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Chechnya	*****	Kurdistan	**	South Africa	***
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Georgia	***	Liberia	*****	United States	*
Great Lakes	****	Nepal	**	Yemen	***
India	**	North Korea	*	Zimbabwe	***

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