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The al-Qaeda-linked Somali insurgent group al-Shabaab has raised alarm in the United States. The proliferation of Somali piracy, too, has US foreign policymakers concerned.

This open letter to Uncle Sam: America, pray leave Somalia to its own devices, America should not be concerned with the security of its own interests.

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