

Somalia

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The system of roads consists mostly of dirt tracks. However, these do run between major cities. In times of peace, minivans carry passengers on these routes, and large trucks transport passengers and goods. For longer trips, people often travel by plane or boat.

The telephone system was largely destroyed by war. Cellular telephones now far outnumber landlines. Internet cafés operate in Mogadishu. Radio is the main form of media in Somalia. Local radio stations are broadcast throughout the country. Many Somali stay informed about international and some local events by listening to foreign radio broadcasts. While the media is unregulated, many news sources are heavily biased and journalists experience pressure from Islamic groups to conform their reporting to religious standards. News is also spread by word of mouth.

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