

eating, between sunrise and sunset. Restaurants and cafes are closed, except for the hotels for international clients. The beginning of Ramadhan occurs 10 days earlier each year; for 1986 it will be May 9 to June 10. The business day generally runs from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, with a one-hour lunch break although during Ramadhan all public and other bodies work through the day without a noon break, starting later in the morning and finishing early in the afternoon. This fasting period tends to make individuals less patient and a little more irritable and slows down business. The normal weekly days of rest are Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. However, the Canadian Embassy is closed all day Saturday as well.

## Weights and Measures

The country uses the metric system. Electricity is generally at 220 volts/50 Hz. The plugs are of the continental European type.

## Local Time

Greenwich time minus one hour is used throughout the country.

## Currency

The monetary unit is the dinar, which is issued in coins of 1, 5 and 10 dinars and bills of 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 dinars. The exchange rate fluctuates from month to month. In the month of July 1985 the rate was 3.69 dinars to one Canadian dollar.

## Officials Not Named in Mailing Addresses

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