



Locusts ravage Somalia in worst invasion in decades

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An invasion of desert locusts, which have already destroyed tens of thousands of hectares of crops and grazed land in Somalia, spread further on Saturday.

1. A gentle buzz — _____

2-1. Desert locusts have already destroyed _____

2-2. suffering _____

2-3. leaving many without food _____

3. Farmers are calling _____

4. But for this farmer, _____

5-1. She says the bugs _____

5-2. leaving her with nothing to feed her children _____

6-1. The plague _____

6-2. made worse by unseasonably heavy rainfall and floods across East Africa _____

7. The FAO said in a statement that conflict in Somalia _____

8. Adding - quote - "the impact of our actions in the short term _____

[Vocabulary]

□ **buzz**: the continuous sound that an insect such as a fly or bee makes

• *Flies were buzzing around the picnic tables.*

• *the constant buzz of the air conditioning*

□ **havoc**: a situation in which there is a lot of damage or destruction, or in which something cannot continue in its normal way because of problems

- *Winter storms continued to cause havoc for drivers.*
- *The strike played havoc with the train schedules.*

□ **Somalia**: Somali Democratic Republic; a republic in extreme eastern Africa on the Somali Peninsula; subject to tribal warfare



□ **desert locust**: a destructive migratory locust of southwestern Asia and parts of northern Africa

□ **graze**: to put an animal in a place where it can eat grass

- *Farmers can now graze their cattle on the mountain.*
- *He grazed his livestock in pastures.*

□ **suffer through**: to put up with something or somebody unpleasant

- suffer through a three-year drought
- *The new secretary had to suffer through a lot of unprofessional remarks.*

□ **invasion**: a situation in which a large number of people or things come to a place at the same time, especially in an annoying way

- *The stores prepared for an invasion of last-minute Christmas shoppers.*
- *the annual summer invasion of tourists*

□ **call on**: to make an appeal or request for help or demand

- *The human rights group has called on the U.S. to end the death penalty.*
- *We are calling upon you to run for chairman.*

□ **bug**: an insect

- *There were bugs crawling all over the kitchen floor.*

- **devour:** to eat something very fast because you are hungry
 - *We devoured the turkey and mashed potatoes.*
- **plague:** an uncontrolled and usually harmful increase in the numbers of an animal or insect
 - *a plague of locusts/rats*
- **surpass:** to be better or greater than something else
 - *India's population now surpasses that of Africa.*
 - *The company surpassed their previous profit margin.*
- **projection:** a calculation of the way that something will change and develop in the future, especially of how fast it will grow or become smaller
 - *a projection of economic growth for all member states*
 - *Our projection shows an increase in electricity use next year.*
- **Food and Agriculture Organization:** An agency of the United Nations established in 1945 to secure improvements in the production and distribution of food and agricultural products and to raise levels of nutrition. Its headquarters are in Rome.
- **make worse:** to confound; to worsen
 - *His speech only made the situation worse.*
- **conflict:** fighting between countries or groups
 - *the Arab-Israeli conflict*
 - *Conflict and intrigue plagued a nation.*
- **spray:** to cover crops or a large area of land with a chemical spray in order to kill insects or to prevent diseases
 - *Health officials have sprayed the areas where the virus was active.*
 - *Farmers have to apply for permits to spray from the air.*
- **pesticide:** a chemical used for killing insects, especially those that damage crops
 - *The first pesticide used for indoor residual spraying was DDT.*
 - *A similar situation occurs with pesticide resistance in plants and insects.*
- **limited:** not very good, or not very great in amount
 - *a limited grasp of economics*
 - *It's cheap, but the choice is a rather limited.*

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