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[Elder Holland, Sister Stephens and Elder Hallstrom to participate in first Face to Face event for young single adults](#) 8 March 2016

On March 8, the LDS Church will host the first Face to Face event geared toward young single adults. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles will be joined by Sister Carole M. Stephens, first counselor in the Relief Society general presidency, and Elder Donald L. Hallstrom of the Seventy as they answer questions submitted by young single adults throughout the world.

[LDS.org launches 14-day 'Love One Another' challenge](#)

The arrival of February signals the approach of Valentine’s Day. In honor of the upcoming holiday, LDS.org launched a 14-day challenge Friday to spread love, but the challenge does not limit itself to romantic love.



Instead, it focuses on emulating the love of Christ.

“In the words of our loving prophet, President Thomas S. Monson, ‘Love is the very essence of the gospel, and Jesus Christ is our exemplar,’” the website reads. “If we want to be better followers of him, we need to be more. We need to love more.”

For 14 days, those who participate choose a task from a list. The tasks help participants show more love and include things like

forgiving an offender or thanking someone.

[Elder and Sister Bednar share lessons, advice on finding a spouse, making marriage work at BYU-Idaho](#)

Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and his wife, Sister Susan Bednar, shared lessons they've learned in their marriage and in overcoming difficulties, answered a few questions and shared some advice Tuesday at Brigham Young University-Idaho during a date night hosted by university President Clark Gilbert and his wife, Christine.



Elder Bednar pointed to how much work goes into a marriage when he was asked how he and Sister Bednar have grown in their marriage.

“Marriage is fun and demanding,” he said. “It can be sad, and it requires relentless work. Early on we tried to figure out how to do that work and

enjoy that work.”

Elder Bednar said one thing that has helped them in their marriage is to learn how to address problems when they don't always see things the same way.

“We can come to an agreement, that’s what’s amazing about this whole thing,” Sister Bednar said. “Even though he has a perspective and I have a perspective, we can talk about things and we can come to an agreement.”

Family Discovery Day

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[RootsTech 2016 to feature speakers, classes, LDS Family Discovery Day](#)

..... The largest family history event in the world, sponsored by FamilySearch International, will take place Wednesday, Feb. 3, through Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Salt Palace Convention Center. As in years past, RootsTech will feature prominent keynote speakers, more than 200 classes for all ages and levels of family history skill, an expo hall, entertainment, and a day specifically designated for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with messages from LDS Church leaders. For those unable to attend, video streaming of some events and classes will be made available online at RootsTech.org.

[Maintaining faith during LDS Church meeting ban: Mormons in Ghana reflect on ban in new video](#) (10:07 vid)

When Latter-day Saints leave church on Sundays, they likely don't expect it to be the last time they will be allowed in a church building for the next 18 months.

A video released Jan. 6 shares the stories of members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Ghana during a freeze on church meetings. On June 14, 1989, government officials ordered that all meetinghouses be locked. Nine thousand members had to find their own ways to worship.

Church-Important Africa Dates



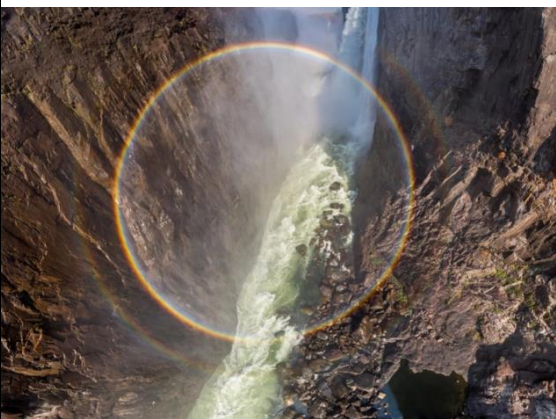
Upcoming Church related Historical Events in the Africa Southeast Area.	
(taken from the resource section at the end of this Daily News)	
Swaziland	21 February 1990: President Neal A. Maxwell dedicates Swaziland.
Lesotho	22 February 1990: President Neal A. Maxwell dedicates Lesotho.
If anyone has any additional historical events for the ASEA Area historical calendar ...please email them to aseapublicaffairs@ldschurch.org	

Interesting Stuff about Africa & ASEA area



Found in the news stream.

[Drone captures full circular rainbow inside world’s biggest waterfall](#)



(Victoria Falls)

A drone captured a rare circular rainbow that formed inside and over the world’s largest waterfall.

