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REGIONAL STRATEGIC APPRAISALS

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GENERAL

BACKGROUND NOTES ON THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD

Compiled from U.S. Department of State's regional bureau reports to provide detailed information about a country's people, history, government, political conditions, economy, U.S. and foreign relations, travel, and business. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>

EUROPA PUBLICATIONS REGIONAL SURVEYS OF THE WORLD

Offer general surveys of the regions, and analytical articles on issues of regional importance. Also included are individual country surveys detailing physical and social geography, political and economic affairs, and statistical survey.

AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA (DT352 A3)
CENTRAL AND SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE (DJK50 E281)
EASTERN EUROPE, RUSSIA AND CENTRAL ASIA (DJK50 E282)
FAR EAST AND AUSTRALASIA (DS518.1 F3)
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA (DS49 M5)
SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (F1408 S68)
SOUTH ASIA (DS331 S57)
WESTERN EUROPE (D1051 W47)

EUROPA WORLD YEAR BOOK (JN1 E81)

Covers over 1700 International Organizations and 200 countries, providing history, economic, military, and social coverage using the latest demographic data.

NEWSPAPERS – USA AND WORLDWIDE

Maintained since 1995 by Refdesk as a source of English and foreign language newspaper web sites. <http://www.refdesk.com/paper.html>

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

REGIONS, compiled by the Bureau of International Information Programs, covers issues and topics of regional or local interest. <http://usinfo.state.gov/usinfo/regions.html>

KEY U.S. GOVERNMENT REPORTS and CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE REPORTS AND ISSUE BRIEFS are selectively presented at the Foreign Press Centers web site. <http://www.fpc.state.gov/c18183.htm>

WORLD TODAY SERIES

Published annually for information about individual countries, including their history, culture, political system, foreign policy, defense policy, economy, and concise assessments of their future:

AFRICA (DT1 D6)

CANADA (F1001 C34)

EAST, SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE WESTERN PACIFIC (DS518.1 H51)

LATIN AMERICA (F1408 C69)

MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA (DS44 C55)

NORDIC, CENTRAL AND SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE (JN7042 T35)

RUSSIA AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES (DK266 S4471)

USA AND THE WORLD (JK274 K23)

WESTERN EUROPE (D967 W47)

MILITARY

DEFENSE & FOREIGN AFFAIRS HANDBOOK (UA10 D3)

Covers 245 countries and territories for political and constitutional data; defense structure, budgets, manpower, and battle orders for all military services; treaties; key embassies; major intelligence services; and insurgency groups.

MILITARY BALANCE (UA15 I5)

Published annually by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) to provide quantitative assessment of the military power and defense expenditures of individual countries. This handbook is generally considered to be the best of its kind.

STRATEGIC SURVEY: AN EVALUATION AND FORECAST OF WORLD AFFAIRS (UA15 I51)

Produced by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), this reference work offers current strategic, political, and defense assessments of world regions.

POLITICS

POLITICAL HANDBOOK OF THE WORLD (JF37 P6)

Published annually to update political developments and economic facts about nations, dependent territories and major intergovernmental organizations such as NATO, OPEC, and UN affiliates.

SIPRI YEARBOOK (JX1974 S775)

Reviews recent regional and worldwide developments in weapons, military spending, international arms trade and other issues related to armaments, disarmament and international security.

TREATIES AND ALLIANCES OF THE WORLD (KZ1301 T74)

Identifies, in a one-volume guide, major treaties and alliances currently in force.

TREATIES IN FORCE (JX1405 A52)

A comprehensive list of treaties and other international acts of the United States currently in force.

ECONOMICS

COUNTRY BY COUNTRY (HB3730 E251)

Continues *World Outlook* for annual forecasts of the political and economic prospects of more than 180 countries.

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DATA BASE

The IDB is “a computerized data bank containing statistical tables of demographic and socio-economic data for 227 countries and areas of the world.” Updated 16 July 2007.
<http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/>

WORLD ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SURVEY: TRENDS AND POLICIES IN THE WORLD ECONOMY (HC59 U6)

Published annually by the United Nations for analysis of the state of the world economy and emerging policy issues.

WORLD ECONOMIC OUTLOOK (HC51 I54)

Provides key data and analysis on global and regional economic trends.

RESEARCH DATABASES

Below are selected online commercial databases available in the U.S. Army War College Library and through the Carlisle Barracks local area network. They offer access to electronic journal articles, reports, working papers, books, and related resources.

COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ONLINE (CIAO)

Comprehensive source for theory and research in international affairs. Includes working papers from university research institutes, conference proceedings, and occasional papers series from NGOs, books, journals, and policy briefs.

COUNTRY WATCH

Offers political, economic, historical, cultural, environmental, and business information of the countries of the world.

JANE'S

Jane's Sentinel Security Assessments in Jane's database provide information about nations' political, security, and military affairs. Each region is organized by country profiles, and includes analysis of the latest trends and events; detailed analyses of internal and external threats; and overviews of armed forces, security and foreign forces.

POLITICAL RISK YEARBOOK

Provides annual 18-month and five-year political and economic forecasts for 100 individual countries. These country reports examine specific regime scenarios, and are highly valued for future planning; calculating risk ratings for turmoil, as well as financial transfers, export markets, and direct investments.

STRATFOR

Provides strategic intelligence on global business, economic, security and geopolitical affairs. Also includes discussion forums.

UNITED NATIONS TREATY COLLECTION

Includes three primary databases: Status of Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General for 500 major multilateral instruments; United Nations Treaty Series (UNTS) for registered treaties since 1946; and Texts of Recently Deposited Multilateral Treaties, recorded but not yet published.

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