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For ten years the world has been spared such a sight—a baby suffering from smallpox.



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Ali Maow Maalin, of Somalia—the world's last case of endemic smallpox, photographed in 1977.

Below: The declaration of global eradication was formally signed on 8 May 1980. President of the 33rd World Health Assembly Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi and WHO Director-General Dr Halfdan Mahler.



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