Moscow photographers Sergey Shandin, 42, and Stas Sedov, 39, flew a drone



Victoria Falls is one of the seven natural wonders of the world (Picture: Solent)

from the ground and between two gorges so they take photos with a hanging camera of the rainbow, which can only be seen from above Victoria Falls at a certain time of day.

The higher the sun rises above the falls, which are the largest in the world, the lower down the rainbow forms. 'A rainbow is actually round, normally we do not see all of it, but only a piece,' Mr Shandin said. 'Circular rainbows can sometimes be seen from the plane, but it happens rarely.'

Medical News Found in the news stream.

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Terms that you may find in the news

AGOA-The African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) is a United States Trade Act, enacted on 18 May 2000 as Public Law 106 of the 200th Congress. AGOA has since been renewed to 2025. The legislation significantly enhances market access to the US for qualifying Sub-Saharan African (SSA) countries. Qualification for AGOA preferences is based on a set of conditions contained in the AGOA legislation. In order to qualify and remain eligible for AGOA, each country must be working to improve its rule of law, human rights, and respect for core labor standards.

Al Shabaab-Al Shabaab is al Qaeda's affiliate in Somalia and operates primarily out of the country's southern and central regions. The group is fighting an insurgency against the internationally recognized Somali Federal Government, which is based in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu.

ANC-African National Congress. The African National Congress (ANC) is the Republic of South Africa's governing social democratic political party. It has been the ruling party of post-apartheid South Africa on the national level since 1994, including the election of Nelson Mandela as president from 1994-1999.

Boko Haram-Boko Haram, is an Islamic extremist group based in northeastern Nigeria, also active in Chad, Niger and northern Cameroon. The name "Boko Haram" is usually translated as "Western education is forbidden"

BPC-Botswana Power Corporation

CAR-Central African Republic

DA-Democratic Alliance (South Africa). The Democratic Alliance (DA) is a South African political party and the official opposition to the governing African National Congress (ANC).

ESKOM-South African Electricity Public Utility

FAO- Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)

ICC-International Criminal Court

ICGLR-international Conference on the Great Lakes Region.

IDP-Internally Displaced Persons

IMF-International Monetary Fund

SADA-the Southern African Development Community

Seleka-An alliance of rebel militia factions that overthrew the Central African Republic on March 24, 2013.

UN-United Nations

UNHCR-United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

USAID-United States Agency for International Development.

Zanu-PF-The Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front. The ruling party in Zimbabwe since independence in 1980.

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[Kidnapping for ransom is surging in Africa](#)

Nine countries in Africa have been flagged as having a "severe" or "high" threat of kidnapping for ransom.

Global risk and crisis management consultancy NYA International, which released its 2016 Kidnap and Piracy Map on Wednesday, also cited severe threat ratings for maritime piracy off Somalia and Nigeria.



Overall, intensified civil conflicts in Africa, entrenched criminality in Latin America and the advance of Islamist militancy in spaces worldwide have contributed to the agency placing "severe" kidnap ratings for 11 countries, up from eight in 2015.

A further 11 countries, including India, Egypt, Lebanon, Cameroon and **Kenya**, moved from "medium" to "high".

Assessing cases of kidnap for ransom during 2015, NYA said Africa accounted for 34% of the world's kidnap incidents, second only to Asia which had 40%. The Americas accounted for 14% and the Middle East 10% while Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) accounted for 2%

Although foreign nationals bear a disproportionate threat burden, local citizens are more likely to be kidnapped, the report said, with nine in 10 victims in 2015 kidnapped in their home country.

The 11 countries that face a severe kidnapping threat are: Afghanistan, **Central African Republic**, **Democratic Republic of Congo**, Iraq, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, **South Sudan**, Syria and Yemen.

<h1>Angola</h1>  	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	64% / 26%	Population: 22,490,548
	Penetration of population w/ internet	26%	Labor Force: 9,298,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	8,100	Life Expectancy: 52
	Unemployment / year est.	26% / 2014	Church Members: 1,436
	Population below poverty line:	40.5%	Congregations: 8

[Oil price pitches Angola into crisis](#)

LUANDA - Sitting under an umbrella in the heat of Angola's capital Luanda, a vendor holds a makeshift currency exchange board on which is scribbled "335 kwanzas: \$1" -- more than double the official rate of 155 kwanzas.

The drop in the price of crude oil to its lowest level in more than a decade has not only pushed Angola's currency to record lows, it has plunged the economy of Africa's second largest crude producer into a crisis.

