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SAJEM Congressional Review Report

Documenting **Human Rights Violations, Land Grabbing, Forced Displacement & Political Marginalization**



Core Findings of the SAJEM Congressional Review

Five Documented Areas of Concern

**FINDING 01****Systematic Human Rights Abuses**

Documented, systematic human rights abuses against Somali Bantu/Jareerweyne communities — verified through field reports and survivor testimonies.

**FINDING 02****Illegal Land Seizures**

Illegal land seizures affecting thousands of families across multiple regions — without due process, compensation, or legal recourse.

**FINDING 03****State-Sponsored Forced Displacement**

Organized displacement campaigns carried out under state authority — demolishing villages and confining populations to under-resourced IDP camps.

**FINDING 04****Deliberate Political Marginalization**

Deliberate exclusion and suppression of political representation — electoral manipulation, arbitrary arrests of leaders, and silencing of civil society.

**FINDING 05****Violations of International Humanitarian & Human Rights Laws**

Credible evidence of violations across UNDRIP, ICCPR, and the UN Convention Against Torture — including forced removal, torture, extrajudicial killings, and collective punishment, documented by independent international monitors and UN agencies and SAJEM's field reports.

Who Is SAJEM & What This Report Covers



SAJEM Defined

SAJEM represents a historically marginalized community with documented ties to indigenous land, cultural heritage, and civic participation rights — recognized under national and international frameworks.

● IDENTITY & HERITAGE



Report Scope

Multi-year investigation drawing on field testimonies, satellite imagery, legal filings, and international observer reports spanning multiple administrative regions over successive years.

● MULTI-YEAR INVESTIGATION



Methodology

Cross-verified primary sources including survivor accounts, NGO field documentation, and UN agency communications — all independently corroborated by legal analysts and human rights monitors.

● VERIFIED SOURCES



Audience

Prepared for U.S. Congressional committees, international human rights bodies, investigative journalists, and diplomatic missions requiring authoritative, actionable documentation.

● CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING

Human Rights Violations: **By the Numbers**

1,200+



Documented incidents of
arbitrary detention and abuse

340+



Credible accounts of torture or
cruel, inhuman treatment

87



Reported extrajudicial killings
linked to security forces

60+



Communities affected by
systematic intimidation
campaigns



Evidence gathered from field reports, survivor testimonies, and independent monitors.

All figures represent verified, cross-referenced accounts — actual totals may be significantly higher.

Land Grabbing: Before & After

ESTABLISHED RIGHTS



HISTORICAL LAND RIGHTS

PRE-SEIZURE STATUS

- Somali Bantu/Jareerweyne and other marginalized communities held **recognized customary and legal title** to ancestral lands spanning multiple generations of continuous habitation.
- Land tenure was **explicitly protected** under national property law, indigenous land frameworks, and binding international conventions.
- **Title deeds, cadastral records, and community land certificates** were filed, registered, and held by families in good faith.
- Lands included **agricultural, residential, and sacred cultural territories** — integral to community identity and livelihood.

vs

CURRENT REALITY



CURRENT REALITY

POST-SEIZURE CONDITIONS

- Lands **forcibly transferred to state-aligned corporations and private interests** without compensation, legal notice, or judicial review.
- Residents **evicted at gunpoint** by security forces and Al-Shabaab — families given hours or minutes to vacate homes occupied for centuries.
- Original **title documents destroyed, confiscated, or administratively invalidated** — stripping families of any legal recourse.
- **Zero compensation** paid to displaced communities; lands now actively exploited for commercial development under new state-granted titles.



Forced Displacement Timeline

A chronological record of state-orchestrated displacement campaigns against SAJEM communities — documented across six years of escalating violations.

 Ongoing Crisis



YEAR 1 First Evictions

Initial evictions of **3,000+** residents under emergency security decrees; families removed without notice or legal recourse.



YEAR 2 Escalation

Mass displacement campaigns expand across regions. UNHCR begins registering significant influx of displaced persons; humanitarian corridors denied.



YEAR 3 Demolitions

Systematic bulldozing of villages; destruction of homes, schools, and mosques. Cultural and religious heritage sites razed under military supervision.



YEAR 4 IDP Camps

Internally displaced persons confined to severely under-resourced camps. Aid access systematically blocked; medical supplies and food deliveries intercepted.



YEAR 5 International Alert

UN Special Rapporteur issues urgent communication to the government. International human rights bodies formally document violations; government denies access.



● ACTIVE

Ongoing Displacement

Displacement continues. Return of displaced populations blocked by security forces. Families remain unable to reclaim land, homes, or legal status.



Timeline reconstructed from field reports, UNHCR registrations, satellite data & UN communications

Scale of Forced Displacement



450,000+

PEOPLE FORCIBLY DISPLACED

Individuals expelled from ancestral lands — families, elders, and children with nowhere to return.

