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COUNTRY:

Physical Features

1. Location (continent or ocean)
2. Area (square miles)
3. Relative size (rank)
4. Dimensions (shape, features)
5. Frontiers (border areas, natural barriers)
6. Types of boundaries
7. Neighboring states
8. Relative power of neighbors
9. Navigable rivers
10. Territorial waters
11. Climate (annual temperature, precipitation)
12. Natural resources

Political Culture

13. Population
14. Rate of population growth
15. Birth and mortality rates
16. Density (per square mile)
17. Capital city
18. Population centers (core area)
19. Population distribution
20. Urbanization (percentage in cities)
21. Major ethnic groups (percentage of population)
22. Immigration and emigration rate
23. Ethnic enclaves and exclaves
24. Major religious groups (percentage of population)
25. National language(s) and literacy rate
26. Chief cultural figures and their works

Political Economy

27. Type of political economy (free market, mixed economy, socialist)
28. Major industries
29. Composition of work force (percentage by industry)
30. Arable land under cultivation and chief crops
31. Industrial centers
32. Chief ports
33. Size of merchant marine
34. Gross national product (GNP)
35. Per capita gross domestic product (GDP)
36. Relative economic standing in region
37. Foreign commerce (exports, imports, balance of trade)
38. National budget and national debt
39. Unemployment rate
40. Property ownership

41. Foreign economic investment and interests (percentage of GNP)

Political History

42. Historical origins

43. Year of national independence or founding

44. Previous political status

45. Colonies and territories (including former possessions)

46. National hero(es)

47. Legal tradition (common law, civil law, Islamic law)

48. Type of constitution

49. Year of constitution

50. Previous form of government

51. Key historical dates

52. Wars and revolutions

53. Territorial gains and losses

Political Institutions

54. Division of political power (unitary or federal)

55. Chief policy-making institution(s)
56. Primary leader(s)
57. Modes of leadership selection
58. Citizenship qualifications
59. Suffrage
60. Regularity and frequency of elections
61. Chief policy-enforcing institutions
62. Size of military and government bureaucracy
63. Political parties and major power centers
64. Sources of cultural leadership
65. Chief conflict-managing institutions