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## What precious minerals are found in Somalia?



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**Researchers from Canada said that this stone was found in rural Somalia two years ago, but the locals believe that this stone is very old.**

They said that they already knew about these stones and that they had already made poems, songs and other literature around that time for five centuries. These stones are also used for sharpening knives.

The official names of the new minerals are elaliite and elinstantonite. It was identified by scientists from the University of Alberta who looked at a 70-gram fragment from the 15-ton meteorite, which is said to be the ninth largest to reach our planet, about 90% iron.

The name "elite" gives the fact that this mineral is actually produced in the area of El-Ali in the region of Hiran in central Somalia, "elkinstanonite" is named after NASA expert Lindy Elkins-Tanton.

"Lindy has done a lot of work on how planetary cores form, how these nickel-metals form, and the closest analog we have are iron meteorites. So it makes sense to name a mineral in recognition of her. its scientific contribution." "said Prof Chris Herd who assesses the forecast collection at the University of Alberta.

A third part, which has not yet been identified, is being analyzed by university researchers who now hope to find more of the meteorite - not only to see what else they might know, but also how it can be used in the world.

"Every time there are new known substances, scientists are also interested because the possibility of using many different things makes sense to society," said Prof Herd, speaking about this research.



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Professor Abdul Qadir Abikar Hussein, who wrote about these stones, published a text on his Facebook page about these stones and said:- "The meteorite stone (Rajamka) in El Ali District in West Hiran fell 25,000 years ago. It is a rock from the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. It is 1.9m long, 0.85m wide and 0.9m high. NISA's density is 7.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

## **The precious stone**



The forces of the Federal Government of Somalia have already seized a stone said to be a "precious resource" that was "illegally" taken from El-Ali area in Hiran region.

Different reports were coming out at that time about who took the stone which was in a place controlled by Al-Shabaab forces.

Hirshabeelle authorities said they believe that people serving Al-Shabaab took the stone and were working to sell it.

Speaker of the Hirshabelle Parliament, Sheikh Osman Barre, who spoke to the BBC, said that Al-Shabaab was aware that this stone is a normal one.

"Terrorist groups are made up of some Somalis and foreigners, so the foreigners realized that this is something beneficial. According to my information, they sent

groups of Somali brokers, who told them what you claim to be. You have the stone and you are doing business," said the governor.

However, other reports that have emerged say that Somali businessmen bought the stone for \$264,000 from Al-Shabaab, and wanted to sell it on their own, even though Governor Barre strongly denied it.

"We were told this, but there is probably something to it. Common sense does not allow Al-Shabaab to spend 260 thousand dollars on a stone worth millions of dollars, and say they will export it to you. So the information we have is that the stone was given to Al-Shabaab. selling," he said.

Local residents "fought" to remove the stone from where it has been for centuries, as MP Dahir Amin Jeesow, one of the members of the federal parliament from Hiran region, told the BBC.

The MP said that even because of this he was bleeding.

"When people who know the history of the district were asked, the stone was there for thousands of years, but we didn't know what it was. Once we saw that the cranes were digging stones, and the local people were fighting over it, so he became interested. Al-Shabaab used it on the people, two people died and other elders were injured".

On the other hand, he pointed out to the lawmaker that the way the stone was bought was wrong, and he said: "The ownership of the wrong thing was sold to Al-Shabaab, and the local people told us about it. The buyers say that we bought these stones from Al-Shabab. - Shabaab, which allowed us".

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