Country Profile: Djibouti

Djibouti is a developing African country located at the juncture of the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. It is a multi-party democracy with a legal system based on French civil law (Djibouti was a French colony until 1977), though modified by traditional practices and Islamic (Sharia) law. Although exact statistics are unavailable, unemployment is estimated in excess of 50% of the working-age population. Over two-thirds of the country's 650,000 residents live in the capital, also called Djibouti. Modern tourist facilities and communications links are found in the city of Djibouti, but are limited outside the capital. Read the Department of State Background Notes on Djibouti for additional information.

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW	
Country Name:	Djibouti
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Djibouti
Boundary Countries:	Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Djibouti: Peltier General Hospital Djivouti Ville: CHA Bouffard
Main Cities:	Djibouti, Obock, Tadjoura, Balho, Yoboki, Dikhil, Ali 'Sabieh, Khor Angar
Country Size:	23,000 sq km
Population:	496,374

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	French (official), Arabic (official), Somali, Afar
Currency:	Djiboutian Franc (DJF)
Predominant Religions:	Muslim 94%, Christian 6%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 27 June (1977)
Economic Status:	Djibouti is a developing African country. Although exact statistics are unavailable, unemployment is estimated at greater than 50% of the working-age population.
Security:	Djibouti National Army (includes Navy & Air Force)
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Djibouti Lot 350-B Haramouss B.P. 185 Djibouti Phone: (253) 21-45-30-00
Major Airports:	Airports: 13, Airports w/paved runways: 3 Djibouti – Ambouli Airport (JIB/HDAM) Djibouti Airport, Djibouti, BP 204, Djibouti, REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI Djibouti Airport, Djibouti, Djibouti Airport, Amboudi, REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI Tel: +253 34.14.47, +253 34.01.01 Fax: +253 34.07.23 E-mail: aeroport@intnet.dj

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