



MAJOR WEST ASIAN COUNTRIES

- TURKEY IRAN IRAQ SAUDI ARBIA YEMEN **BAHRAIN** OATAR **KUWAIT** LEBANON SYRIA **JORDAN** LIBYA SUDAN PALESTINE **ISRAEL** UAE
- EGYPT
 OMAN





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- Capital : Ankara
- Largest city : Isthambul
- Language : Turkish
- Currency : Turkish lira
- Govt. : Unitary presidential constitutional republic
- Legislature : Grand National Assembly
- Ethnic groups : Turks, Kurds, Arabs, Laz, Circassians, Bosnians
- > President : Recep Tayyip Erdogan

History :-

- War of independence of Turkey started in May 19, 1919
- Declaration of independence was in Oct 23, 1923
- Modern Turkey was founded in 1923 from the Anatolian remants of the defeated Ottoman Empire by the national hero <u>Mustafa Kemal</u> <u>Ataturk [father of Turks]</u>
- After his authoritarian rule ,Turkey transferred power to democrats

MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATURK (c. 1881-1938)

- Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was a revolutionary who helped to establish the republic of Turkey. Ataturk led Turkish War of independence and signed the Treaty of Lausanne in 1923, which made Turkey a republic
- He was Turkey's 1st president, and his reforms modernized the country

• <u>Reforms:-</u>

- He established state secularism
- Introduced Georgian calender
- Urged people to dress in western clothes
- Established state owned factories and railway network
- Legal equality between sexes
- Gave women the right

Nick name of Turkey:-

Sick man of Europe:

Sick man of Europe is a label given to European country experiancing the time of economic difficulty. The term was 1st used by Nicholas 1st of Russia.

This phrase was firstly used in 19th c to describe Ottoman empire . During 19th c empire suffered from numerous challenges including economic problems , military defeats ,ethnic unrest. Due to these difficulties empire was compared to an sick old man.

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- > Capital : Tehran
- Language : Persian
- Ethnic groups :Persian , Azerbaijani, Kurdish ,Turkmen, Baloch, Arabs
- > Demonym (s) : Iranian , Persian
- > Religion : Islam
- Currency : Toman (2019 onwards)
- Govt. : Unitary presidential islamic republic
- Legislature : Majilis
- > President : Hassan Rouhani
- > Supreme leader : Ali Khamenei

Establishment History :-

- Median Empire : c. 678 BC
- Achaemenid Empire : 550 BC
- Parthian Empire : 247 BC
- Sassanian Dynasty : 224 AD
- Buyid Dynasty : 934 AD
- Safavid Dynasty : 1501
- Pahlavi Dynasty : 15th Dec 1925
- Islamic Revolution : 7th Jan 1978 11th Feb 1979
- Current Constitution : 24 Oct 1979
- Latest Amendmend : 28 July 1989

IRANIAN REVOLUTION

The Iranian Revolution (Islamic Revolution/ 1979 Revolution / Engelabe Iran), was a series of events that culminated in the overthrow of the last monarch of iran Shah Mohamed Reza Pahlavi and the replacement of his govt with an Islamic republic under Ruhollah Khometni

<u>MOHAMMED REZA SHAH</u> <u>PAHLAVI (1919 - 1980)</u>

- Shah of Iran from 1941 1979, who maintained a pro – western foreign policy and fostered economic development in Iran.
- He was the eldest son of Reza Shah Pahlavi (fonder of Pahlavi Dynasty)
- White Revolution (National Development Programme) by him soldified domestic support, but he faced political criticism from those who believed westernization to be antithetical to Islam.
- Widespread dissatisfaction led in 1978 to the growth of support for Ayatullah Ruhollah Khomeini . On Jan 16, 1979 Shah left the country and Khomeini assumed control.

