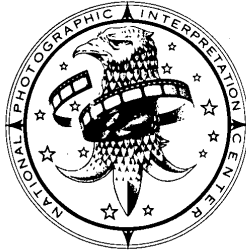


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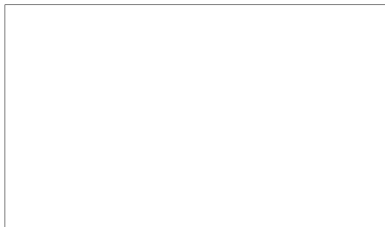
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1. This report summarizes new airfield construction and the improvement of existing airfields in the east African country of Somalia (Figure 1) as derived from KEYHOLE photography. The latest photography used in compiling this report is from [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] A description of the construction 25X1
activity at each airfield follows.

2. *Beledai Amin Airfield* - This airfield, 8 nautical miles (nm) west-northwest of Uanle Uen and 50 nm northwest of Mogadiscio, was first observed undergoing renovation in [redacted] 25X1
[redacted]. The northeast/southwest runway has been extended and is now [redacted] Aggregate 25X1
was on 80 percent of the runway [redacted] Figure 2). 25X1

3. *Chisimaio (Chisimayu) Airfield* - The northeast/southwest natural surface runway has been lengthened [redacted] 25X1

4. *Chisimaio Airfield Southwest* - This new airfield was first identified under construction in [redacted] the 12,180- by 145-foot northeast/southwest 25X1
runway was being surfaced (Figure 3).

5. *Iscia Baidoa Airfield* [redacted] northeast/southwest runway and parallel 25X1
taxiway are being resurfaced.

6. No improvements to the runways at either Hargeisa or Mogadiscio International Airfields have been noted on photography. Improvements to support facilities at both airfields include new parking aprons and associated link taxiways. No aircraft shelters or hangarages have been observed at any airfields in Somalia.

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Table 1. Airfield Construction and Improvements in Somalia

Airfields	Construction Status
1 Beledai Amin	Runway extended and new taxiway under construction
2 Chisimaio	Runway extended
3 Chisimaio Southwest	New airfield under construction
4 Iscia Baidoa	Runway and taxiways being resurfaced
5 Mogadiscio International	New parking apron and taxiway system under construction
6 Hargeisa International	New parking apron under construction

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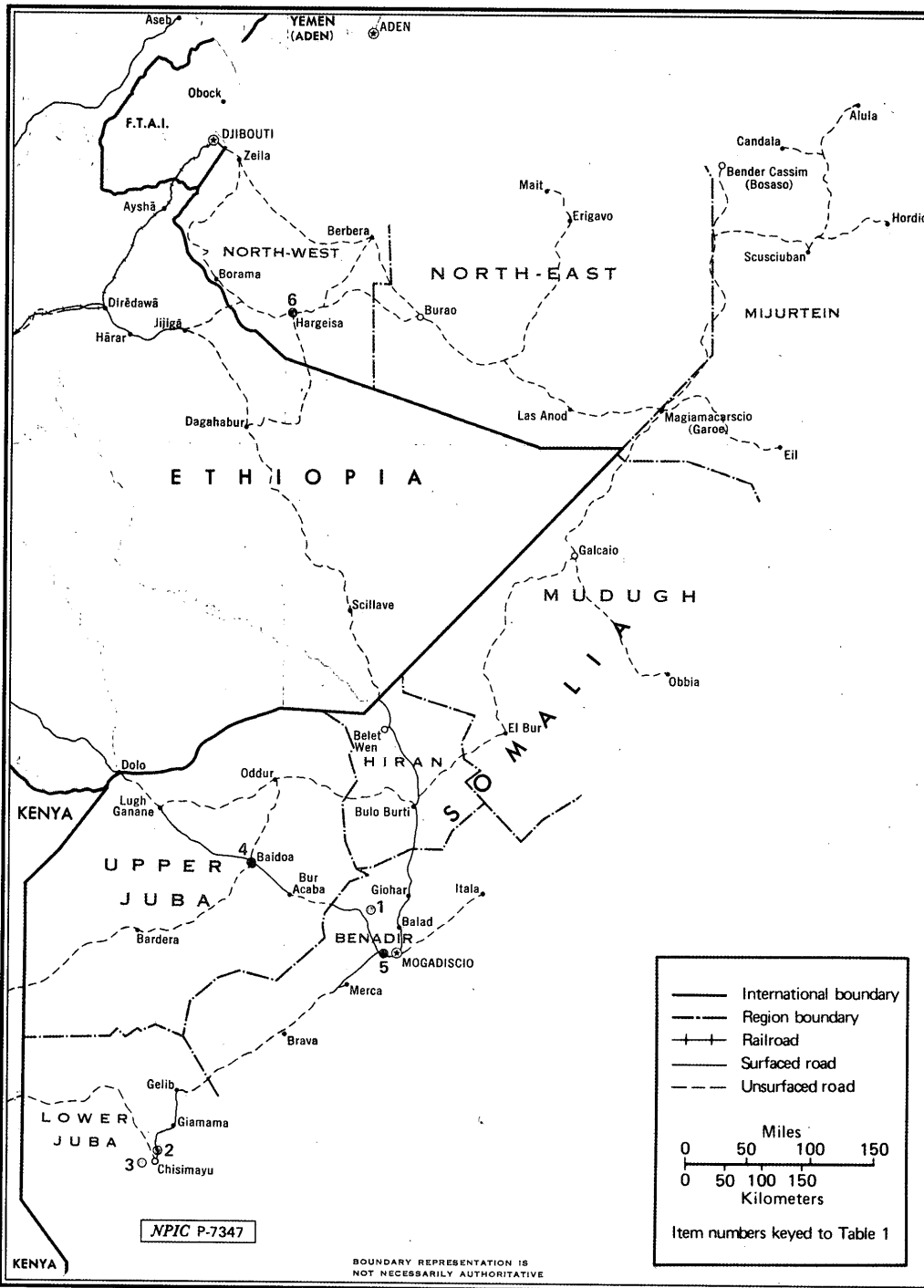


FIGURE 1. AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION IN SOMALIA. Numbers refer to airfields listed in Table 1.

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