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**Level 5** – 10th June 2024

## Somalia wins UN Security Council seat

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240610-somalia-security-council-5.html>

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."

Sources: <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cgee4j71ypqo>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_Nations\\_Security\\_Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations_Security_Council)

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. win its seat                     | a. wars            |
| 2. It descended into brutal and     | b. of stability    |
| 3. Civil and factional              | c. voice           |
| 4. brought the country              | d. in the UN body  |
| 5. brought the return               | e. and security    |
| 6. its struggles to defeat Islamist | f. to its knees    |
| 7. give it a valuable               | g. bloody conflict |
| 8. promoting peace                  | h. militants       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                       |                           |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The UN Security Council was        | a. for two years          |
| 2. help maintain                      | b. in the UN Charter      |
| 3. 10 revolving non-                  | c. of UN delegations      |
| 4. the support of at least two thirds | d. global peace           |
| 5. It will serve                      | e. of international law   |
| 6. Our tenure will be guided          | f. formed in 1945         |
| 7. our respect of the principles      | g. by our full commitment |
| 8. set down                           | h. permanent members      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UN Security Council was formed in 1945 to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ peace. Its 15 members include five permanent members – China, France, Russia, the UK and the US – and 10 (8) \_\_\_\_\_ members. To win a seat, a nation must secure the support of at (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of UN delegations. Somalia (10) \_\_\_\_\_. It will serve for two years from January. The Somali Foreign Minister said: "Our tenure will be guided by (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to multilateralism, and our respect of (12) \_\_\_\_\_ international law [set down] in the UN Charter."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# SOMALIA SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240610-somalia-security-council-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Somalia in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240610-somalia-security-council-5.html>

Write about **Somalia** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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