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# SOMALILAND'S CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL HISTORY & DIPLOMACY:

STATE-BUILDING, DEMOCRATISATION, AND TAIWAN-SOMALILAND RELATIONSHIP

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# About Somaliland

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#### Basic Info







**Government:**Unitary Presidential





Election System:

Democractic – 3 Political Parties

#### Somaliland Demographics



**Population Growth:** 

3.14%



**Mortality:** 

13.1 per 1000



**Fertility rate:** 

5.5 per women



**Literacy Rate:** 

48.0%



Language:

Somali, Arabic, English



Religion: Islam

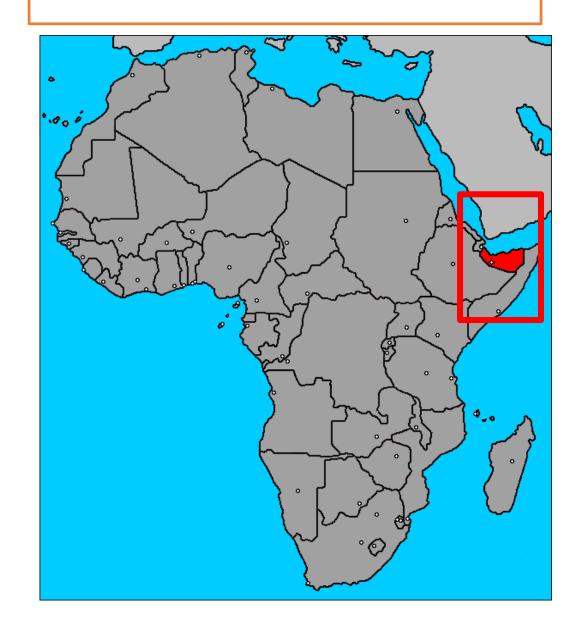
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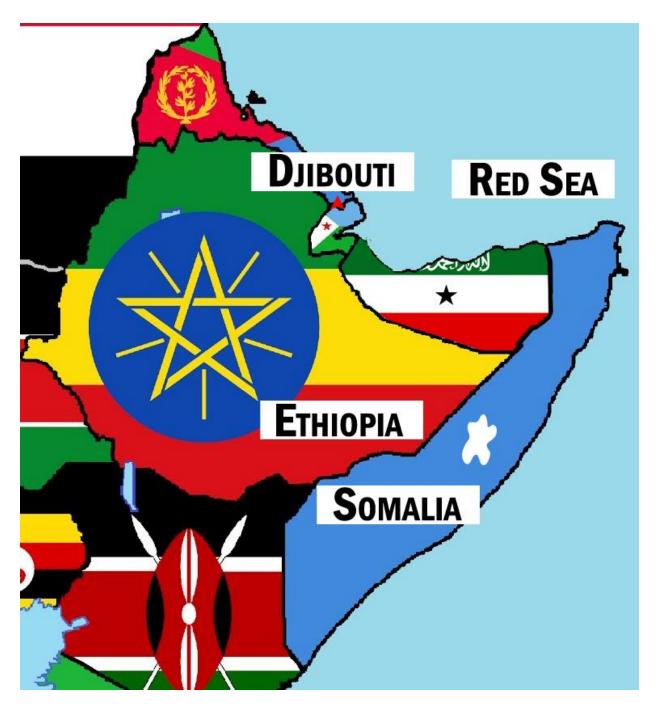
Age structure: 70% below 30 years

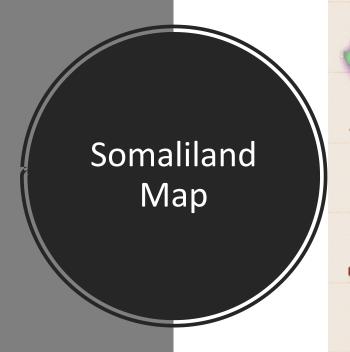
Student population: 400,000

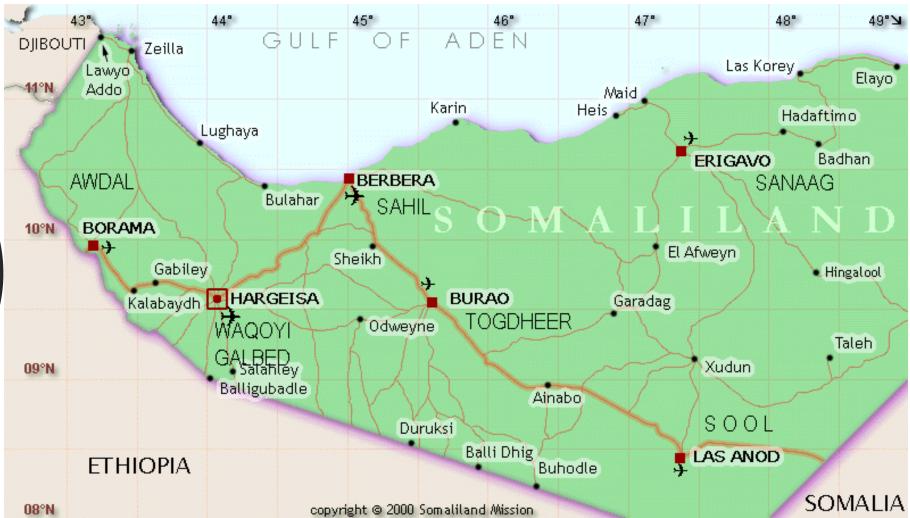
University graduates: 5,000 - 7,000/year

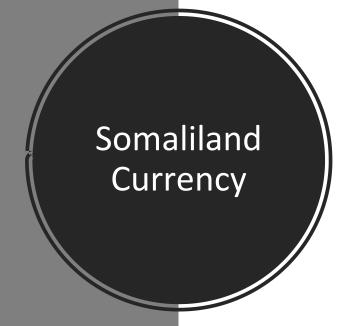
#### WHERE IS SOMALILAND?













