ENDNOTES

In addition to open source material, information and analysis in this web interactive was derived from consultations with government officials and non-governmental actors from Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, Somaliland, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Turkey, the United States, European Union, and African Union.

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18. Interviews, Somaliland representatives, November and December 2018.


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