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1. Common Sources of Regional Conflict

- Border disputes, competition over resources (land, water, minerals), ethnic/religious tensions, and political power struggles.

2. Historical Roots

- Many contemporary regional conflicts trace back to colonial-era border decisions that ignored ethnic and cultural realities.

3. Regional Conflict Resolution Mechanisms

- Regional bodies (e.g., the African Union, IGAD) often mediate disputes through diplomacy, peacekeeping missions, and negotiated settlements.

4. Role of International Actors

- The UN and international partners often support regional resolution efforts through funding, peacekeeping forces, and diplomatic pressure.

5. Post-Conflict Reconstruction

- Successful resolution requires not just ending violence but rebuilding institutions, infrastructure, and trust between former conflicting parties.