Somaliland Passport

































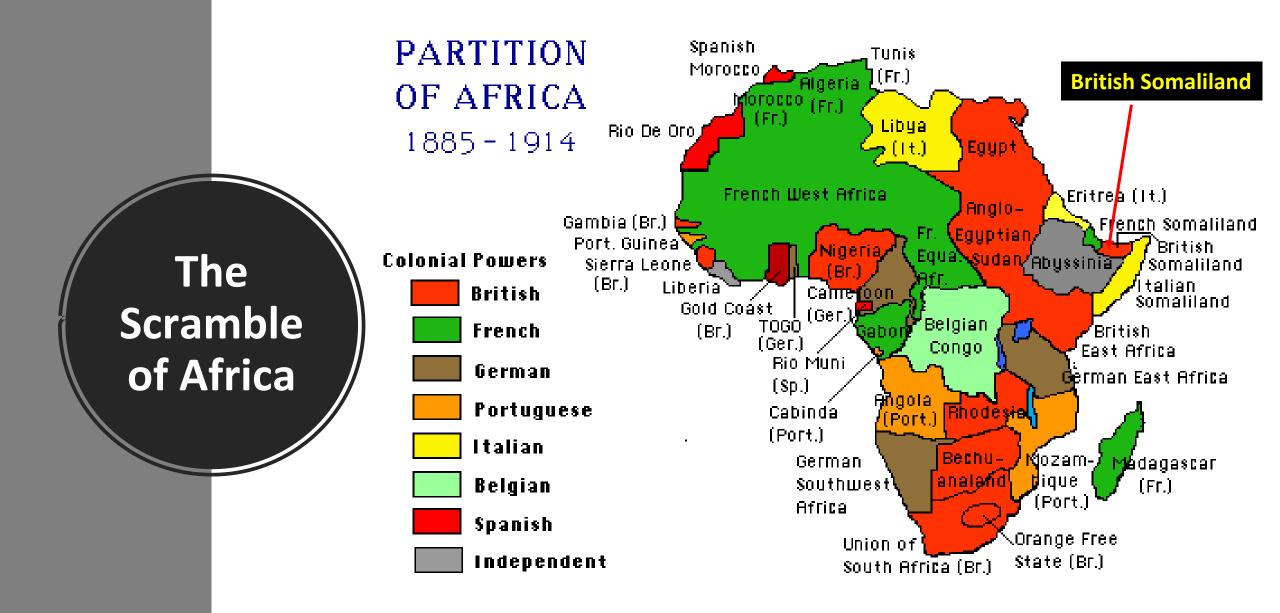


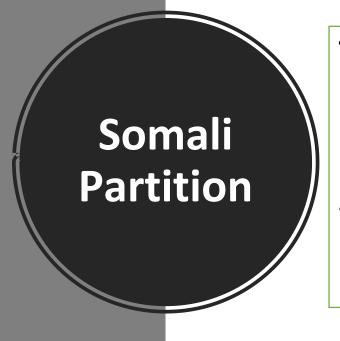




# Somaliland History

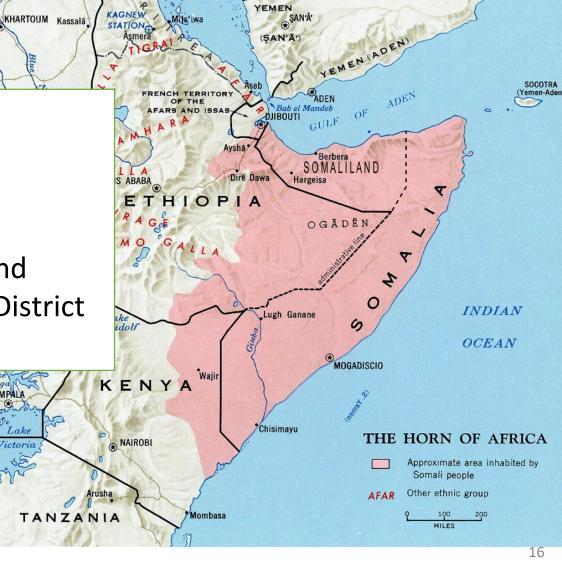
- British Somaliland: 1884 1960
- Post Independence: 1960 1991
  - Somaliland After 1991





#### The Five Somali's:

- British Somaliland
- 2. Italian Somaliland
- 3. French Somaliland
- 4. Ethiopian Somaliland
- Northern Frontier District
   (NFD) with Kenya



SAUDI ARABIA

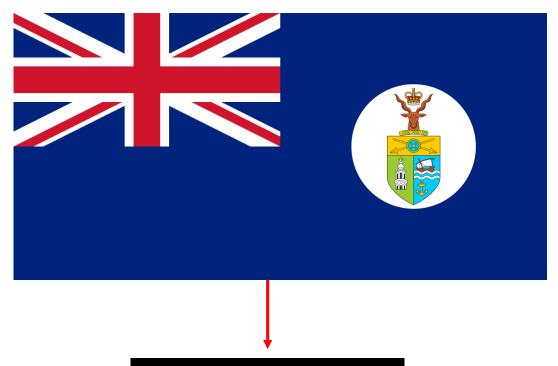
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SUDAN