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RUHOLLAH KHOMEINI (1902 – 1989)

He was a Iranian Shia cleric who led the revolution that ovethrew Mohammed Reza Shah Pahlavi in 1979 and who was Iran's ultimate political and religious authority for next 10 years

NAME OF IRAN (Persia to Iran)

In western world 'Persia' was historically the common name of Iran .On the Nowruz (Iranian new year) of 1935 Reza Shah Pahlavi asked foreign delegates to use the term 'Iran' .Since in the western world use the word 'Iran' has become more common. This also changed the use of terms of Iranian nationality-Persian to Iranian.

Important points :-

- Iran has 2nd largest gas reserves
- 3rd largest natural gas producer
- Iran is OPEC's 2nd largest exporter and 7th largest oil producer
- Strait of Hormuz [between Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman] give geostrategic importance to Iran.





- Capital : Riyadh
- > Official language :Arabic
- > Religion : Sunni Islam
- Govt. : Unitary Islamic Absolute Monarchy
- King : Salman
- Crown prince : Mohammed
- Kingdom Founded : 23 Sep 1932
- Currency : Saudi Riyal

IBN SAUD (founder of Saudi Arabia)

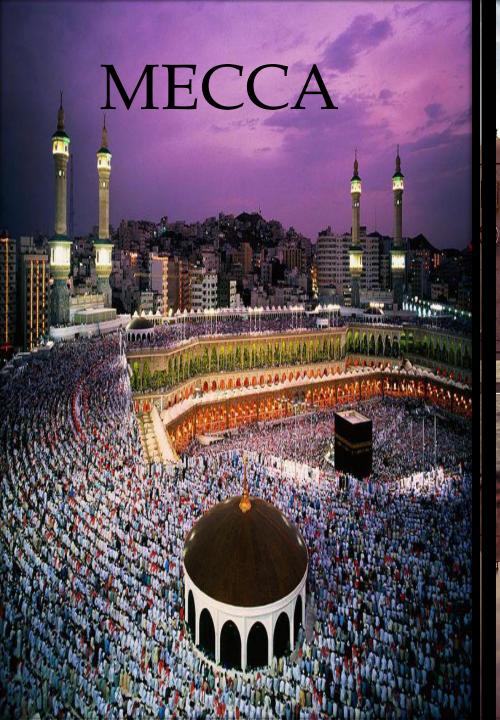
KING ABDUL AZEEZ (FIRST KING OF SAUDI ARABIA)

MOHAMMED (CROWN PRINCE OF SAUDI)

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- Saudi Arabia is geographically the largest sovereign state in Western Asia
- It is the only nation with both Red sea coast and Persian gulf coast
- Most of its terrains consists of arid desert , lowlands and mountains
- Saudi Arabia is the birth place of Islam, and most of its natives are adherents of the majority Sunni branch

 Saudi Arabia is 'The Land of the Two Holy Mosques':-Masjid –al- Haram(Mecca) Masjid- al –Nabawi(Medina)
 These are the two holiest places in Islam.



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Importance of Saudi Arabia:-

- Petroleum was discovered on 3rd March 1938 and followed up by several other finds in Eastern provinces
- Saudi Arabia has since become the world 2nd largest oil producer
- Saudi is the world largest oil exporter
- 2nd largest oil reserves
- Active member of OPEC
- Saudi Arabia is the only Arab country to be part of G-20





- * Capital : Sana'a
- Official language : Arabic
- Religion : Islam
- Govt. : Unitary Presidential Constitutional Republic
- President : Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi
- Vice President : Ali Mohsen Al-Ahmer
- Prime minister : Maeen Abdul Malik Saeed
- Legislature : Parliament
- Upper house : Suhra Council
- Lower House : House of Representatives
- Currency : Yemeni Riyal

Establishment History:-

 Yemen Arab Republic : 26th Sep 1962
 Unification of South and North Yemen : 22 May 1990
 Current Constitution : 16 May 1991
 President Ali Abdullah Saleh became the 1st elected president in reunified Yemen in 1999