Despite the country's oil and diamond resources, Angola suffers endemic poverty, with more than a third of the population of around 24 million living below the poverty line, according to the United Nations.

Fallout from the oil price crunch is inflicting even more pain on the already struggling poor, and risks threatening the stability of the country.

The kwanza currency lost 35 percent of its value against the dollar last year and Angolans are rushing to turn their local savings into more stable units, yet banks are low on foreign exchange.



The black market is their only hope for now.



"There is a strong demand for the dollar," said a young black marketeer on condition of anonymity.

The rate "can't continue to go up like this, otherwise it becomes dangerous, people are fed up", he said.

[Angola: Ruling Party's Politburo Recommends National Production Boost](#)

Luanda — The politburo of the ruling MPLA party's Central Committee last Monday recommended an increase in national production, mainly in terms of the country's staple foods and other essential commodities for internal consumption and exportation.



<h1>Botswana</h1>  	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	164% / 26%	Population: 2,134,458
	Penetration of population w/ internet	18.5%	Labor Force: 1,017,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	16,000/2014	Life Expectancy: 47
	Unemployment / year est.	17.8% / 2009	Church Members: 3,104
	Population below poverty line:	30.3%	Congregations: 12

<h1>Burundi</h1>  	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	25% / 2%	Population: 11,209,812
	Penetration of population w/ internet	4.9%	Labor Force: 4,806,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	900	Life Expectancy: 54
	Unemployment / year est.	35% / 2009	Church Members: 526
	Population below poverty line:	68%	Congregations: 3



[British, French Journalists Been Detained By Burundi Police in Raids](#)



According to the reporters, a British and French journalist had been detained by the Burundi police at the time of a sweep for rebels in flashpoints districts of the capital, as said by the officials on Friday, a move likely to further strain tense relations between Bujumbura and Western donors.



According to the deputy police spokesman, MoiseNkurunziza, the police had arrested British photo journalist Phil Moore and a French journalist Jean Philippe, during the raids in Jabe and Nyakabiga neighborhoods in Bujumbura on Thursday.

<h1>Cameroon</h1>  	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	71% / -%	Population: 23,516,740
	Penetration of population w/ internet	11%	Labor Force: 9,105,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	3,000	Life Expectancy: 55
	Unemployment / year est.	30% / 2001	Church Members: 1,498
	Population below poverty line:	48% / 2000	Congregations: 7

[Cameroon: Boko Haram Gunmen Kidnap 5 Women in Tolkomari Village](#)

<h1>Central African Republic (CAR)</h1>  	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	33% / 1%	Population: 4,908,506
	Penetration of population w/ internet	4%	Labor Force: 2,217,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	600	Life Expectancy: 50
	Unemployment / year est.	8% / 2001	Church Members: 216
	Population below poverty line:	na	Congregations: 1

<h1>Congo Rep.</h1> <p>(Brazzaville)</p>  	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	100% / 7%	Population: 4,825,168
	Penetration of population w/ internet	7.1%	Labor Force: 2,890,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	6,600	Life Expectancy: 59
	Unemployment / year est.	53% / 2012	Church Members: 6,053
	Population below poverty line:	46.5% / 2011	Congregations: 17

<h1>Congo DR</h1> <p>(Kinshasa)</p>  	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	59% / 8%	Population: 72,511,886
	Penetration of population w/ internet	3.0%	Labor Force: 27,590,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	700 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 50
	Unemployment / year est.	46% / 2009	Church Members: 42,689
	Population below poverty line:	63%	Congregations: 145

[ICC to unveil verdict against DRC's Bemba](#)

The Hague - The International Criminal Court said on Tuesday it will deliver its verdict next month in the long-running trial of former Congolese vice president Jean-Pierre Bemba accused of militia war crimes in the Central African Republic over 14 years ago.

It will only be the fourth verdict - and the first against a former vice president - to be handed down by the court, set up in 2002 in The Hague to try the world's worst crimes.

Bemba is charged with three war crimes counts and two of crimes against humanity committed by some 1 500 members of his private army in the neighbouring Central African Republic between October 2002 and March 2003.

His troops allegedly murdered, raped and pillaged after Bemba sent them into the country in late 2002 to help put down a coup against then-CAR president Ange-Felix Patasse.

[DR Congo prosecutes warlord Katanga convicted by ICC](#)

Militia commander Germain Katanga is to face trial in Kinshasa over new charges in his native country. The warlord was scheduled to leave prison in January after serving the term handed down by the ICC in The Hague.

