

# COUNTRYWATCH

# User Guide

## FEATURES

COUNTRY REVIEW™

COUNTRY WIRE™

COUNTRYWATCH DATA

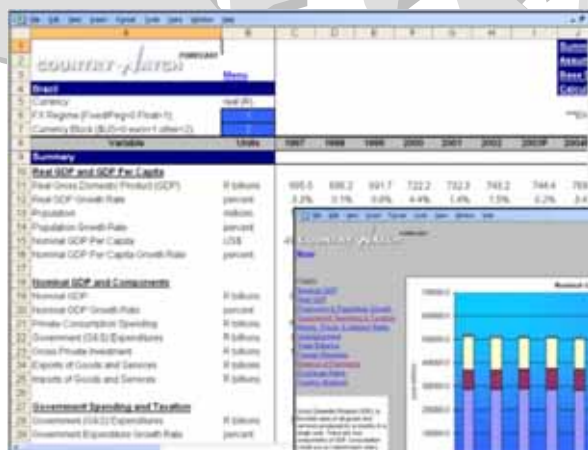
COUNTRYWATCH MAPS

COUNTRYWATCH @SCHOOL

GLOBAL NEWS UPDATES

## OTHER PRODUCTS

COUNTRYWATCH FORECAST



## IP access:

<http://www.countrywatch.com/ip>

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# Welcome To CountryWatch

## WEBSITE TO THE WORLD

CountryWatch, Inc. is an information provider for schools, universities, libraries and individuals needing up-to-date news and information on the 192 countries of the world. CountryWatch, Inc. is a useful resource for any public or private sector organization with overseas operations and global interests. The management of CountryWatch.com has extensive international business experience and the members of the editorial department have strong academic backgrounds. Using this combination of business and academic acumen, the CountryWatch team has created a set of demographic, political, economic, business, cultural and environmental information in the form of Country Reviews™. The Country Wire™ provides daily news coverage from several regional news services for every country. In addition to these services, CountryWatch, Inc. also features CountryWatch Data, the CountryWatch Map Gallery, CountryWatch @School and the weekly Global News Update. In addition to these products and services, CountryWatch, Inc. also offers the CountryWatch Forecast -- a unique five year forecast of key macroeconomic variables for each of the 192 countries in the world (plus Hong Kong and Taiwan.)

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# The CountryWatch Home Page

1.

Log in using Username and Password when IP or Barcode authentication are not available. You may obtain these from your CountryWatch representative, your librarian, or the media services staff. Once you are logged in you will see a message that tells you "Welcome, Member!"

The Search bar becomes active when you are logged in.

The screenshot shows the CountryWatch website interface. At the top left is the 'COUNTRYWATCH' logo. To the right is a search bar with a 'Search' button and a link to 'Advanced Search'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT US, ORDER, CONTACT US, HELP, and FAQs. On the left side, there is a 'LOGIN' section with fields for 'Username' and 'Password', and a 'LOG IN' button. Below the login section is a link for 'Forgot your login information.'. In the center, there is a 'WEBSITE TO THE WORLD' section with a paragraph of text about CountryWatch, Inc. Below this is a 'FEATURED COUNTRY REVIEW' section for the 'UNITED STATES', featuring a photo of the Statue of Liberty and a boat on the water. Below the photo is a paragraph of text about voting irregularities in the Ukrainian election, followed by a 'more...' link. To the right of the featured review is a 'FEATURED COUNTRY WIRE' section with three news items: 'Judge blocks release of Mexican drug kingpin', 'Bush, Mexico's Fox talk immigration', and 'Bush ignores 9/11 ad criticism'. Below these items is a counter '3 of 115072 articles for United States' and a 'Sign Up For a Free 3-Day Trial.' button with a 'NEW' label. On the left side, there is a 'FEATURES' menu with links for COUNTRY REVIEW™, COUNTRY WIRE™, COUNTRYWATCH DATA, COUNTRYWATCH MAPS, COUNTRYWATCH @SCHOOL, and GLOBAL NEWS UPDATES. Below that is an 'OTHER PRODUCTS' section with a link for COUNTRYWATCH FORECAST.

