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Capital: Conakry Time: GMT

Background: Independent from FRANCE TEL: since 1958, Guinea did not hold democratic elections until 1993 when Gen. Lansana CONTE (head of the military government) was elected president in disputed balloting. Security clampdowns continue, although not as severe as in earlier decades. Reelected in 1998, the president faced growing criticism in 1999 for his jailing of a major opposition leader and widespread economic malaise. Unrest in Sierra Leone also continued to threaten Guinea's stability.

Location: Western Africa, bordering the North Atlantic Ocean, between Guinea-Bissau and Sierra Leone

Map References: Africa

Area: total: 245,857 sq km land: 245,857 sq km water: 0 sq km

Climate: generally hot and humid; monsoonal-type rainy season (June to November) with southwesterly winds; dry season (December to May) with northeasterly harmattan winds

Terrain: generally flat coastal plain, hilly to mountainous interior

Natural Resources: bauxite, iron ore, diamonds, gold, uranium, hydropower, fish

Population: 7,466,200 (July 2000 est.)

Nationality: noun: Guinean(s) adjective: Guinean

Ethnic Groups: Peuhl 40%, Malinke 30%, Soussou 20%, smaller ethnic groups 10%

Religions: Muslim 85%, Christian 8%, indigenous beliefs 7%

Languages: French (official), each ethnic group has its own language

Economy: Guinea possesses major mineral, hydropower, and agricultural resources, yet remains a poor underdeveloped nation. The agricultural sector employs 80% of the work force. Guinea possesses over 25% of the world's bauxite reserves and is the second largest bauxite producer. The mining sector accounted for about 75% of exports in 1998. Long-run improvements in government fiscal arrangements, literacy, and the legal framework are needed if the country is to move out of poverty. The government made encouraging progress in budget management in 1997-99. Even with a recovery in prices for some of Guinea's main commodity exports, annual GDP is unlikely to increase by more than 5% in 2000-2001.

Industries: bauxite, gold, diamonds; alumina refining; light manufacturing and agricultural processing industries

Currency: 1 Guinean franc (FG) = 100 centimes

Railways: total: 1,086 km standard gauge: 279 km 1.435-m gauge narrow gauge: 807 km 1.000-m gauge (includes 662 km in common carrier service from Kankan to Conakry)

Highways: total: 30,500 km paved: 5,033 km unpaved: 25,467 km (1996 est.)

Waterways: 1,295 km navigable by shallow-draft native craft

Ports and Harbors: Boke, Conakry, Kamsar

Airports: 15 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 5 over 3,047 m: 1 2,438 to 3,047 m: 1 1,524 to 2,437 m: 3 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 10 1,524 to 2,437 m: 5 914 to 1,523 m: 4 under 914 m: 1 (1999 est.)

Visa: required by all.

Duty Free: goods permitted: 1000 cigarettes or 250 cigars or 1kg of tobacco, 1 bottle of alcoholic beverage (opened), a reasonable quantity of perfume.

Health: a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from all travellers over one year of age coming from infected countries. All water should be regarded as potentially contaminated. Meningitis and malaria risk.

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