RED SEA

#### **International Treaties**

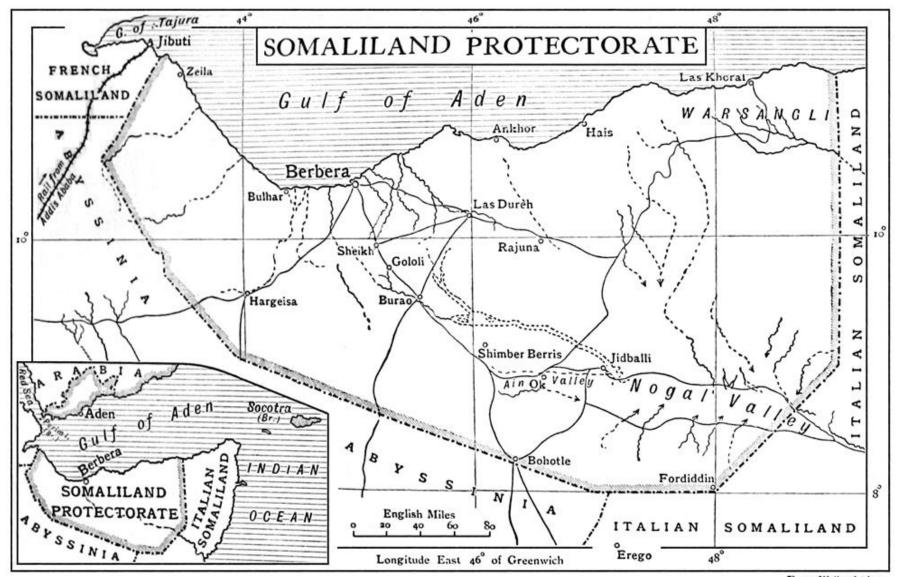
Somaliland comprises the territory, boundaries, and people of the former British Somaliland Protectorate defined and delimited by the provisions of the following international treaties:



- 1. The Anglo-French Treaty of 1888.
- 2. The Anglo-Italian Protocol of 1894.
- 3. The Anglo-Ethiopian Treaty of 1897.

Flag of British Somaliland

Somalilan d Map 1894



Emery Walker Ltd. sc.

Signing
Independenc
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Somaliland in
1960 London



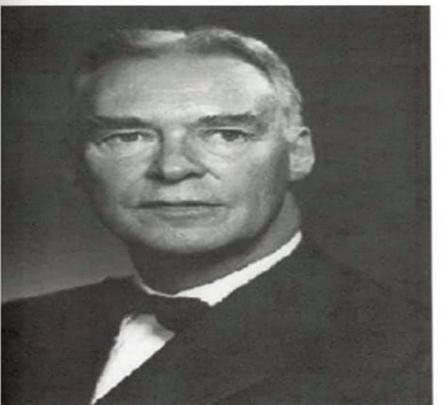
Independency
Day:
26 June
1960



Message from Queen Elizabeth 11







June 26, 1960

Their Excellencies, Council of Ministers of Somaliland, Hargeisa.

Your Excellencies: I extend my best wishes and congratulations on the achievement of your independence. This is a noteworthy milestone in your history, and it is with pleasure that I send my warmest regards on this happy occasion.

Mr Christian a. Herter Secretary of State, United States of America

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The Telegram on recognition of the Republic of Somaliland from Foreign Affairs Minister Chen Yi of the People's Republic of China to the Prime Minster Mohamed Haji Ibrahim Egal of the Republic of Somaliland.

Hargeisa Somaliland

Your Excellency Prime Minister Mohamed Haji Ibrahim Egal,



It's my great pleasure to hear about the independence of Somaliland. On behalf of the government and the people of the People's Republic of China, I present sincere congratulations to the Government and people at this moment when Somaliland declares independence.

It's my honor to inform your Excellency that the government of the People's Republic of China has decided to recognize the Republic of Somaliland. We hope this recognition will promote the development of the friendship between Somaliland and China.

Chen Yi Foreign Minister of PRC June 25, 1960 First Somaliland Parliament



## Creation of Somali Republic

#### **Countries Recognized Somaliland in 1960:**

35 Countries including Security Council

#### **Union with Somalia:**

• 1<sup>st</sup> July 1960: Independent British and Italian Somaliland's Joined to Somali Republic