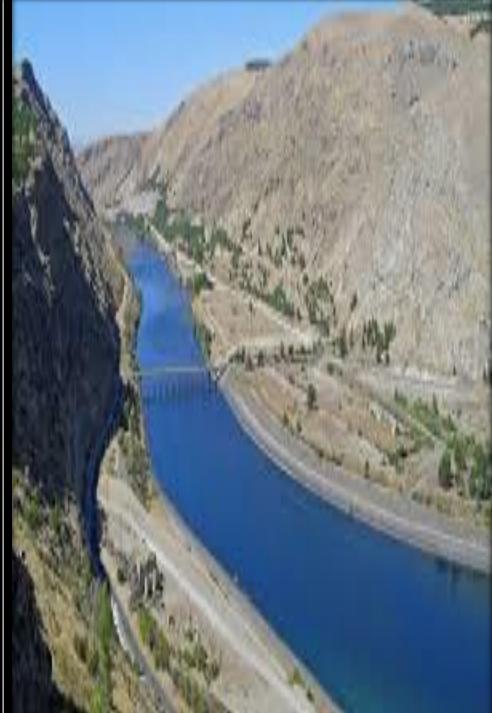
- Capital : Baghdad
- Official language : Arabic ,Kurdish
- Religion : Islam
- Govt. : Federal Parliamentary Constitutional Republic
- President : Barham Salih
- Prime minister : Adil Abdul Mahdi
- Legislature : Majilis –Al- Nuwwab
- Currency : Iraqi Dinar
- Establishment : 14 July 1958
- Ethnic groups : Arabs , Kurds , Chaldeans , Assyrian , Turkmen, yazidis

Cradle of Civilization :-

The region between Tigris and Euphrates rivers historically known as Mesopotamia ,is often referred to as cradle of civilization . It was under here that mankind first began to read , write ,create laws and lives in cities under organized govt. notably Uruk , from which Iraq is derived .

Iraq was the center of the Akkadian , Assyrian , Sumerian ,Chaldean and Babylonian empires.





Iraq's economy is dominated by oil sector
 Iraq ranks 3rd in the world in amount of oil reserves