2.

Learn about a new country each week in the Featured Country Review. You will see the Country Overview and Key Data by clicking on the "more . . ." link.

3.

The featured Country Wire has the top three stories for the Featured Country of the week (See the Features Menu for the entire Country Wire).

# Accessing Information

CountryWatch offers three Primary ways to navigate the website:

- The Features menu on the left
- The Search bar at the top of the page
- The Advanced Search link found below the search bar.

In order to view information for the country of your choice, use one of the three methods.

The Country Review menu button guides you to the entire database of reviews.

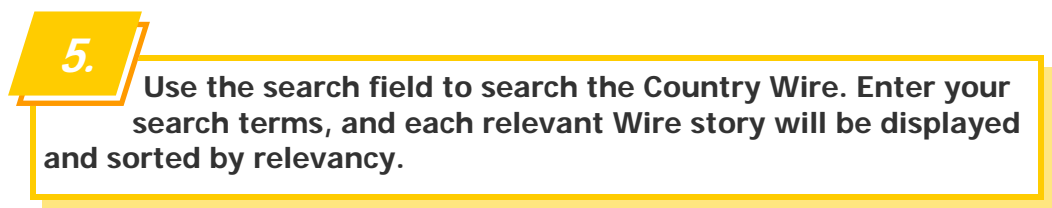
In the search bar at the top of the page you can enter the name of the country you are researching. This will return wire story links relevant to the country you searched. The Advanced Search link allows you to choose between the Country Wire and Country Reviews for your results.



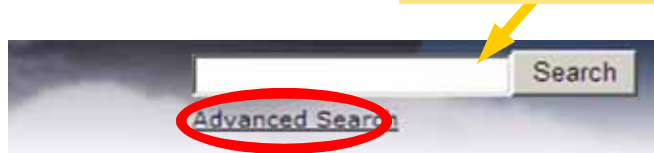
**4.** To navigate to Countrywatch Features, select from the buttons in the Features menu bar.

Country Review takes you to the starting point in the alphabetized country list, which is Afghanistan. To select another country, use the pull down menu.

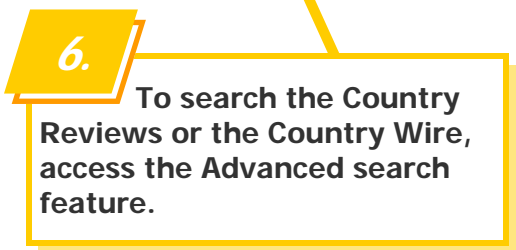
The image shows a vertical menu on the left with buttons for FEATURES, COUNTRY REVIEW™, COUNTRY WIRE™, COUNTRYWATCH DATA, COUNTRYWATCH MAPS, COUNTRYWATCH @SCHOOL, and GLOBAL NEWS UPDATES. An arrow points from the 'FEATURES' button to a callout box. To the right, a screenshot of the 'COUNTRY WATCH' website shows the 'COUNTRY REVIEW' section with a pull-down menu listing countries from Austria to Azerbaijan. An arrow points from the callout box to the 'Austria' option in the menu.



**5.** Use the search field to search the Country Wire. Enter your search terms, and each relevant Wire story will be displayed and sorted by relevancy.



The image shows a search bar with a 'Search' button and a link labeled 'Advanced Search' circled in red. An arrow points from the callout box to this link.



**6.** To search the Country Reviews or the Country Wire, access the Advanced search feature.



The image shows the 'Advanced Search Engine' interface. It includes a 'Keyword Search' field containing the word 'Democracy', a 'Search In' section with radio buttons for 'Country Wire' and 'Country Review' (the latter is selected), a 'Search Type' dropdown menu set to 'Concept', and 'Results Preferences' for 'Maximum Documents to Retrieve' and 'Results Per Page', both set to '100'. 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons are at the bottom right.