Katanga was scheduled to appear before court on Wednesday over killing UN peacekeepers in 2005, in the aftermath of the bloody conflicts in DR Congo.

The International Criminal Court had already sentenced the militant leader for war crimes, including murder and pillage, mostly connected to a 2003 raid which killed some 200 people.

The international judges determined that Katanga supplied weapons to his FPRI militia.

However, the court "did not have enough evidence to show that Katanga was present and in full control of the rebels at the time of the Bogoro massacre," Geraldine Mattioli-Zeltner from Human Rights Watch told DW.

During the years of conflict, the warlord became known as Simba, or Lion in Swahili.

[Indiana's congressional delegation wants Obama to prod authorities in Congo to allow hundreds of legally adopted orphaned children to join their new families in the United States](#)

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's congressional delegation is urging President Barack Obama to prod the president of Congo to allow hundreds of legally adopted orphaned children to join their new families in the United States.


The 11-member delegation asked Obama in a letter sent Tuesday to call Congo's president, Joseph Kabila, to press him to "swiftly and thoroughly" resolve that nation's stalled exit permit process.

The African nation halted international adoptions in 2013, saying its adoption system was plagued by corruption and falsified documents. Those adoptions had been approved by Congolese courts but the government suspended the issuing of exit permits.

More than 400 children were adopted by Americans who cannot leave Congo and "continue to suffer hardship, neglect and illness" in their native land. It also noted Indiana has more orphans than any other state — 27 — "stranded" in Congo.

Ethiopia <u>R</u>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	26% / 49%	Population: 103,392,064
		Penetration of population w/ internet	2.9%	Labor Force: 47,320,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	1,500	Life Expectancy: 64
		Unemployment / year est.	17.5% / 2012	Church Members: 1,854
		Population below poverty line:	39% / 2012	Congregations: 4

Gabon <u>R</u>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	175% / -%	Population: 1,761,297
		Penetration of population w/ internet	39.3%	Labor Force: 636,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	21,600	Life Expectancy: 63
		Unemployment / year est.	21% / 2006	Church Members:
		Population below poverty line:	na	Congregations:

Kenya <u>R</u>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	83% / 67%	Population: 47,384,458
		Penetration of population w/ internet	63.6%	Labor Force: 17,700,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	3,100	Life Expectancy: 62
		Unemployment / year est.	40% / 2008	Church Members: 12,471
		Population below poverty line:	43.4 / 2012	Congregations: 62

Lesotho <u>R</u>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	95% / 24%	Population: 2,078,067
		Penetration of population w/ internet	11%	Labor Force: 894,400
		GDP per capita USD\$	2,900 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 49
		Unemployment / year est.	25% / 2008	Church Members: 867
		Population below poverty line:	49 / 1999	Congregations: 2


[Lesotho farmlands dry up as drought worsens](#)


Maseru - The government of Lesotho has declared a national emergency as drought continues to hit farming communities.

The World Food Programme (WFP) said hundreds of thousands of people will need food aid in the coming year.

In the Leribe district of the country, Mapuleng Khalala, a farmer, packs away her empty corn bag as her crops fail to produce food for her family.


[Lesotho's hikes interest rate by 50 basis points](#)


Madagascar <u>R</u>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	40% / ?	Population: 24,927,036
		Penetration of population w/ internet	3.7%	Labor Force: 12,150,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	1,400 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 65
		Unemployment / year est.	3.6% / 2013	Church Members: 10,322
		Population below poverty line:	50%	Congregations: 38

Malawi <u>R</u>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	37% / 10%	Population: 17,650,264
		Penetration of population w/ internet	6.1%	Labor Force: 5,747,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	800 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 55
		Unemployment / year est.	6.6% / 2013	Church Members: 1,931
		Population below poverty line:	53% / 2004	Congregations: 8

[Ritual murders of people with albinism in Malawi must end](#)

.... In 2015 alone, 45 incidents including killings and attempted killings, and abductions and attempted abductions, as well as opening of the graves of people with albinism were reported by activists in Malawi. Some of those who were abducted have never been seen again.