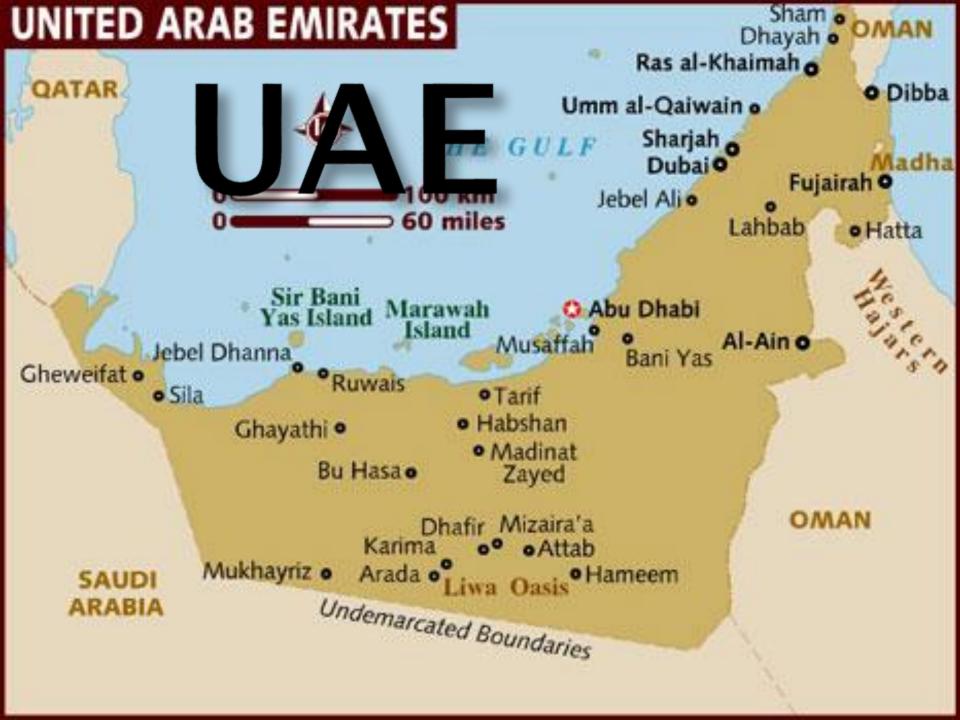


Capital : Doha **Official language : Arabic** Currency : Qatar Riyal **Official religion : Islam** Govt. : Constitutional Emirates with Advisory Council Head of state : -Emir : Sheik Tamim Ibn Hamad Al Thani Prime : Sheik Abdulla Ibn Nassar Ibn Khalifa Al Thani Legislature : Consultative Assembly Declared independence : Sep 1, 1971

Ethnic groups and languages : Qatar was originally settled by Bedouin nomads

Qatari citizens is few in number
 Qatari's speak a dialect of gulf Arab





Capital : Abu Dhabi

- Official language : Arabic
- Currency : Dirham
- Religion : Islam
- Ethnic group : Emirati , South Asian , Indian ,Pakistani, Bangladeshi , Egyptian , Filipino
- Large city : Dubai
- Govt. : Federal elective constitutional monarchy
- President : Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- PM : Muhammed Bin Rashid AL Maktum
- Speaker : Amal AL Qubaisi
- Legislature : Federal National Council

Establishment from UK and Trucial state:-

- Ras- al- khaimah : 1708
- Sharjah : 1727
- Abu Dhabi : 1761
- Ajman : 1816
- Dubai : 1833
- Fujairah : 1952
- Independence : 2 Dec 1971
- Admitted to the United Nation : 9 Dec 1971
- Admission of Ras- al- Khaimah to the UAE : 10 Feb 1972



Largest cities or towns of the United Arab Emirates

2008 Calculation^[specify]

Dubai



Abu Dhabi

Rank	Name	Emirate
1	Dubai	Dubai
2	Abu Dhabi	Abu Dhabi
3	Sharjah	Sharjah
4	Al Ain	Abu Dhabi
5	Ajman	Ajman
6	Ras Al Khaimah	Ras al Khaimah
7	Fujairah	Fujairah
8	Um Al Quwain	Um Al Quwain
9	Khor Fakkan	Sharjah
10	Dibba	Fujairah



Pop.

1,770,533

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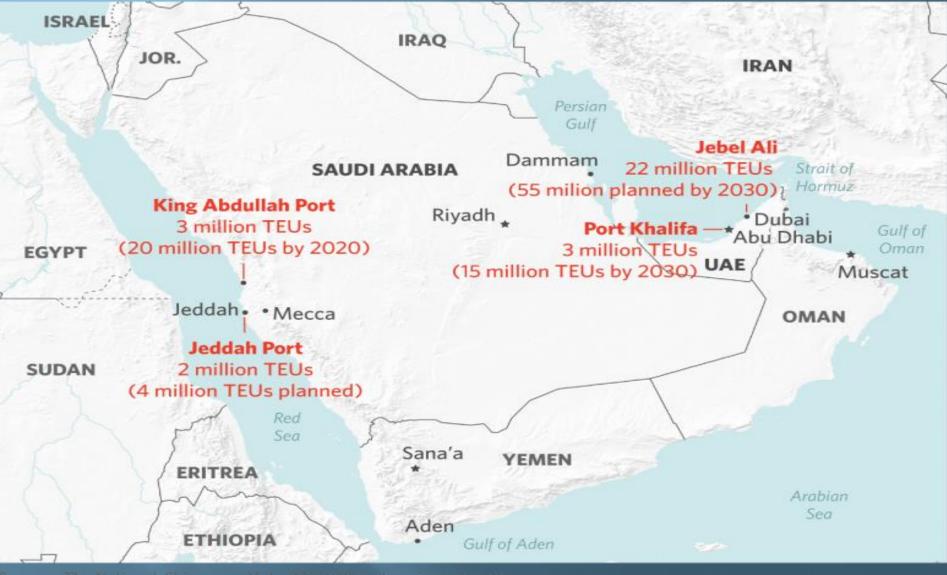
Importance of U A E :-