# The Country Reviews - Country Overview

The Country Reviews™ are comprehensive and regularly updated reports on every country available with Standard, Premium, Elite or Suite subscriptions to CountryWatch, Inc.

**United States**

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**COUNTRY DETAILS**

[Click on Map for Larger Image](#)

CURRENT DATE: JANUARY 10, 2003  
CURRENT TIME: 3:50:49 PM  
CAPITAL: WASHINGTON, DC  
[CLICK HERE FOR TIMES AROUND THE WORLD](#)

**CURRENCY CONVERTER**  
Provided by [xe.com](#).  
Enter an Amount:   
Convert From:   
Convert To:   
 Warning! Opens in new window.

**COUNTRY WIRE**

- ▶ [U.N.: Weapons inspections essential](#)  
3/6/2004 12:00:00 AM
- ▶ [Ruling party wins by election in Bermuda](#)  
3/6/2004 12:00:00 AM
- ▶ [AUSTRALIA'S ABB GRAIN ACQUIRES GRAIN PACKING FIRM](#)  
3/6/2004 12:00:00 AM

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**NEWS LINKS**

**STOCK MARKET**

7.

The country map and the flag may be enlarged and printed. Select the link below the images. Once the new window opens, right click on the image and select **PRINT PICTURE** from the menu.

8.

In addition to the image of the flag, many countries include a picture gallery. You may scroll through the images with the buttons beneath the pictures.

9.

The three most recent Country Wire stories will appear for the selected country.

10.

## Country Overview

- ▶ KEY DATA
- ▶ REGIONAL MAP
- ▶ COUNTRY MAP

## Political Overview

- ▶ POLITICAL HISTORY
- ▶ POLITICAL CONDITIONS
- ▶ GOVT. FUNCTIONS
- ▶ GOVT. STRUCTURE
- ▶ PRINCIPAL GOVT. OFFICIALS
- ▶ LEADER BIOGRAPHY
- ▶ FOREIGN RELATIONS
- ▶ DEFENSE FORCES

## Economic Overview

- ▶ ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
- ▶ MACROECONOMIC DATA
- ▶ KEY SECTOR DATA
- ▶ GLOBAL RANKING TABLES

The Country Review is home to all the data about the selected country. In the Overview are the Key Data, Regional Map and the Country Map. Also, you will find the current time, the name of the Capital City, a picture of the flag, and the top three News Wire stories.

Links to other sections of the Country Review are found on the left side of the page. This is how you will navigate through the Country Review for the selected country.

Each Country Review is laid out in the same way. All reviews have the following sections:

Country Overview  
Political Overview  
Economic Overview  
Investment Overview  
Social Overview  
Environmental Overview

# The Country Wire

The Country Wire™ provides daily news coverage for 192 countries and features up-to-date articles from regional news wire services across the globe.

Chronologically arranged news stories for each country are available using the filter to select a given country.

The screenshot shows the Country Wire website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for HOME, ABOUT US, ORDER, CONTACT US, HELP, and FAQs. Below this is a 'FEATURES' section with a 'Country Wire' sub-section. The main content area has a dropdown menu set to 'United States' and a 'Filter' button. Below the filter, there is a list of news articles with their titles and timestamps. The first article is 'Judge Muds release of Mexican drug London' dated 3/6/2004 12:00:00 AM, 1/1/1900 3:07:18 PM. Other articles include 'Bush, Mexico's Fox talk immigration', 'Bush accuses S&P 1st criticism', 'Warren Buffet says Bush tax cuts', 'Farmers Union warns of Bush budget cuts', 'Infla cocaine smuggling not broken up in Panama', 'Bush receives Fax at the Texas ranch', 'Bush, Fox focus on Mexican immigration', and 'Health Corp. hears antibiotic using father'.

11.

Use the pull-down menu to select a country and then click the Filter button.

