

**Warm Up:**

One woman has had an outsized influence on Somaliland, a country that declared its independence in 1991.

1. Work alone or form small groups of 3-4 students.
2. Orient yourself toward the article by focusing on its headline and large-type pull-quotes. Look at the photos and images, but don't read the captions.
3. Discuss or jot down a sentence or two about what you think is the main idea of the story. Brainstorm a few questions you hope will be answered by the time you're done reading and working with the article.