- Oil industry
- Commercial and financial center
- The largest natural harbour is at Dubai
- UAE is the major tourist and business spot
- The extensive <u>Liwa Oasis</u> is in the south near the undefined border with Saudi Arabia
- <u>Al-Buraimi oasis</u> =100 km to the northeast of Liwa
 The UAE doesn't have any permanent rivers, but does have Wadis, permanently dry river bed



Overcapacity Looms in the Persian Gulf

The region's ports are building capacity that could take years to absorb, and states will be tempted to pare back unused projects.



Sources: The National; Ship Technology; Fairplay Mote: 1 pU (20-mot equivalent said measures careto capacity.



- Capital : Kuwait city
- > Official name : Dawlat al –Kuwait
- > Official language : Arabic
- > Official religion : Islam
- Currency : Kuwait Dinar
- Govt. : Constitutional monarchy with National Assembly
- > Head of state :

Emir : Sheik Sabah –al – Ahamed al – Jabir al Sabah PM : Sheikh Sabah al – Khalid al-Sabah The name 'Kuwait ' is derived from the Arabic diminutive of <u>Hindustani Kut</u> (fort) . Since the emirate's ruling family , the Al Sabah ,formally established a sheikdom in 1756. The country's fortune have been linked to foreign commerce . Now Kuwait one of the world's most – urbanized countries.

Kuwait which was a British protectorate from 1899 until 1961, drew world attention in 1990, when Iraqi forces invaded and attempted to annex it.

Iraqi invasion of Kuwait :-(Persian Gulf War 1990-91)

Gulf war is an international conflict triggered by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on august 2, 1990. Iraq's leader ," Saddam Husain "(5th president of kuwait) ordered the invasion and occupation of Kuwait with the apparent aim of acquiring that nation's large oil reserves , cancelling a large debt Iraq owed Kuwait, and expanding Iraqi power in the region. This invasion and Iraqi's subsequent refusal to withdraw from Kuwait by a deadline mandated by the UN led to military interventions by a UN -authorized coalition of forces led by US. These events came to be known as ' First Gulf War'.



Capital: Muscat □ Language : Arabic **Religion : Islam Govt. : Unitary Parliamentary Absolute** Monarchy **Legislature : Parliament** Sulthan and PM : Qaboos bin Said al Said Currency : Riyal **Upper house : Council of state** Lower house : Consulative Assembl Establishment : 9 Aug 1970