Failed Union Consequence s





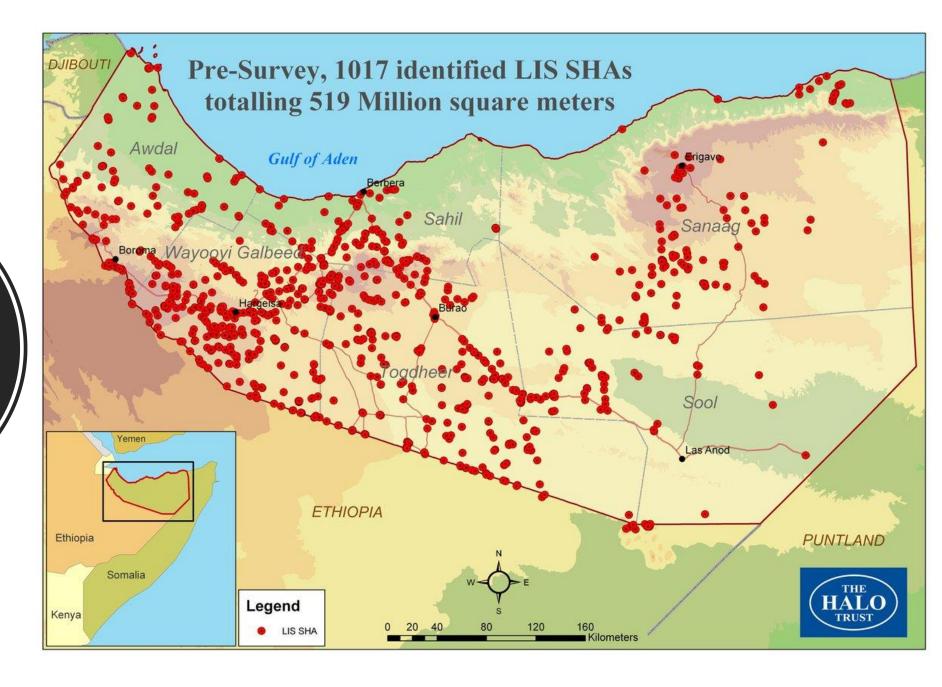
Genocide: The Consequences of the Failed merger 200,000 massacred.

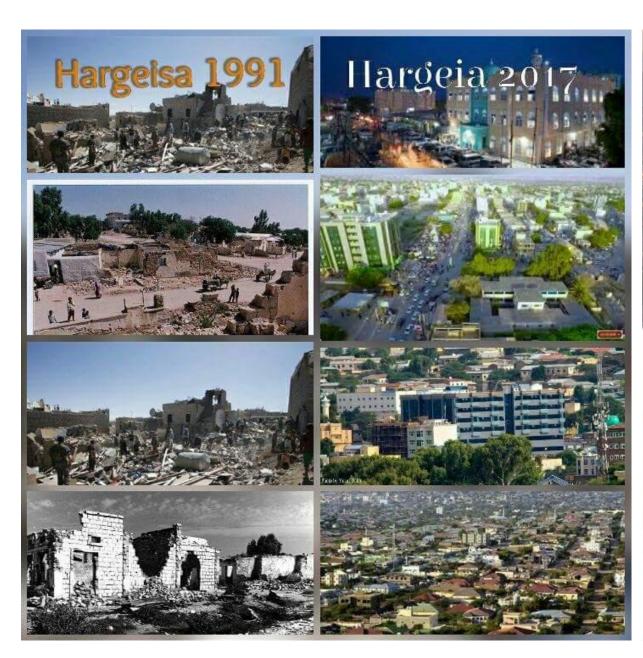
SOM-BOKOZ-COZ



Bombardment: Up to 90% of Hargeisa, Somaliland's Capital City was destroyed

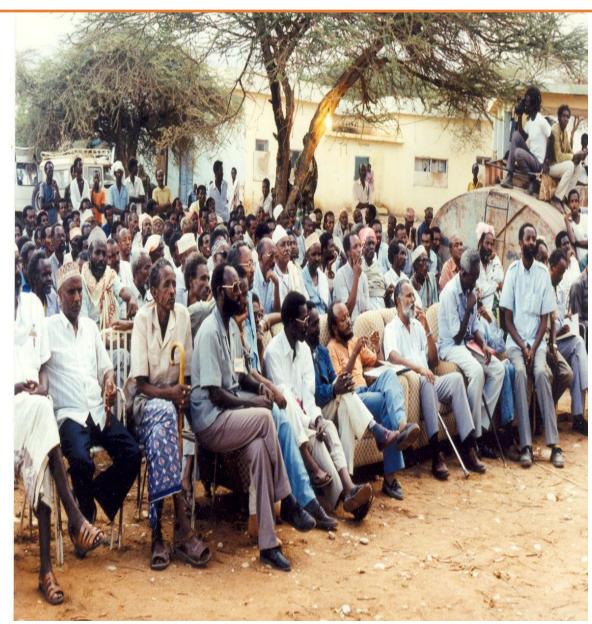
3 Million
Land Mines

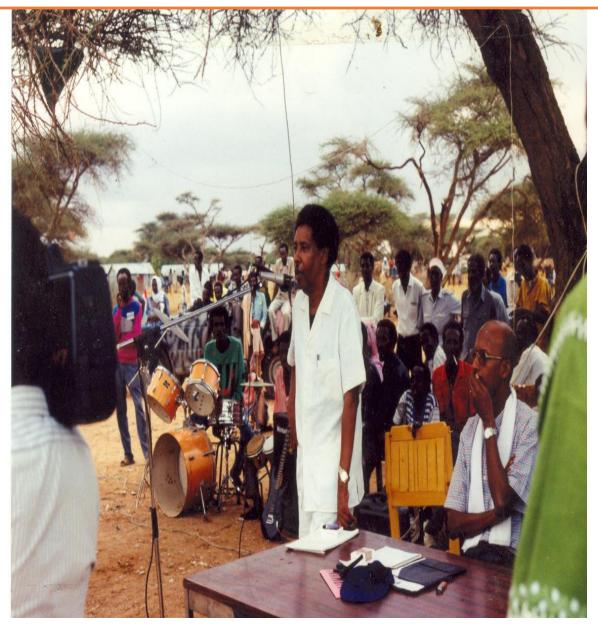






## **Declaration of Sovereignty 1991**





# Somaliland Politics and Economy

#### Political System



**System**: Presidential

Seat: Hargeisa (the capital)

Parliament: Bicameral

Judiciary: Independent

**Political Parties:** Three

8 Elections: 2001, 2002, 2003,

2005, 2010, 2012, 2017 and 2021.

