



## United Kingdom

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### Summary

The United Kingdom (UK) is an island nation located East of the European continent. After the destruction of the Spanish Armada in 1588, the country became the largest colonial power. It would be difficult to find a place in the world that has not felt the influence of the British Empire. After the Second World War, this influence has waned as more and more nations gained their independence, but it has not vanished completely. The Commonwealth of Nations remains active to this day, and the United Kingdom is one of the 5 countries with veto rights in the Security Council (UNSC).

### Relations with Somalia

The UK reopened its embassy in Mogadishu in 2012, and has good diplomatic relations with Somalia. It has played a role in the country's security by training upwards of 5000 troops for the Somali army, however their support fell behind other European countries, such as Spain, Italy and France. In 2024 the UK pledged £100 million over the next four years to address Somalia's climate challenges and support green initiatives.

### Stance on Jubaland

The ambassador of the UK to Somalia, Mike Nithavrianakis, met with Somali

Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre in Mogadishu in early December 2024, where the two discussed pathways to regional stability and bilateral cooperation. In a statement after the meeting the ambassador reiterated the UK's support for stability and economic growth in Somalia, but called for immediate and inclusive dialogue to de-escalate tensions in Jubaland, calling it the only viable path to resolve disputes between the parties. Only days later the forces of the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) clashed with Jubaland forces near Ras Kamboni. The embassy issued a statement condemning the violence, highlighting the threat it poses to Somalia's security and the fact that any such conflict likely benefits Al-Shabaab. The UK called once again on all parties to engage in calm and constructive dialogue towards reconciliation.