Your results will be displayed on the same page.

Use the story links to open a CountryWire news article.

12.

Country Wire news articles can be printed by clicking the **PRINTER FRIENDLY VERSION** link at the bottom of the story.

The screenshot shows a news article titled 'GERMANY SCRAPS INTERNET JOB MARKET'. The article text reads: 'FRANKFURT, Germany, Feb. 27 (UPI) -- Skyrocketing costs and technical difficulties have forced the German labor department to consider scrapping plans for a federal Internet job market. The leader of the job market project has been fired and further work is on hold indefinitely, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung reports. New calculations showed the job market could cost as much as 165 million euros (\$206 million) by 2008. Consulting firm Accenture's original bid to complete the project for 65 million euros (\$81 million). An unfinished version of the project currently in place does not always return the correct job or resume, is very slow and is prone to frequent crashes. The virtual job market was set to be a showcase project for the labor agency, before it bogged down. The removal of the program is seen to be the result of tough oversight promised by new labor agency head Frank-Juergen Weise, who said he would examine labor agency projects "mercilessly." Copyright © Feb 2004 UPI. All Rights Reserved. At the bottom of the article, there is a printer icon and the text 'PRINTER FRIENDLY VERSION'.

# CountryWatch Data

CountryWatch Data provides macroeconomic, economic sector, health, demographic, human development, and environmental data sets across a ten year span. This statistical set is searchable through five primary categories and 24 sub-categories

## CountryWatch Data - Data Selection

### 1. Choose your countries \ regions.

A screenshot of the 'Choose your countries \ regions' step. On the left, there is a scrollable list of countries including Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, and Angola. On the right, a box contains 'United States'. Between the list and the box are 'ADD' and 'REMOVE' buttons.

13.

First, select the preferred countries or regions, click add after each one.

### 2. Choose Dates

A screenshot of the 'Choose Dates' step. On the left, there is a scrollable list of years: 1993, 1994, and 1995. On the right, a box contains '1994'. Between the list and the box are 'ADD' and 'REMOVE' buttons.

14.

Second, select the preferred research dates.

### 3. Make Your Selection

A screenshot of the 'Make Your Selection' step. At the top left, there is a checkbox labeled 'Use Category Filters'. Below it, there is a scrollable list of data categories including 'Avg Births/1000 of Population', 'Avg Deaths/1000 of Population', 'Coal Consumption', and 'Coal Greenhouse Gas Emissions'. On the right, a box contains 'Iron Ore Mining', 'Lead Mining Pro', 'Chicken Meat P', and 'Unemployment'. Between the list and the box are 'ADD' and 'REMOVE' buttons.

15.

Third, select the desired data categories.

16.

You can activate Category Filters with the check box.

You can define your data selection into the following Categories:

- Cultural
- Economic Sector Data
- Environmental
- Macroeconomic
- Physical

17.

Results are then ready to be displayed.

DISPLAY RESULTS

# CountryWatch Data - Results

CountryWatch Data - Data Results

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18.

Results are displayed in a table with the name and definition of the variable. Also listed are the description and measurement units.

19.

When reading data results, it is helpful to remember that the quantities and frequencies displayed may be measured in different units. When comparing data, make sure that the units are the same. In some cases, you may have to make unit conversions to compare different types of data.

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Your data search results are downloadable. The file will be a Comma Separated Values spreadsheet which will allow you to create charts and graphs with the data.

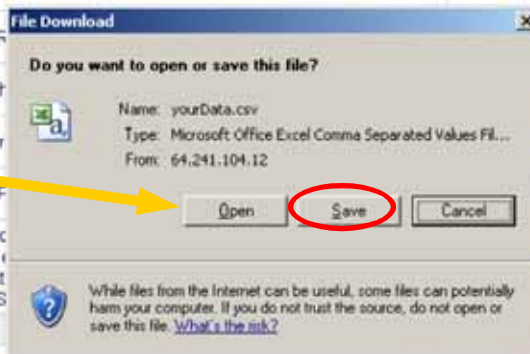
Save the file to a disk or drive you will have access to later.

