

Inclusion of Former Spokesperson of Al-Shabab into Democratic Government in Somalia

News:

Co-founder and former spokesperson of Al-Shabab Mujahideen movement, Mukhtar Robow has been appointed as the Minister for Religious Affairs by the Prime Minister of Somalia. "We welcome his appointment. The move will advance reconciliation and will serve as a good example for more high level al-Shabab defections," said political analyst Mohamed Mohamud. [[Reuters](#)]

Comment:

The inclusion of the former spokesperson of Al-Shabab into the democratic government is a recent development in the political reality of Somalia. The West had its eye on Africa during the time of colonization and Somalia was not an exception due to its strategic location which is part of the Horn of Africa. America made its stronghold in this region through a military coup in 1969 by General Siad Barre. Clans came up, warlords came up, and militants all came up against the dictator, Siad Barre, and this land has become a war theatre since 1991. Then, the US sent its military under the pretext of humanitarian aid and formed a puppet transition government in 2004.

By the time, people of Somalia had gathered around the Islamic Courts Union (ICU). They saw the ICU as a remedy for their suffering. The ICU gained control of most of the Somalian territory in 2006. This time America used Ethiopia to wage war and broke down ICU into factions. Al-Shabab was formed from the factions of Djibouti and Asmara in 2006 with the pure intention of waging jihad against the US and establishing Sharia in Somalia. Mukhtar Roobow Abu Mansour, one of the founding members and the spokesperson of armed resistance movement named Al-Shabab, had a \$5 million U.S. bounty on his head, then after his defection and house arrest, in June 2017, the United States withdrew its \$5 million reward offer for the capture of Abu Mansour.

After defection, Mukhtar Roobow surrendered to a government force in 2017; he was kept in house arrest, and in 2022 he is now included into the ministry with position of religious minister. By this move, America and its puppet attempt to lure further defections from the movement has weakened the movement, and it attempts to dismantle it with an attack after weakening them. The lack of political understanding of the reality, plans and plots of the disbelievers, missing ideological understanding of Islam and unclear methodology to establish the sharia, would lead the leaders and movements to become victims to the monstrous plans of the disbelieving colonialists. Believers, when pulled into the system of West i.e. democracy, would never be able to achieve what Islam expects; rather the output that is achieved is limited outcomes permitted within the democratic framework. Mukhtar

