

The Many Faces Of Al-Shabaab

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Episode 71 of the *Irregular Warfare Podcast* examines the often misunderstood security dynamics of Somalia and al-Shabaab.

Our guests begin by describing the complex security landscape of Somalia. They then examine al-Shabaab in depth and analyze the intricate methods the organization uses to maintain its foothold in East Africa. Finally, the show concludes with a discussion on international and indigenous efforts to eradicate al-Shabaab.

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