“Under international law, a State is an entity that has a defined territory and a permanent population, under the control of its own government, and that engages in, or has the capacity to engage in, formal relations with other such entities. A State becomes failed when the third constitutive element of statehood, a government in effective control, fades away.”
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