DISPLACEMENT TREND OVER TIME

^ RISING



X DESTROYED

72

VILLAGES DEMOLISHED

Razed or rendered permanently uninhabitable — homes, schools, and places of worship destroyed.



^ WORSENING

130,000

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

Education access severed due to displacement — a generation losing formative years.



^ CRITICAL

3x

MALNUTRITION SPIKE IN IDP CAMPS

Rates three times the national average — aid access deliberately blocked by security forces.



— ZERO

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COMPENSATION PAID BY STATE

No restitution, no legal remedy — displaced families received nothing for seized lands and destroyed homes.

Systematic Political Marginalization



GERRYMANDERING

01

Electoral boundaries redrawn all five regions both Jubba, Shabelle and Hiiraan regions to dilute Somali Bantu/Jareerweyne communities voting blocs and neutralize political representation



TARGETED ARRESTS

02

Community leaders and activists arrested on fabricated charges in the lead-up to elections to suppress civic leadership



PARTY SUPPRESSION

03

Political parties led by Somali Bantu and other marginalized communities and candidates systematically disqualified through administrative manipulation of electoral rules



CIVIL SOCIETY BANNED

04

Civil society organizations representing Somali Bantu/Jareerweyne communities forcibly deregistered, suspended, or banned by state or regional authorities



PRESS CENSORSHIP

05

Media outlets covering marginalized issues shut down, suspended, or subjected to state censorship and punitive licensing revocation



ETHNIC PROFILING

06

Ethnic profiling systematically used to bar Somali Bantu community members from civil service and public sector positions

Violations of International Legal Frameworks



UNITED NATIONS · 2007

UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Violations documented regarding **forced removal**, destruction of cultural identity, and dispossession of ancestral land rights without free, prior, and informed consent.

Art. 8 — Cultural Destruction

Art. 10 — Forced Removal

Art. 26 — Land Rights



UN TREATY BODY · ICCPR

International Covenant on Civil & Political Rights

Credible breaches spanning the **right to life**, absolute prohibition of torture and cruel treatment, and deliberate suppression of political participation rights.

Art. 6 — Right to Life

Art. 7 — Prohibition of Torture

Art. 25 — Political Rights



UN CONVENTION · 1984

UN Convention Against Torture (CAT)

Credible, documented evidence of **state-sanctioned torture** and cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment of detained community members by security forces.

State-Sanctioned Torture

Cruel & Inhuman Treatment

Failure to Prosecute



REGIONAL FRAMEWORK · ACHPR

African & Regional Human Rights Charter

Systematic violations of the rights to **development and self-determination**, alongside prohibited acts of collective punishment targeting entire SAJEM communities.

Right to Development

Self-Determination

Collective Punishment

How the Evidence Was Gathered

1



PRIMARY SOURCES

Survivor Testimonies

Over 500 first-hand accounts collected through secure fieldwork by human rights investigators. Affidavits formally submitted to international bodies and UN rapporteurs as sworn evidence.

500+ Verified first-hand accounts

2



REMOTE SENSING ANALYSIS

Satellite & Geospatial Data

Independent satellite analysis documents village demolitions, land-use conversion, and displacement routes. Time-stamped imagery corroborates witness accounts with verifiable precision.

72 Villages confirmed demolished via imagery

3



VERIFIED DOCUMENTATION

Official Documents & Leaks

Government communications, military orders, land registry manipulations, and internal security reports — obtained and independently verified by investigative journalists and legal teams.

Cross- verified by independent legal & press teams

Congressional Action: What Is Being Asked

Immediate legislative and diplomatic steps required to address documented SAJEM human rights violations

1



Hold Hearings

Convene Senate & House subcommittee hearings on Somali Bantu human rights conditions in Somalia; invite survivors, their families in the United States, and independent experts to testify.

PRIORITY ACTION

2



Condition Aid & Trade

Link bilateral assistance and trade agreements to measurable human rights improvements and verifiable displacement reversal.

ECONOMIC LEVERAGE

3



Targeted Sanctions

Apply Magnitsky Act sanctions on officials responsible for atrocities, land seizures, and political suppression of SAJEM communities.

MAGNITSKY ACT

4



Support UN Mechanisms

Endorse UN Human Rights Council resolutions; call for deployment of an independent international investigation commission.

UNHRC ENDORSEMENT

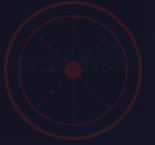
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Protect Diaspora & Whistleblowers

Ensure legal protection for Somali Bantu diaspora members led by SAJEM and individuals who provided evidence and testimony to this report.

WITNESS PROTECTION



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Justice Cannot Wait.

The SAJEM Congressional Review Report calls on lawmakers, journalists, and international partners to act with urgency.

Every day of inaction is a day communities remain displaced, land remains stolen, and voices remain silenced.



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