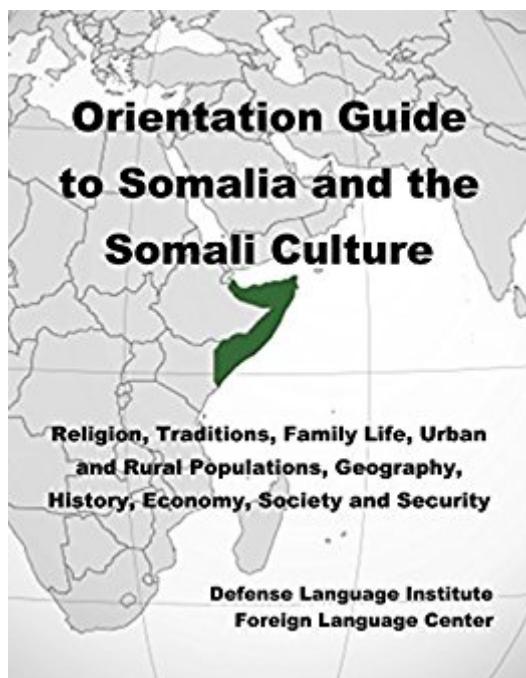


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# Orientation Guide To Somalia And The Somali Culture: Religion, Traditions, Family Life, Urban And Rural Populations, Geography, History, Economy, Society And Security



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Somalia occupies a strategic geopolitical position on the Horn of Africa. The people of Somalia, mostly Sunni Muslims, number roughly 10 million. More than half the population lives in rural areas as nomadic herders. Nomadic life, combined with clan family membership, fosters local governance and a rejection of centralized authority. Many ethnic Somalis live in the nearby countries of Ethiopia, Kenya, Djibouti, and Yemen. More than two decades of turmoil and fighting, beginning in the late 1980s, destroyed Somalia's infrastructure and blocked most economic activities. Because of power struggles among clan militia, rival warlords, and Islamic insurgents, thousands of Somalis were killed and millions displaced. A Somali Transitional National Government was established in 2000 in Djibouti, but the country was not unified until 2013. During the time of transitional national governments, the south was a battleground for Islamic militants and armed forces of neighboring countries. Somalia continues to suffer from complex humanitarian problems brought on by decades of endemic poverty, recurrent drought, and floods. These conditions may account for continuing piracy along Somalia's coast. Although piracy continues, a significant drop in its practice has been recorded recently. This book, produced by Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC), provides comprehensive information about Somalia and the Somali Culture. Chapter topics include religion, traditions, family life and differences in the lifestyles of urban and rural populations as well as detailed discussion of geography, history and their economy, form of government, society and security and much more. 99 pages; dozens of photos, illustrations and charts, many in full color. This is a Print Replica that maintains the formatting and layout of the original edition and offers many of the advantages of standard Kindle books.

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