions, fighting broke out in 1981 between the regime of President Said Barre and the Somali National Movement, a militia primarily consisting of members from the northern Ishaq clan. Fighting intensified in the late 1980s as more clan-based militias arose. President Barre's regime collapsed in late 1991 and as a result the UN intervened. However persistent attacks on the UN's forces forced a withdrawal in 1994. From the mid- to late 1990s, the character of the conflict shifted as warlords fought for access to rents. Also during this period, two different peace agreements arose; the Sodere Declaration, which was mediated by Ethiopia and supported by IGAD, and the Cairo Accord, which was brokered by Egypt. Fighting, already noticeably lessened compared to the early 1990s, decreased and the more amicable environment paved the way for the Transitional Government to be formed in 2000 (replaced in 2004 by the Transitional Federal Government).

Nonetheless, opposition to the TFG arose in the form of the Islamic Courts Union (ICU), which by early 2006 had taken control of most of southern Somalia until they were ousted by an armed intervention by Ethiopia in December 2006. As a result, the ICU splintered. Hard-line ICU members formed the Takfiri organization, Harakat al-Shabaab al-Mujahideen, and launched a guerrilla campaign against the TFG. Another faction of the ICU fled to Djibouti and formed the Alliance for the Re-liberation of Somalia, which was absorbed into the ruling TFG after successful negotiations in 2007.

To deal with the new round of fighting, the UN-mandated AMISOM force was deployed in 2007. Since then, insecurity has fluctuated between the urban and rural areas as the al-Shabaab's territorial gains waver. Local militia leaders maintain de facto governance over communities. From 2009 to 2012, insecurity spilled over into the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean when Somali pirates seized, looted and ransomed ships. In 2014, 'Operation Indian Ocean' was launched and in parallel with infighting among al-Shabaab, the organisation's position in Somalia has diminished slightly. However, as evidenced by large-scale attacks by al-Shabaab in northern Kenya throughout 2013-2015, the lack of security continues to destabilize the region. Al-Shabaab continues to launch surprise attacks with the aim of forcing out foreign military presence in Somalia. Targets include both military forces and civilians. The devastating attack in October 2017 in Mogadishu saw 587 fatalities and resulted in a renewed military offensive by the Somali government and African Union allies. Since 2017, the U.S. has increased its air strikes targeting al-Shabaab militants, and in December 2018 they announced to re-establish a permanent diplomatic mission in the country. Al-Shabaab has been characterized as a spoiler in the Somali peace process and have therefore been placed outside of any negotiations.

Close

Somali Civil War (1991 -

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Stage Pre-negotiation/process

Conflict nature Inter-group

Peace process Somali Local Peace Processes

Parties Hubeer sub-clan: Ugaas Xasan Shure Maxamuud Malaaq Aadan Salaad Nuur Malaaq Miiris Xuseen Xasan Malaaq Iftiin Cali Kuusanow Xubin Madey Cabdi Jiirow Xubin Sharma'arke Cabdi C/raxmaan Xubin Shi Ibraahim Jibriil Caliyoow Xubin Deerow Aadan Mursal Xubin Madeey Xasan Cali Kuus Xubin Kalar Maaney Cabdulle Xubin Buukaay Cali Aaan Xubin Armiye Sh C/qaadir Xubin Sh Xuseen Sh Ibraahim Xubin Cali Yorow Dhaahir Yantaar sub-clan: Malaaq [unintelligible] Maxamed Wardheere Malaaq Madeey Cabdi Nuur Malaaq Xasan Macalin Malaaq C/rashiid Sh/Cabdi Malaaq C/rashiid Sh/Maxamed Malaaq Xuseen Aftiimo Buulle

[unintelligible] Arbow C/raxmaan

Axmed Ibraahin Cali

Mursal Maxamed Kulan

Macalin C/laahi Qalimow

[unintelligible] Cali Yuusuf Page 4 of 6

Third parties

Description

This 'agreement' involves two sets of signatures of elders 'pre-endorsing an agreement to be facilited by a national arbitration committee - so endorsing this as the process by which the local conflict would be resolved. The agreement was later reached.

Agreement

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Local agreement properties

Process type

Formal structured process

Rationale

This is a pre-negotiation agreement that emerged as a result of the National Reconciliation Commission-led (NRC) peace initiative aimed at resolving the Idale conflict. The parties signed a full agreement about two weeks later (see Final Agreement from the National Reconciliation Commission-led Initiative, 15/01/2007). The NRC-led initiative was one of several attempts to end the conflict.

Is there a No documented link to a national peace process?

Link to national

rationale

Despite the involvement of the National Reconciliation Commission-led (NRC), neither process: articulated the agreement text nor limited background research suggests a link to the national-level peace process.

Name of Locale Idale

Nature of Locale City

GPS Lat/Long (DD) 2.711603, 43.341408

Participant type Central state actor

Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder

Mediator, **facilitator** Mediator or similar referred to or similar

Mediator (references) Facilitators and mediators: National Reconciliation Committee; mediation committee; Malaqyo; and religious leaders (see reference Interpeace and Center for Research and

Dialogue, 2008)

Type of mediator/

Central state actor Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder

facilitator/similar

Local issues

Ritual/prayer and

No specific mention.

process (including use of scripture)

Grievance List

No specific mention.

Cattle rustling/

banditry

No specific mention.

Social cover

No specific mention.