Stability: 29 years unbroken

**Current President: H.E Muse Bihi Abdi** 

#### Political, Economic, and Social Acheivements



Solid and sustainable Democratic System



30 Years of Stability and Peace



Free of piracy and terrorism



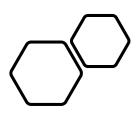
Free and fair elections



Surviving Economy with little help from outside



Community resilience and thriving private sector



#### Strengths

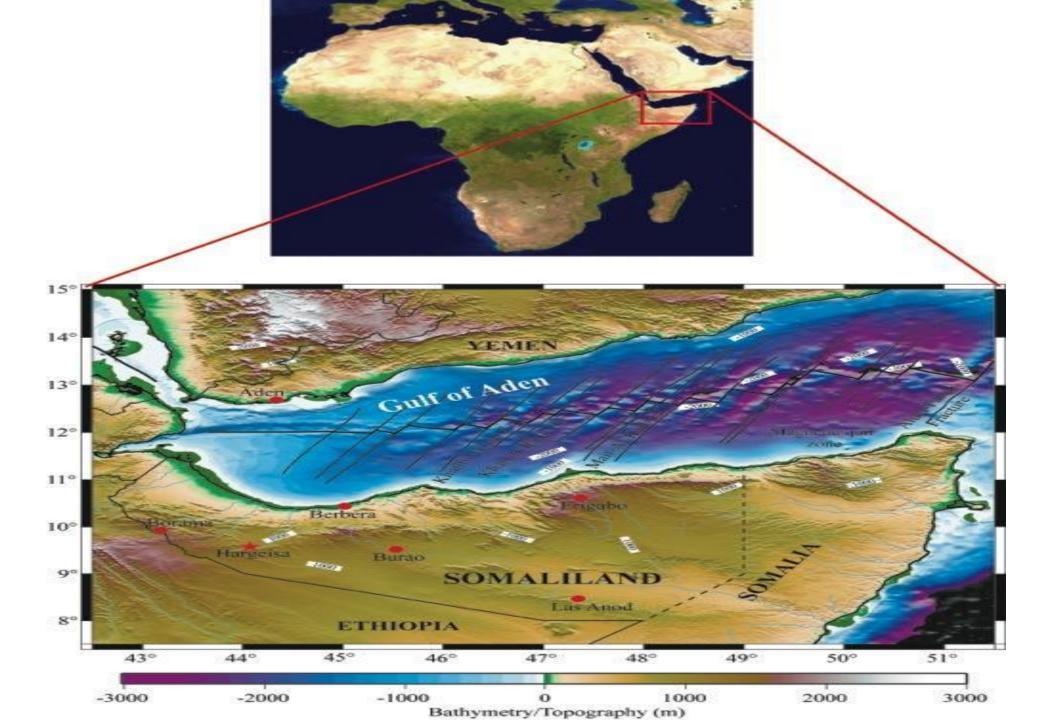
- Strategic Location
- Long coastline
- Untapped natural resource
- Free Market Economy
- Stable democratic system
- Young population











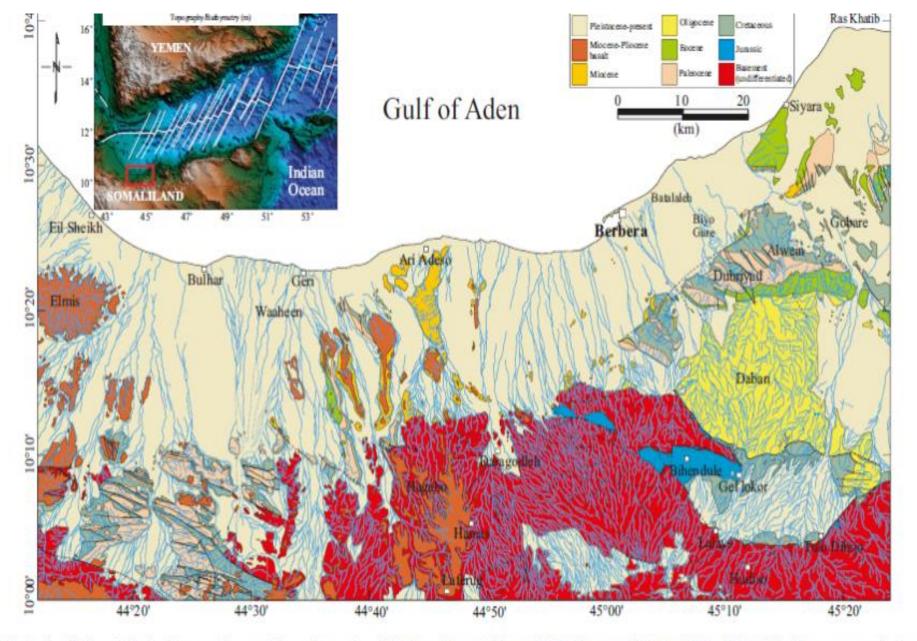


Fig. 1. Simplified geological and structural map of the study area (modified from Hunt and Mason (1957); Mason and Warden (1971a, 1971b)). Blue lines represent drainage patterns. Insert shows bathymetric and topographic map of the Gulf of Aden showing major fracture zones and the study area (red rectangle). The bathymetric and topographic data are based on a 1 × 1 min GEBCO (IOC et al., 2003) and SRTM30 Plus grid (Becker et al., 2009). (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the Web version of this article.)

