

# Africa's longest war may finally end

Two decades after a border war erupted between Eritrea and Ethiopia, Addis Ababa says it will abide by a 2002 border commission ruling, offering Eritrea a chance to end Africa's longest war

■ **1993:** Eritrean independence from Ethiopia officially declared

■ **1998:** Border war erupts. More than 70,000 people killed

■ **2000:** UN peace deal signed in Algiers ends fighting. Both sides agree to accept ruling of international boundary commission

■ **2002:** Commission issues ruling, but Ethiopia refuses to accept it – two sides remain on war footing

■ **Jun 5, 2018:** Ethiopia's ruling party, **Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front**, says it will fully accept ruling that would entail ceding disputed town of Badme to Eritrea

