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**Somalia wins UN Security Council seat – 10th June 2024**

## Level 4

Somalia has been elected as a member of the UN Security Council. It is the first time for Somalia to hold that position since the 1970s. Three decades of brutal civil wars and bloody factional fighting brought the country to its knees. A coalition government in 2009 then brought the return of stability. Somalia's recent turmoil, and its struggles to defeat terrorism, mean it can be very helpful in promoting peace around the world.

The UN Security Council was formed in 1945 to help keep world peace. It has five permanent members – China, France, Russia, the UK and the US – and 10 revolving non-permanent members. To win a seat, a nation must get the support of two thirds of UN representatives. Somalia was elected unopposed. It will serve for two years. Somalia said: "Our tenure will be guided by our...respect of the principles of international law."

## Level 5

Somalia has been elected as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council. A vote on the 6th of June saw the African nation win its seat in the UN body. It is the first time for Somalia to hold the position since the 1970s. It descended into brutal and bloody conflict for three decades after. Civil and factional wars brought the country to its knees. A coalition government in 2009 then brought the return of stability. Somalia's recent turmoil, and its struggles to defeat Islamist militants, give it a valuable voice in promoting peace and security in the world.

The UN Security Council was formed in 1945 to help maintain global peace. Its 15 members include five permanent members – China, France, Russia, the UK and the US – and 10 revolving non-permanent members. To win a seat, a nation must secure the support of at least two thirds of UN delegations. Somalia was elected unopposed. It will serve for two years from January. The Somali Foreign Minister said: "Our tenure will be guided by our full commitment to multilateralism, and our respect of the principles of international law [set down] in the UN Charter."

## Level 6

Somalia has been elected as one of the ten non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. A vote at the UN headquarters in New York on the 6th of June saw the African nation ushered in to take its seat in the UN body. It is the first time for Somalia to hold such a position since the 1970s. It descended into brutal and bloody conflict throughout the ensuing three decades. Civil and factional wars brought the war-torn country to its knees. A coalition government in 2009 has since brought the return of stability. Political experts believe that Somalia's recent turmoil, and its struggles to defeat Islamist insurgents, give it a valuable voice in promoting peace and security in the world.

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