

YEMEN









GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Abd Rabuh Mansur HADI Head of Government

Prime Minister Maeen Abd al-Malik SAEED

Government Type

in transition

Capital

Sanaa

Legislature

bicameral Parliament or Majlis consists of the Shura Council or Majlis Alshoora (111 seats) and the House of Representatives or Majlis al Nuwaab (301 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court (consists of the president of the Court, 2 deputies, and nearly 50 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Ahmad Awadh BIN MUBARAK US Ambassador

Ambassador Christopher HENZEL; US

Embassy closed in March 2015

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 527,968 sq km Land: 527,968 sq km Water: 0 sq km

Climate

mostly desert; hot and humid along west coast; temperate in western mountains affected by seasonal monsoon; extraordinarily hot, dry, harsh desert in east

Natural Resources

petroleum, fish, rock salt, marble; small deposits of coal, gold, lead, nickel, and copper; fertile soil in west

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

a low-income country struggling to stabilize its economy in the face of armed conflict, a severe humanitarian crisis, declining water resources, and food scarcity; will require significant international assistance

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$73.63 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$2,500 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$384.5 million (2017 est.)

partners: Egypt 29.4%, Thailand 16.7%, Belarus 13.5%, Oman 10.5%, UAE 6.5%, Saudi Arabia 5% (2017)

Imports

\$4.079 billion (2017 est.)

partners: UAE 12.2%, China 12.1%, Turkey 8.7%, Brazil 7.3%, Saudi Arabia 6.5%, Argentina 5.5%, India 4.7% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

29.9 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth 2.04% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

predominantly Arab; also Afro-Arab, South Asian, European

Language

Arabic (official); note: a distinct Socotri language is widely used on Socotra Island and Archipelago; Mahri is still fairly widely spoken in eastern Yemen

Religion

Muslim 99.1% (official; virtually all are citizens, an estimated 65% are Sunni and 35% are Shia), other 0.9% (many are refugees or temporary foreign residents) (2010 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 37.9% of total population (2020) rate of urbanization: 4.06% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

70.1% (2015)

