REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

Capital: Banjul

GEODATA

Area 11,300 km²

Population 959,000 (1994)

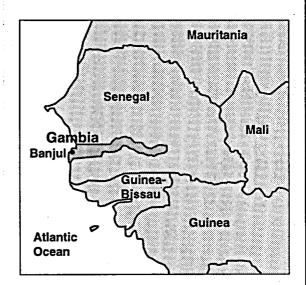
Population growth 3.1% (1994)

Major languages

English (official), Mandinka, Wolof, Jula, other indigenous languages

Major religions

Muslim (90%), Christian (9%), indigenous beliefs (1%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of Government

Republic in transition from military rule

Leader

Chairman Captain Yahya Jammeh

Minister of External Affairs

Alhaji Baboucarr I. Jague

Democratic Institutions

Elections set for June 1996

UN Human Development Index

Gambia ranks 161st among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$268 million US (1994)

GDP growth rate

4.6% (1994)

GDP per capita

\$280 US (1994)

Main Exports

Peanuts, cotton, palm oil, fish

Main Imports

Foodstuffs, manufactured goods, fuel, machinery

Main Exports to Canada

\$0.19 million (1994), including oil seed, oleaginous fruits, toys, games and sports requisites, machinery

Main Imports from Canada

\$0.09 million (1994), including plastics, manufactured articles, machinery

Canadian bilateral assistance

\$3.03 million (1993-1994)