

Somalia – the struggle for peace

A bitter dispute between Italy and the UN over UN policy in Somalia appears to be easing, with Italy withdrawing its threat to pull out its entire troop contingent. Italy is not alone in believing that the UN mission is losing sight of its original, humanitarian brief and degenerating into open conflict with warlord Mohamed Farah Aided

December 1992

- 9: U.S. marines seize Mogadishu to spearhead operation 'Provide Relief';
- 16: 700 U.S. and French troops free Baydhabo from looting gunmen;
- 20: U.S. and Belgian troops liberate Kismaayo from gunmen

March 1993

- 8: Up to 23 people are killed and 26 injured in clan clashes in Kismaayo;
- 19: U.S. quick reaction force arrives in Kismaayo to restore order

April 1993

- 26: U.S. marines hand over Mogadishu to UN military force

May 1993

- 4: U.S. hands over command of the multi-national force to the UN



UN troop deployment in Somalia

Pakistan	4,718	UAE	690	Botswana	203
U.S.	3,881*	Saudi Arabia	687	Sweden	146
Italy	2,442	Nigeria	556	Tunisia	143
Morocco	1,340	Egypt	540	Norway	138
France	1,089	Turkey	316	Kuwait	108
Zimbabwe	987	Germany	288	Greece	101
Belgium	966	Romania	236	Bangladesh	25
Malaysia	873	Australia, New Zealand and Canada: personnel forming part of 390 strong headquarters staff			
India, South Korea: advance parties only					

Total UN force: 20,854

Fatalities to date: 35

* Excludes Quick Reaction Force (1,158 troops) not under UN command

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