

Eritrea and Djibouti Tensions: Could War Be A Result

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The Recent Statements by the President of Djibouti regarding the State of Tensions with Neighboring Eritrea is just one more addition of chaos to a Region that is Very Unstable.

Earlier this year the Incursion by Eritrean Forces into a highly contested Border Area with Djibouti only received a cursory notice in most of the World's Media Outlets. Their Main Focus in the Region happens to be the Increase in the Acts of Piracy over the last few years culminating with the seizure of the *MV Faina* and its Cargo of Military Hardware that was destined for the Government of South Sudan.

This has to be on the Interest of the Planners of the Pentagon for one simple reason. Camp Lemonier is the Headquarters for the Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA). It just Happens to Be the Only Place in Africa where US Military are Currently Based. It coordinates US Military Activities in Somalia, Kenya , Uganda and Ethiopia.

Any Conflict in the Region now has the Potential to Involve the US Military. This Fact cannot just be applied to Operations within Somalia either. In the Past there have been Air Strikes and Naval Support for the Transitional Government as the attempt to restore a functioning Government in Mogadishu Muddles on. But there is a unique risk in this Crisis.

Any Large Scale Battle or Incursion has the Chance however Remote of seeing US Forces Attacked. Since the US shares the Base with the French any conflict could have a quick Resolution. But there is a Risk that Eritrea could then launch an attack and bring in the Ethiopians and see the Conflict Escalate.

The UN Security Council Did an Assessment of the Tensions between these Two States last Month. Although Tensions were again back on simmer at the time after the Incursion the Risk of another Clash has to Increase with Every Passing Day. Another Question that will have to be asked is Just How Popular is the Zenawi Regime? After all the Popularity of the Somali Adventure diminishes Daily.

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This is just what the World Needs Another Crisis that is

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