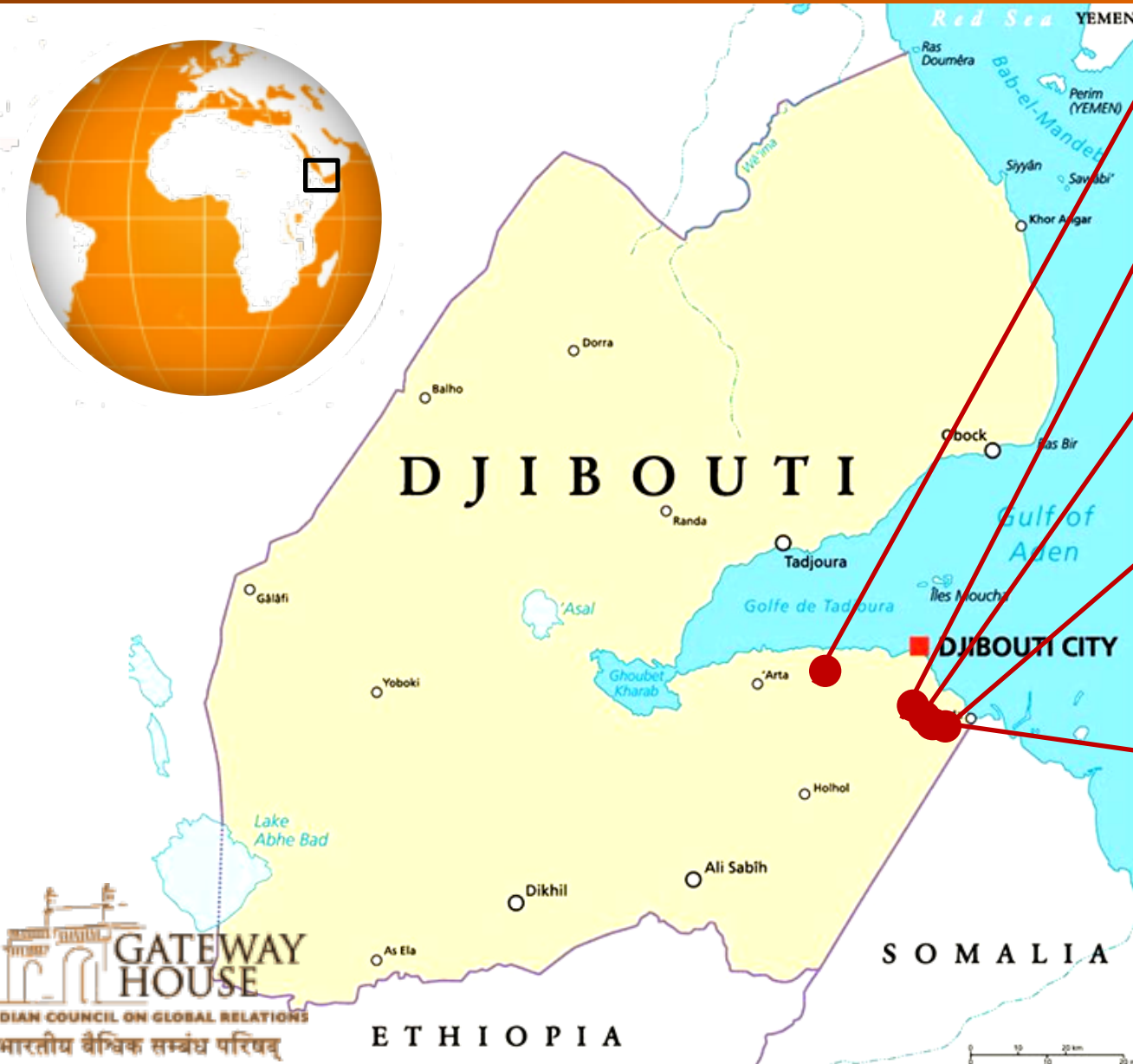


Djibouti's 'Military Base' Diplomacy



China: opened base in August 2017, used as supply centre for peacekeeping & humanitarian assistance operations

Japan: Ambouli airport, first overseas base, used for counter-piracy operations & evacuation of Japanese citizens from the region

Italy: Base Militare Nazionale di Supporto, stations 300 personnel, used for counter-piracy missions

France: Héron naval base, as a former French colony, it is one of France's largest bases, stations 2900 personnel, also hosts German & Spanish forces

United States: Camp Lemonnier Base, home of the Combined Joint Task Force—Horn of Africa, stations 4000+ personnel, used for operations in Somalia & Yemen. Estimated rent of \$ 70 million annually

Saudi Arabia: Negotiating with Djibouti to set up base for supporting war effort in Yemen