# Statehood Criteria

#### **Defined territory**

**Permanent population** 

Government

Capacity to enter into relations with other countries

# Somaliland's Contribution to Regional, International, and Global Arena.

- Somaliland is a reliable partner in regional peace and international security, combating terrorism and other crimes of national and international concern.
- Somaliland keeps its borders secure and safe against threats emanating from extremist groups, piracy, and other regional and international crimes.
- The countries including Ethiopia, Djibouti, and Somalia benefited from our efforts of security, other African countries, Europe, North America, and Asia also are beneficial to our commitment of peace and security.

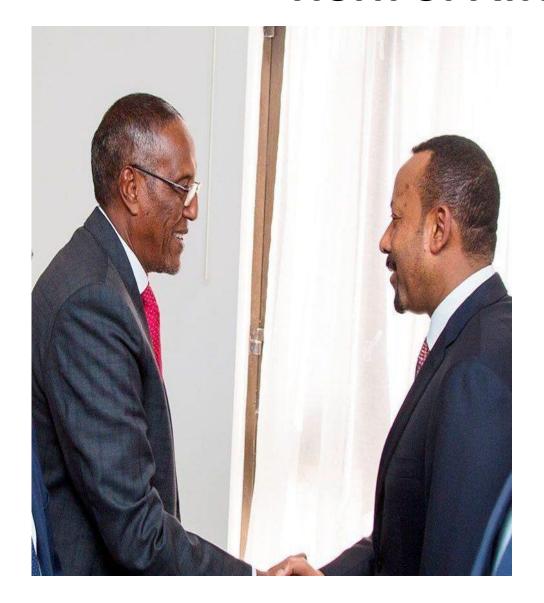
#### **Diplomacy**





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#### **Horn of Africa Presidents**



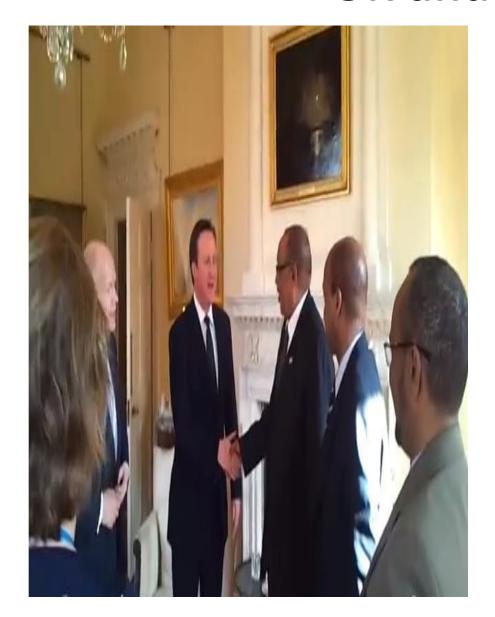


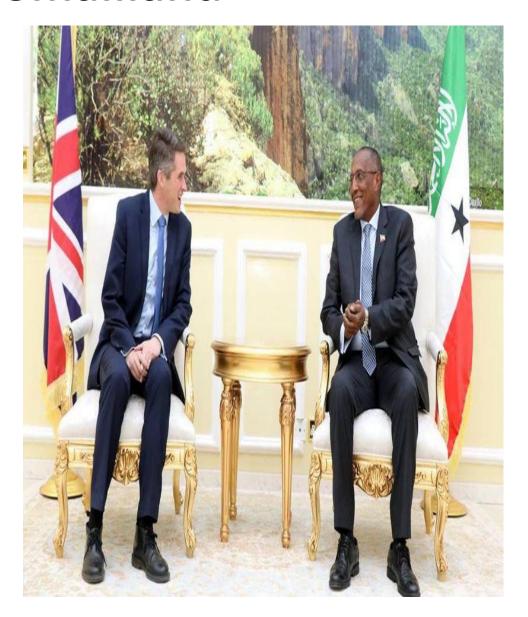
# Foreign Minister of Eritrea Visit Hargeisa and Addis Ababa