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DOWNLOAD DATA

# CountryWatch Map Gallery

The CountryWatch Map Gallery includes two different types of maps:

- **Thematic Maps:** These maps were created from the data in CountryWatch Data. The definitions for each thematic map are available from the CountryWatch Data section of the CountryWatch.com website.
- **Political/Physical Maps:** These world and regional maps depict topographical and physical features as well as political boundaries. They supplement the political maps which are available within each Country Review™.

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**Political/Physical Maps:** These world and regional maps depict topographical and physical features as well as political boundaries. They effectively supplement the political maps which are available within each Country Review™.

**How to Use:** To view the maps, first select the preferred map from the "thematic" and "political/physical" options; and second, select the category of map generated from the drop down menu of options. The map is then ready to be displayed. It should be noted that while the maps can be printed or downloaded in .gif or .pdf formats, they may only be used for personal, non-commercial purposes.

The CountryWatch Map Gallery is available with Premium, Elite or Suite subscriptions to CountryWatch, Inc.

**1. Choose your section**

Thematic  
Physical/Political

**2. Choose your Category**

Human Development  
Economic Data Sector  
Macroeconomics  
Environmental

**3. Choose your Sub-Category**

Life Expectancy  
Life Expectancy-Disease  
Population Demographics  
Religion

**VIEW MAPS**

21.

In order to display a map, a map section must be selected. After the section is chosen, categories available for display will be shown. Sub-categories relating to the chosen category will appear in the third box.

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22.

Your map results will list the category and sub-category items that were selected on the previous page.

By clicking on the link for each of the categories a new map will be displayed showing the graphical representation of the data for the entire world where data was available.

To view a larger version of the map, follow the "Click for Larger Version" link.

The enlarged maps can be printed by right clicking on the image and selecting **PRINT PICTURE**.

**CountryWatch Map Gallery**

CULTURAL >> POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

- ▶ [BIRTHS/1000 OF POPULATION](#)
- ▶ [CONTRACEPTIVE USE - MARRIED WOMAN](#)
- ▶ [AVG DEATHS/1000 OF POPULATION](#)
- ▶ [FERTILITY RATE 1999](#)
- ▶ [NET MIGRATION BY COUNTRY](#)
- ▶ [% OF POPULATION BETWEEN 0-14](#)
- ▶ [% OF POPULATION BETWEEN 15-64](#)
- ▶ [% OF POP. AGE 65+](#)
- ▶ [POPULATION DENSITY](#)
- ▶ [POPULATION GROWTH RATE](#)
- ▶ [EST. RURAL POPULATION](#)
- ▶ [RATIO OF MALES TO FEMALES AT BIRTH](#)
- ▶ [RATIO OF MALES TO FEMALES AGE 65+](#)
- ▶ [RATIO OF MALES TO FEMALES \(TOTAL POPULATION\)](#)
- ▶ [ESTIMATED URBAN POPULATION](#)
- ▶ [ESTIMATED URBAN POPULATION \(2030\)](#)
- ▶ [TOTAL POPULATION \(2000\)](#)
- ▶ [ESTIMATED POP. \(2050\)](#)
- ▶ [POPULATION PROJECTIONS PROGRAM \(REQUIRES MS EXCEL\)](#)

**BIRTHS/ 1000 OF POPULATION**

Average Births per Thousand Persons CountryWatch.com

Click for a larger version.

# CountryWatch @School

CountryWatch @School provides curriculum-based resources, which include country-quizzes, as well as activities and lesson plans derived from CountryWatch, Inc.'s Country Reviews™ and Country Wire™. These features are tailored to Social Studies students in grades 6 through 12 and adhere to the National Social Studies Standards. These features are intended to widen students' awareness of the interconnected global world within which we live. Because these features have been developed in accordance with National Social Studies Standards, teachers of Social Studies will also find CountryWatch @School to be a helpful resource when used in tandem with established Social Studies curriculum.