Mauritius <u>R</u>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	128% / 40%	Population: 1,328,229
		Penetration of population w/ internet	60.0%	Labor Force: 600,200
		GDP per capita USD\$	17,900 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 74
		Unemployment / year est.	8.3% / 2013	Church Members: 458
		Population below poverty line:	8% / 2006	Congregations: 2


<h1>Mozambique</h1> 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	58% / 22%	Population: 27,641,379
	Penetration of population w/ internet	5.9%	Labor Force: 12,250,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	1,100	Life Expectancy: 50
	Unemployment / year est.	17% / 2007	Church Members: 7,943
	Population below poverty line:	52% / 2009	Congregations: 26


[Mozambique: Renamo Again Rejects Nyusi-Dhlakama Meeting](#)

Maputo — Mozambique's former rebel movement Renamo has once again rejected any face to face meeting between its leader, Afonso Dhlakama, and President Filipe Nyusi.

The excuse given by the party's spokesperson, Antonio Muchanga, interviewed in Tuesday's issue of the Maputo daily "Noticias" is that Dhlakama fears for his life if he leaves his current hideout, in the central district of Gorongosa.

<h1>Namibia</h1> 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	137% / 32%	Population: 2,336,522
	Penetration of population w/ internet	15.7%	Labor Force: 1,168,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	10,800 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 6
	Unemployment / year est.	27.4% / 2012	Church Members: 793
	Population below poverty line:	28.7% / 2010	Congregations: 2

<h1>Reunion Island</h1> 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	105% / 48%	Population: 876,835
	Penetration of population w/ internet	34.6	Labor Force:
	GDP per capita USD\$		Life Expectancy:
	Unemployment / year est.	40% / ?	Church Members:
	Population below poverty line:		Congregations:

<h1>Rwanda</h1> 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	61% / 28%	Population: 12,540,798
	Penetration of population w/ internet	25.4%	Labor Force: 6,061,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	1,700 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 64
	Unemployment / year est.	3.4% / 2012	Church Members: 281
	Population below poverty line:	44.9 / 2011	Congregations: 3


[Rwanda: Irembo's Online Visa Payment System Eases Travel to Rwanda](#)

Travellers into the country can now pay their visa fees online after Rwanda Online introduced the payment service through its web platform, Irembo.

While passengers were able to apply for their visas online, the fees would be paid on arrival, causing long queues and delays for passengers.

The Directorate of Immigration and Emigration said the new move will save time for passengers.

"We have been processing visas online but then it was impossible to make payment online. This is, therefore, another good step, that we hope is going to help foreigners by reducing the time they used to spend through the processes," noted Ange Sebutege, the head of communication and customer care at the Directorate of Immigration and Emigration.

<h1>Somalia</h1> 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	50% / 2%	Population: 10,742,489
	Penetration of population w/ internet	1.5%	Labor Force: 3,011,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	600 / 2010	Life Expectancy: 55
	Unemployment / year est.	25.4% / 2012	Church Members:
	Population below poverty line:	na	Congregations:

[Blast blows hole in commercial plane over Somalia; 1 falls and dies](#)

NAIROBI, Kenya — An explosion rocked a commercial plane after it set off above East Africa on Tuesday, injuring two people before the pilot landed safely, a passenger said.

Somali authorities later discovered a body near Mogadishu they believe fell from the Daallo Airlines plane.

Late Tuesday night, a source with knowledge of the investigation told CNN that Somali authorities confirmed one passenger had been blown or ejected out of the hole created by the explosion. Somalia's National News Agency reported that one passenger died after falling from the plane.

Pictures from the ground showed a hole in one side of the airliner, just above its wing and slightly smaller than one of its doors.


Initial tests of the damage on Flight D3159 came back positive for explosive residue, a source with knowledge of the investigation told CNN.

[Cellphone video: Inside a Somalia flight after explosion](#)

(Amazing video.-rb)

JOHANNESBURG — The cellphone video pans from passengers, some wearing oxygen masks, in seats toward the back of the airliner in flight, and then swivels to the empty front area with a hole in the side of the cabin, the result of an explosion soon after takeoff from Somalia's capital.

The passengers bunched in the back, likely instructed to sit far from the hole, appear calm. A child wearing an oxygen mask attached to the overhead compartment sits quietly, a blanket over his or her legs. Near the hole, oxygen masks dangle, swaying in a light breeze.

<h1>South Africa</h1> 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	154% / 35%	Population: 51,621,506
	Penetration of population w/ internet	49%	Labor Force: 20,230,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	12,700	Life Expectancy: 57
	Unemployment / year est.	24.9% / 2013	Church Members: 61,221
	Population below poverty line:	31.3%	Congregations: 159

[Zuma offers to #PayBackTheMoney for Nkandla](#)

President Jacob Zuma has proposed a "solution" to the Nkandla scandal – a week before a court case brought against him is set to start.