#### **UK and Somaliland**





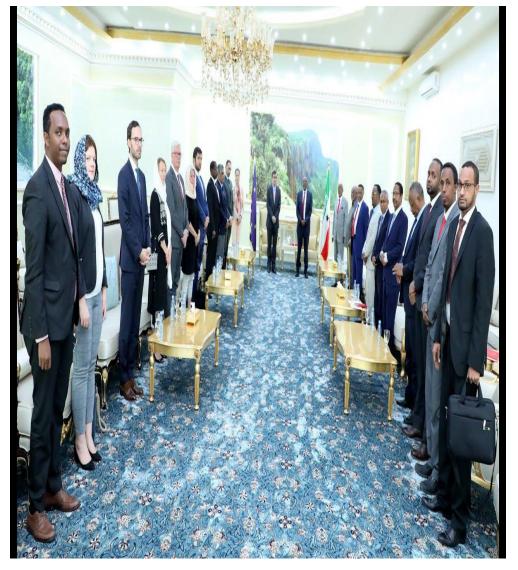
#### **Somaliland the Middle East**





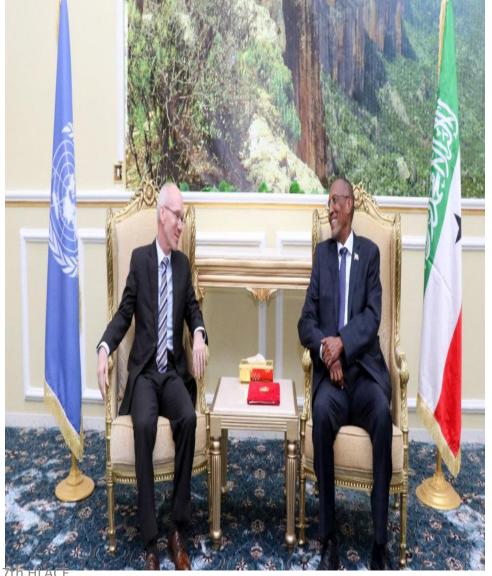
#### **EU and Somaliland**





### **US, UN & Somaliland Relations**





4/6/2022 Preparations for 7th HLACE

#### **Horn of Africa Head of States**





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#### VISION AND STRATEGY

- Vision 2030: "a Stable, Democratic and Prosperous Country where people enjoy a high quality of life"
- National Plan: 2012-2021 NDPI&NDPII
- Regional Plans: 2014-2021
- Somaliland Special Arrangement: 2014-2016
- Somaliland Development Fund (SDF)

#### REFORMS UNDERWAY

- Public finance
- Civil service
- Justice
- Private sector

#### MACRO-ECONOMY

- Growth: Significant lead by construction and services
- Currency: Stable unofficially pegged to the US Dollar. Mostly SLS 6-8,000/\$ in the last 8 years
- Inflation: 2% 1st 6 months 2020

#### TRADE

- Livestock exports 1<sup>st</sup> six months 2019: 1,076,017
- Increase of over last year same period: 14%
- Imports 1<sup>st</sup> six months 2019: 694,695 tons
- Increase over last year same period: 23%

#### FINANCIAL STABILITY

• Government Budget: US\$400 million 2020

• Fiscal Deficit: None

Public debt: Negligible (outstanding bills)

• Foreign debt: None (since 1991)

• Trade deficit: None

• Foreign exchange control: None

• Hard Currency: Stable

• Restrictions on moving currency: None

### TAX REGIME

• Corporation tax: 10%

• Income tax: 6% (flat)

• **Sales tax**: 5%

• Tax holiday for investors: 3 years

Investment Incentives: Land

• Tax exempt: Machinery and material for investment

#### FINANCIAL SECTOR

- Banks: Central Bank, Dahabshiil, Salaama, Premier Bank
- Mobile Banking: Zaad, E-DAHAB
- Remittance companies: >12 more
- Gaps: Banking, mortgaging, insurance,

## INTERNATIONAL LINKS/CONNECTIVITY

- **Berbera Port:** 650m quay, 5 berths "The construction of a 400m **quay** and a new 250,000-square-metre extension at the **Port** of **Berbera** which is also known as **Berbera Port** in Somaliland is complete"
- Gate way: Ethiopia, South Sudan (130 million)
- Berbera Airport: 6.1 Km runway
- Hargeisa Airport: 2.5 Km
- Airlines: Ethiopian (daily), East African express, Juba, Daallo, FlyDubai, Al-Arabia.
- Mobile coverage: National
- Internet: Available and Reliable.
- Fiber Optic: Network ready.

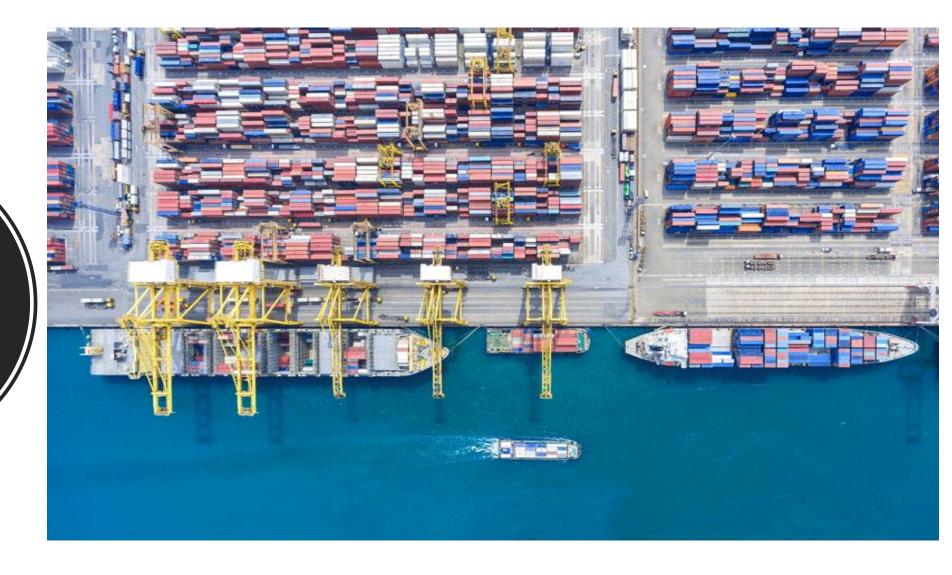
### POTENTIAL INVESTMENT

- Renewable energy: Solar, Wind, Geothermal
- **Hydrocarbons**: Oil, gas
- Minerals: Industrial, rare, gems
- **Finance**: Banking, insurance, investment
- Agriculture: Livestock, fisheries, Dairy, poultry
- Health: Hospitals,
- Factors: eavy and light industries for manufacturing
- **Construction**: Housing, offices, industrial estates
- Infrastructure: Ports, Airports, roads, utilities

