



Country Report – Chad January 2017

Overall rating 4 High	Sub-Ratings		1	2	3	4	5
	Political situation	4					
	Terrorism	4					
	Crime	4					
	Health / Natural Risks	4					

Risk Rating: 1: Low; 2: Moderate; 3: Significant; 4: High; 5: Very High

General situation

Overall	Head of State: Idriss Deby (since December 4th, 1990)
	Capital town: N'Djamena
	Total population: 6.74 million residents in 2014
	Official language(s): French and Arabic
	Time zone(s): UTC +1
	International code: +235
	Emergency contacts: 17 (Police/Emergency)
Economic data	GDP: 13.92 billion USD in 2014
	Currency: Central African CFA franc (XAF)
	Exchange rate: 1 euro = 655.957 XAF at 2017/01/17
Administrative	Passport: Should be valid at least 6 months after the entry date
	Visa: Conditions may be eased depending on nationality and/or period
	Vaccination: Vaccination against yellow fever is mandatory.

Political situation

Despite an appearing political stability, the global environment in Chad remains unstable and causes high underlying social tensions inside the populations, which can come out suddenly as particularly violent protest movements.

- Since the coup...
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- As such, the current financial situation remains worrying and encourages the organisation of protests, particularly in the public sector, while the country faces a large budget deficit for the year 2016 of about 181 billion FCFA (362 million EUR). It was revised upwards in May 2016 to allow new recruitment in the civil service and to ensure social spending, notably in education, health or rural development. Chad has been heavily impacted in recent years by the continued decline in oil prices...
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Terrorism

The terrorist threat (bombing and kidnapping) in Chad has considerably increased since the military intervention of N'Djamena along with France against jihadists in Mali in January 2013 and the fight against Boko Haram since the beginning of 2015. The country is also a strategic asset in French military deployment in the Sahel area and in the fight against terrorism at regional level, making Chad a possible target for terrorist groups.

- The regional security situation, which has deteriorated in recent years, particularly in Libya, northern Mali and the Central African Republic, encourages the circulation of ...
- The presence of armed rebel groups supported by Sudan in Eastern Chad had long been the main threat to the stability of the country...

Crime

The crime rate remains high in the whole country especially because of the degradation of neighbours' security, such as Central African Republic, Libya, Sudan and Niger.

- Urban areas, particularly N'Djamena, have been affected in recent years by a significant increase in crime...
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- Chadian authorities have frequently underscored the alleged link between the Central African crisis and the rise in criminality reported in the southern regions of Chad....
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- ...

Calendar

Major events

- **January 11th, 2017:** The platform bringing together the main Chadian trade unions announced the suspension for a month of the general strike movement initiated since September 2016.
- **November 30th, 2016:** Gunfire targeting the security forces in front of the American embassy under unclear conditions. Arrest of an individual affiliated with Boko Haram.
- **June 8th, 2016:** Launch of a military intervention by the Chadian army in Niger after a major offensive Boko Haram in this country.
- **April 25th, 2016:** Extension of the state of emergency in the Chad lake region for a period of 6 months due to the degraded national security situation and the risk of new attacks of Boko Haram.

Upcoming Events

- **August 11th (annual):** Independence Day. Closure of public administrations and risk of economic disruption. Gatherings expected throughout the country.

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Regional situation

N'Djamena: The crime rate remains high in N'Djamena and has been rising almost constantly since 2010. The biggest increase would be the damage to property (thefts, car-jackings, burglaries) and persons (assaults)...

Sarh: The city of Sarh is the capital of the Middle Chari Province (South), located in the border region of the Central African Republic. This is the least secure region of the country because of the mass arrival of refugees from CAR, occasionally followed by raids led by...

Eastern/Southern Provinces:

Western Region:

Northern Region: Northern Chad borders is localised near Southern Libya, which has become the stronghold of jihadist groups since the downfall of the Khadafy regime in 2011 and the French-African military intervention in Mali in 2013. The security situation in this arid zone remains therefore particularly degraded and...

Health/Natural Risks

The whole country below the 13th parallel is affected by malaria. It is therefore appropriate to adopt protective measures (mosquito repellents, nets, and long clothes at dark).

Recommendations

Any travel or expatriation to Chad must be subject to appropriate security measures.

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