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LONDON (AP) - Somalia's prime minister says an international conference in London could mark the end of two-decades of chaos and violence in his impoverished country.

Abdiweli Mohamed Ali said Wednesday that conflict-scarred Somalia was "moving from an era of warlordism, terrorism, extremism and piracy," and toward "stability and normalcy."

About 50 nations and organizations will attend a one-day summit Thursday in London, including Ali's United Nations-backed transitional government, United States Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and the U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

British Prime Minister David Cameron said talks are aimed at showing international support for efforts to tackle piracy, terrorism and poverty in Somalia "to give that country a second chance."

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