## @SCHOOL MENU

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- ▶ COUNTRYSCOPE ACTIVITY: TEACHERS AREA
- ▶ COUNTRYSCOPE ACTIVITY: STUDENTS AREA
- ▶ COMPARATIVE WORKSHEET

### Interesting Facts

- ▶ HOW MANY COUNTRIES ARE IN THE WORLD?
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- ▶ LARGEST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD BY AREA
- ▶ COUNTRIES WITH THE LARGEST POPULATION
- ▶ THE WORLD'S SMALLEST COUNTRIES

### Learn more about...

- ▶ GLOBALIZATION
- ▶ BALKANIZATION
- ▶ NATIONALISM

## INTRODUCTORY QUESTIONS

1. Where is this country located?
2. What are the largest cities in this country?
3. What are the major ethnic, religious and linguistic groups in this country?
4. When did this country gain independence?
5. Why type of government does this country have?
6. Who is the leader of this country?
7. What is the state of this country's economy?
8. What is the country's major industry?
9. What environmental issues does this country face?
10. What are some of the major cultural traditions of this country?

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The introductory questions are intended to provide users with an introduction to learning about a given country, at the initial stages of the exploration and learning process. This exercise can be done individually by a user, or collectively in a learning environment.

25.

These discussion questions should be used to help students make sense of the information they find at Countrywatch.com. Upon answering the questions, students will have an understanding of the country's geography, climate, population, languages, religions, ethnicities, historical events, political structure, level of political stability, economy, and environment.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe the climate in this country. Are there any major differences in climate between the north and south of the country? If so, describe these differences. Use a regional map to indicate what the climate is like in each area.
2. What are this country's major population centers? Which area of the country is more densely populated than other areas?
3. If you were to visit this country, what languages would you expect to hear? What types of religious services might you attend? Would you expect to see much racial and ethnic diversity, or would the population be relatively homogeneous?
4. What are some key events in this country's history? How has the country's history affected its current population and culture? Is the nation currently feeling the impact of certain historical events, patterns, or decisions?
5. Describe the country's political structure. Who is in charge of making decisions? Do the people get a chance to participate in political life? How does this government structure compare to the one in your own country?

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### QUICK QUIZZES

1. Who were the first inhabitants of A  
A. Europeans  
B. Australoids or Aborigines  
C. Africans  
D. Portuguese
2. How long ago did they arrive?  
A. 100,000 years ago  
B. 200 years ago  
C. 1,000 years ago  
D. 40,000 years ago
3. Their technical culture depended:  
A. on the availability of iron deposits.  
B. on their college graduates.  
C. on wood, bone, and stone tools and weapons.  
D. the availability of computer chips.

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Quizzes are designed to explore socio-cultural, political, economic, and environmental aspects of the countries of the world in a consistent format for each available country. The link to the answer key is at the end of each quiz.

### COUNTRYSCOPE

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COUNTRYSCOPE ACTIVITY: TEACHERS  
[Teachers Questions](#)  
[Teachers Suggestions](#)

**Part I: Information gathering**

Students will be led to explore a country's site questions that the activity provides. Teachers information pertaining only to one category categories.

**Part II: Biographical sketch**

With the information gathered in Part I, students live in a country and/or a sense of what life is like

**Part III: Putting it together**

With the biographies created in Part II, you will examine similarities and differences among people within the same country, or perhaps in different countries.

**Part IV: Role playing – Globalization, Balkanization, Nationalism**

Based on your work in Steps I – III, respond to some of the scenarios below in the way that you think the people of the country would.

Country Scope is a four-part activity designed to guide students toward learning more about a particular country and its people by using information obtained from countrywatch.com. You can apply this activity to any country and culture present in the world today. Further, the activity can easily be tailored to meet your content needs, to fit into your time constraints and to challenge your students, no matter what their ability levels are.