Doha Abu Dhabi International airport Muscat

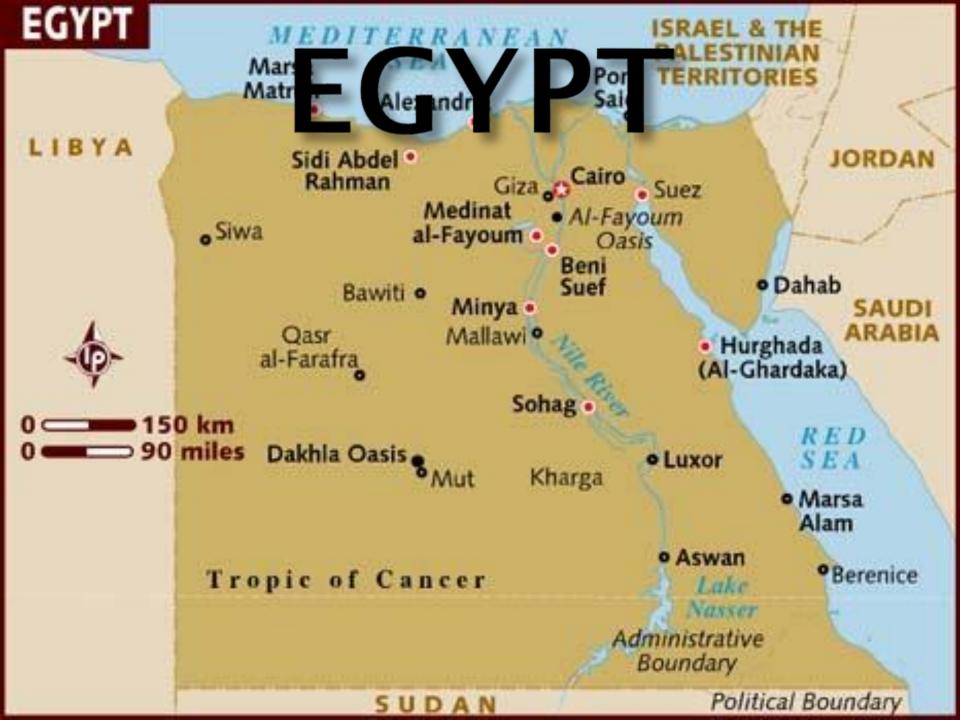
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Capital : Cairo

- Official language : Arabic
- Religion : Islam
- Govt. : Unitary Semi Presidential Republic
- President : Abdel Fattah el- sisi
- PM : Mustafa Madbouly
- Legislature : House of Representative
- Currency : Egyptian Pound

Facts of Egypt:-

- Egypt's strategic location has always made it a hub for trade routes between Africa, Europe, Asia, but his natural advantages was enhanced in 1869 by the opening of Suez Canal, connecting the <u>Mediterranean Sea</u> and <u>Red Sea</u>.
- The safeguard the canal for strategic & commercial reasons became one of the most important factors influencing the subsequent history of Egypt.
- The UK occupied Egypt in 1882 & continued to exert a strong influence on the country until after World War 2nd.
 - In 1952, a military coup installed a revolutionary regime that prompted a combination of socialism & Pan – Arab nationalism. The new regime's extreme political rhetoric & its nationalization of Suez Canal company prompted the **Suez Crisis of 1956**. The ancient historian <u>Heredotus</u> called Egypt as '**gift of the Nile**'

THE NILE RIVER



•What features would create the desire to live around the Nile?

• Egyptian civilization started along the banks of the Nile around 3300 BCE. The Nile is really 2 rivers (White and Blue) that meet in Sudan and travels through 9 countries before exiting into the Mediterranean Sea.

•The Nile is the longest river in the world (4,187* miles). The Greek historian, Herodotus claimed that "Egypt was the Gift of the Nile"

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Capital : Ramallah , East Jerusalem Large city : Gaza city Official language : Arabic Legislature : National council **Currency** : Egyptian pound Israel new shekal Jordanian dinar Govt. : Unitary semi-presidential republic President : Mahmoud Abbas PM : Mohammed Shtayyeh Speaker : Salim Zanoun

Formation :-

 Declaration of independence : 15 Nov 1998
 UNGA observer state resolution : 29 Nov 2012
 Soveriegnity dispute with Israel : ongoing
 On 15 Nov 1988 , Yasser Arafath , chairman of Palestine Liberation Organization(PLO), IN Algiers proclaimed the establishment of state of palestine. Palestine the eastern Mediterranean region, comprising parts of modern Israel and the Palestinian territories of the Gaza strip and the West Bank

 Economic and technological center of Palestine is Tel Aviv



- Capital : Jerusalem
 Official language: Hebrew
 - Ethnic groups Newish
 - Religion : Judaism, Jslam, Christianity
 - Govt Unitary parliamentary republic
 - Currency: Araeli nev soor 2M. Benjamin Nethana Independence: 14 may 148