## INVESTOR CONFIDENCE

- Current investors present or represented:
  - Baoding Jeronimo Group of Industries,
  - Coca Cola,
  - Western Union,
  - BCIMR,
  - Nubian Gold.
  - Genel Energy,
  - DNO
  - DP World

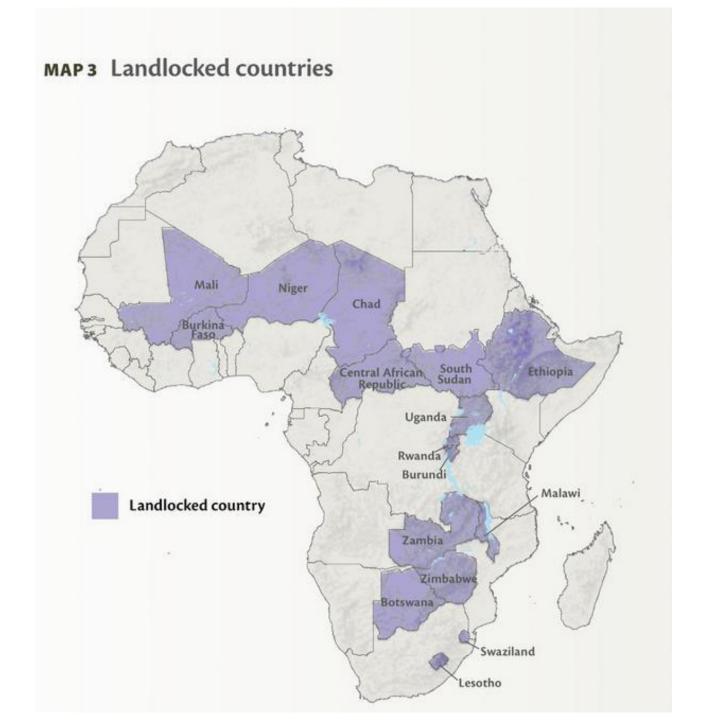
Berber a Port



Somaliland, UAE, Ethiopia Joint Venture



## Landlocked African Countries



# Somaliland Taiwan Bilateralism

- Overview
- Potential collaboration
- Trade and Investment

#### Somaliland-Taiwan Bilateralism

- ➤ Somaliland-Taiwan Bilateral Accord; Identified issues of mutual concern; Vienna Convention 1961.
- ➤ Opening missions to boost social, economic, security, and political links between the Republic of Somaliland and the Republic of China (Taiwan).
- The two countries will exchange exposure visits on training and capacity building in the areas of governance, security, extractive development, agriculture, fishing, education, medical development training, information technology, and trade.
- Taiwan will become the big brother of Somaliland in the areas of economic development, security strategy and assistance, information as well as the intelligence community system.
- ➤ Building bridges of diplomacy.

## **Potential Collaboration**

- Extractive Industry; the industrial processes for extracting minerals include drilling and pumping, quarrying, and mining, including oil, coal, gold, iron, cement, copper, and other minerals.
- Agriculture development means providing assistance to the crop producers with the help of various agricultural resources. Providing protection, assisting in the research sphere, employing latest techniques, controlling pests and facilitating diversity all fall within the purview of agriculture development.
- Commercial Fishing: Development, Harvesting, Processing etc.
- Secondary Industries Support; light manufacturing, food processing, energy production/renewable energy.
- \*Tertiary Industries Support; Telecommunication, Hospitality industry/tourism, Mass media, Healthcare/hospitals, Public health, pharmaceutical, Information technology, R&D, education and scholarship etc.

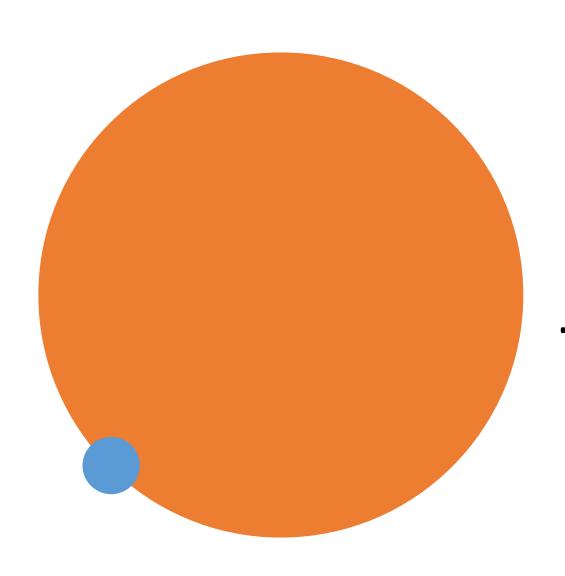
#### **Trade and Investment**

#### Trade;

- Import Trade
- Export Trade
- Entrepot Trade

#### Investment;

- Mining Industries
- Stock Markets
- Commercial Loans
- Concessions, Joint-Ventures, Franchises etc



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