# CountryWatch Global News Update

The Global News Update is a weekly written report of significant political news stories around the world. The news update is written and produced by CountryWatch's editor on a weekly basis, and is intended to inform CountryWatch users of important political events evolving in the world.

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The Global News Update is useful for those who would like to have an overview of the previous week's political news.

After the date line will be a summary of what is in that week's digest.

If topics in the Global News Update contain only excerpts of Country Wire news articles, the complete article can be found in the Country Wire using the Filter.

## Global News Updates

### GLOBAL NEWS UPDATE

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The Global News Update is a weekly written report of significant political news stories around the world. The news update is written and produced by CountryWatch's editor on a weekly basis, and is intended to inform CountryWatch users of important political events evolving in the world. This feature offers the most recent written news updates. Previous editions of the Global News Update are available upon request.

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Lebanon is the "Country of the Week." In our "International Hot Stories," we feature developments in Iraq, Iran, North Korea, China, United States of America (featuring Puerto Rico). We then cover the developing story of the elections in Saudi Arabia. We end with the United States in the section called "In the News."

### Country of Week

#### ***Middle East: Lebanon***

On Feb. 14, 2005, former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri was killed in what appears to have been a political assassination. A car bomb exploded just after Hariri had left a political session in parliament and his convoy was around the area of the St. George's Hotel. The attack left around 10 people dead and several injured. Included in those reported to have been killed were members of his convoy; a former minister, also in his convoy, was reported to have been seriously injured. Hariri had served as prime minister of Lebanon for approximately 15 years and had been regarded as a key political figure in Lebanese politics ever since the end of the civil war in 1990. He resigned from his political office as prime minister in 2004 over differences with President Emile Lahoud and was increasingly viewed as an opposition voice. Of particular concern to Hariri was Lahoud's decision to seek an extension to his tenure in office. Lahoud is regarded as a favorite of the Syrian government, which has been highly influential of Lebanese politics. In recent times, however, relations between the two countries have become more tense. Indeed, Hariri joined the opposition's calls for a withdrawal of Syrian forces from Lebanon -- a move not favored by Syrian-aligned factions. Nevertheless, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad condemned Hariri's assassination. As well, Arab League Secretary General Amr Mussa characterized it as an

# List of Countries & Non-Sovereign Territories

Afghanistan	Fiji	Mongolia	Turkey
Albania	Finland	Morocco	Turkmenistan
Algeria	Former Yugoslav Rep. Macedonia	Mozambique	Tuvalu
Andorra	France	Namibia	Uganda
Angola	Gabon	Nauru	Ukraine
Antigua	Gambia	Nepal	United Arab Emirates
Argentina	Georgia	Netherlands	United Kingdom
Armenia	Germany	New Zealand	United States
Australia	Ghana	Nicaragua	Uruguay
Austria	Greece	Niger	Uzbekistan
Azerbaijan	Grenada	Nigeria	Vanuatu
Bahamas	Guatemala	Norway	Venezuela
Bahrain	Guinea	Oman	Vietnam
Bangladesh	Guinea-Bissau	Pakistan	Yemen
Barbados	Guyana	Palau	Zambia
Belarus	Haiti	Panama	Zimbabwe
Belgium	Holy See	Papua New Guinea	
Belize	Honduras	Paraguay	
Benin	Hungary	Peru	<u>Non-Sovereign</u>
Bhutan	Iceland	Philippines	<u>Territories</u>
Bolivia	India	Poland	Hong Kong
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Indonesia	Portugal	Macao
Botswana	Iran	Qatar	Palestine
Brazil	Iraq	Romania	Puerto Rico
Brunei	Ireland	Russia	Somaliland
Bulgaria	Israel	Rwanda	Taiwan
Burkina Faso	Italy	Saint Kitts & Nevis	
Burma (Myanmar)	Jamaica	Saint Lucia	
Burundi	Japan	Saint Vincent & Grenadines	
Cambodia	Jordan	Samoa	
Cameroon	Kazakhstan	San Marino	
Canada	Kenya	Sao Tome & Principe	
Cape Verde	Kiribati	Saudi Arabia	
Central African Republic	Korea, North	Senegal	
Chad	Korea, South	Serbia & Montenegro	
Chile	Kuwait	Seychelles	
China	Kyrgyzstan	Sierra Leone	
Colombia	Laos	Singapore	
Comoros	Latvia	Slovakia	
Congo (DRC)	Lebanon	Slovenia	
Congo (RC)	Lesotho	Solomon Islands	
Costa Rica	Liberia	Somalia	
Cote d'Ivoire	Libya	South Africa	
Croatia	Liechtenstein	Spain	
Cuba	Lithuania	Sri Lanka	
Cyprus	Luxembourg	Sudan	
Czech Republic	Madagascar	Suriname	
Denmark	Malawi	Swaziland	
Djibouti	Malaysia	Sweden	
Dominica	Maldives	Switzerland	
Dominican Republic	Mali	Syria	
East Timor	Malta	Tajikistan	
Ecuador	Marshall Islands	Tanzania	
Egypt	Mauritania	Thailand	
El Salvador	Mauritius	Togo	
Equatorial Guinea	Mexico	Tonga	
Eritrea	Micronesia	Trinidad & Tobago	
Estonia	Moldova	Tunisia	
Ethiopia	Monaco		