Formation of Israel

- The state of Israel is the only Jewish nation in the modern period This region had a rich history The area was under Roman empire and later the Byzantine empire , then under Islamic caliphates in 7th C. Although the dispute during Crusades , the region then known as Palestine , remained under the rule of successive Islamic dynasties until the collapse of Ottoman empire at the end of 1st world war, when it placed under British mandate from the League of nation.
 - Even before the mandate the desire for a Jewish homeland prompted a small no , of Jews to immigrate Palestine. Also increased persecution of Jews worldwide and subsequent Holocaust by Nazi Germany expanded the rate of migration. This vast influx of Jewish immigrants into Palestine caused tension with native Palestinian Arabs, and violence flared between the two groups leading up to the UN plan to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab sectors and Israel's ensuing declaration of independence of statehood on May 14,1948



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SYRIA

- Capital : Beirut
- Official Language : Arabic
 - Religion : No
 - Govt. : Unitary Confessionalist Parliamentary
 - President: Michel Aoun
 - Pm : Saad Harir
 - Independence Declared : Nov 22, 1943
 - Lebanon is most populated country in the Mediteranean area
 It has high rate of literacy

2019 Lebanese protests:-

The 2019 Lebanese protest constitute a reaction against sectarian rule, stagnant economy, unemployment, endemic corruption in the public sector and failures from the Govt to provide basic services such as electricity, water and sanitation.

It started on 17 oct 2019



- **Capital**: Tripoli
- **Official Language : Arabic**
- Ethnic groups : Arab-Berber
- **Religion**:
- Govt. : Unitary provisional Govt.
- PM : Fayez Al Sarraj
- President : Aguila
- Currency : Libyan Dinar
 Independence : 1951
- Major cities : Tripoli and Benghazi
- Libya located in
- Sahara deser **Nos** untry
- Libyan civil war (2014) is ongoing conflict among rival faction seeking control of the territory & oil of



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Capital : Khartoum **Official** language : Arabic **Religion : Islam** Govt. : Federal Parliamentary Republic PM : Abdulla Hamdok Independence : 1st Jan 1956 Currency : Sudanese pound Sudan is the 3rd largest country in Africa 3rd largest in Arab world Secession of South Sudan from Sudan : July 9 ,2011 Sudan's capital located in the junction of Blue Nile & White Nile rivers

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- Capital : Damascus
- Official language : Arabic
- Ethnic groups : Syrian Arabs , Arameans , Kurds ,Turkomans ,Assyrians , Circassians , Armenians
- Religion : Islam
- Govt.: Unitary Dominant –Party- Semi Presidential Republic
- Presudent : Bashar al –Assad
- PM : Imad Khamis
- Legislature : Peoples council
- Independence: 1946
- Currency : Syrian Pound
 The capital city situated in an oasis at the foot of Mount Qasioun



Capital : Amman

- Official language : Arabic
- Ethnic Groups: Arab, Circassian, Armenian
- Religion : Islam
- Govt. : Unitary Parliamentary Constitutional Monarchy
- Monarch : Abdullah 2nd
- PM : Omar Razzaz
- Legislature : Senate
- Independence : May 25 , 1946
- Currency : Jordanian dinar
- It situated on the bank of Jordan river



Capital : Manama

- Official language : Arabic
- Religion : Islam
- Currency : Bahranian Dinar
- Govt. : Constitutional Monarchy
- Head of state : King Hamad Ibn Isa Al Khalifah
- Head of Govt.(PM) : Khalifah Ibn Sulmen Al Khalifah
- Bahrain situated in a bay on the South Western cost of the Persian Gulf.
- Its name from the Arabic term Al Bahrain, (two seas).
- Al Dukhan hill is the highest point

Manama

Climate:-

- Summer is unpleasant as high temperature frequently coincide with high humidity
- Winter is more cooler and pleasant
- In some areas vegetation is possible with the help of irrigation

Ethnic Groups:-

- Roughly half of population is Arab
- Most inhabitants are native born Bahrain's
 Some are foreign born mainly :- Pakistan , Iran, India, Britten

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