# FAQ

## Q. Is the CountryWatch site ADA compliant?

A. Yes, we used Hemish.org to test our site for ADA compliancy.

## Q. Where does CountryWatch get their information?

A. CountryWatch uses a number of government, academic, media and independent sources to compose its reviews. For specific source materials call us at 1-800-879-3885 (US and Canada) or 1-713-355-6500 and ask to be connected with the editorial department or use the contact us page, click the "Editorial" option.

## Q. Why do you only cover 192 countries?

A. At CountryWatch.com, the criterion for coverage of a geopolitical area "as a country" is dependent upon whether or not it has been recognized by the United States' Department of State. Consequently, CountryWatch covers 192 independent states in the world, including the world's newest country, East Timor.

Because the United Nations has 189 member states, many people erroneously assume there are only 189 countries or sovereign states, yet there are three countries, such as the Holy See (Vatican City) and Switzerland, which are not included in this list. Switzerland, for example, upholds its tenet of neutrality by holding only "observer" status at the United Nations. The third country, East Timor, has not yet become a member state due to its recent admission into the community of independent states. It is anticipated that East Timor will soon become another member of the United Nations.

CountryWatch has been attentive to independence movements across the world. As such, when independence from Indonesia was declared, and when sovereign status as well as international recognition was achieved, CountryWatch was pleased to add East Timor to its list of countries covered, during the very week of official independence.

Other territories, such as Puerto Rico and Taiwan have met many requirements of independent nation state status, but continue to be treated as dependencies of sorts. In fact, until 1971, Taiwan was a member of the United Nations, but since then has been replaced by China in this regard.

At CountryWatch.com, certain territories, such as Puerto Rico, are treated in special sections or appendices in the United States Country Review, while Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao are each treated in a similar manner within the China Country Review. Countrywatch.com recognizes the imprecise and politicized nature of such treatments, and as has been illustrated in the case of East Timor, the editor is vigilant about staying abreast of political developments, should sovereign status become a reality at some point in the future.

CountryWatch recognizes and understands that the United States Department of State's recognition of a country is reflective of the particular political agenda of the United States and its allies. Use of the Department of State listing is not intended to be an explicit endorsement of any country's political priorities and CountryWatch encourages users to consider the complex range of parameters included in designating any place or area to be a sovereign country.

## Q. How often is the information updated?

A. Each Country Review is updated once per year or as major events occur. The Country Wire is updated throughout the day as news stories become available.

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