[Jacob Zuma, South African Leader, to Repay Part of Money Spent on His Home](#)

LONDON — The South African president, Jacob Zuma, agreed on Wednesday to repay the government part of the \$23 million in public funds that were spent on lavish improvements to his home, in an attempt to defuse a controversy that has dogged his administration and the governing party, the African National Congress.

The improvements to Mr. Zuma's spacious homestead, just south of the town of Nkandla in KwaZulu-Natal Province, were made shortly after he took office in 2009. They included a swimming pool, a visitor center, a helipad, a cattle enclosure, an amphitheater, three houses for Mr. Zuma's personal employees and even a

chicken coop. (The government tried to justify the swimming pool by characterizing it as potential firefighting equipment.)

[Recession looms in South Africa- World Bank](#)

South Africa's economy is at risk of falling into recession.

This is according to the World Bank which cut the nation's growth forecast for 2016 to 0.8% .



South Sudan R		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	28% / 12%	Population: 11,749,434
		Penetration of population w/ internet	15.9	Labor Force:
		GDP per capita USD\$	2,000 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 62
		Unemployment / year est.	12% / 2008	Church Members:
		Population below poverty line:	50.6% / 2009	Congregations:


Swaziland R		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	70% / 11%	Population: 1,280,595
		Penetration of population w/ internet	27.1%	Labor Force: 435,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	7,800 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 49
		Unemployment / year est.	28.5% / 2010	Church Members: 1,768
		Population below poverty line:	69%	Congregations: 4

Tanzania R		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	62% / 24%	Population: 50,998,619
		Penetration of population w/ internet	15%	Labor Force: 25,000,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	1,900 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 61
		Unemployment / year est.	10.7% / 2011	Church Members: 1,336
		Population below poverty line:	36% / 2002	Congregations: 6

[Tanzania to drop live TV coverage of parliament](#)

Tanzania plans to axe live parliamentary TV broadcasts, angering opposition legislators. Journalists and rights activists are still smarting over the closure by the government of a Swahili-language weekly.

Uganda R	 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	64% / 11%	Population: 40,777,196
		Penetration of population w/ internet	23%	Labor Force: 18,000,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	1,800	Life Expectancy: 59
		Unemployment / year est.	4.2% / 2010	Church Members: 13,248
		Population below poverty line:	25.5%	Congregations: 26

Zambia R		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	73% / 10%	Population: 15,549,296
		Penetration of population w/ internet	18%	Labor Force: 6,338,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	4,100	Life Expectancy: 58
		Unemployment / year est.	15% / 2008	Church Members: 3,359
		Population below poverty line:	60.5%	Congregations:

[Zambia closes two government universities after student protests](#)



LUSAKA, Feb 3 (Reuters) - Zambia closed two government universities on Wednesday following violent student protests over unpaid meal allowances, its higher education minister said.

Minister Michael Kaingu said the government had indefinitely closed the University of Zambia and Copperbelt University to protect people's lives and property.

"All students are expected to leave the two university campuses by midnight tonight," Kaingu told a media briefing.

Police had apprehended 26 University of Zambia students who blocked a road and stoned motor vehicles in Lusaka late on Tuesday during the protest, police spokeswoman Charity Chanda said.

Dozens of other students at the Copperbelt University in Kitwe who were involved in a separate protest were apprehended, Chanda said.

Zimbabwe R	 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	102% / 98%	Population: 15,762,551
		Penetration of population w/ internet	47%	Labor Force: 5,063,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	2,000 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 60
		Unemployment / year est.	95% / 2009	Church Members: 26,156
		Population below poverty line:	68% / 2004	Congregations: 64

[Zimbabwe's prosecutor-general arrested 'for failing to take up Mugabe dairy bombing plot'](#)

Johannes Tomana, the former attorney-general, is accused of obstructing justice over handling of a 'highly suspect' case against two men accused of plotting to bomb a dairy run by Grace Mugabe

Zimbabwe's prosecutor-general was on Tuesday taken to court by riot police after he reportedly failed to prosecute two men over an alleged plot to bomb a dairy owned by Robert and Grace Mugabe.

Johannes Tomana was escorted into Harare Magistrate's Court on Tuesday by four detectives and several uniformed policemen including anti-riot officers, allegedly to answer a case of charged with criminal abuse of office and an alternative charge of defeating the course of justice.

Journalists were unable to attend the hearing but Zimbabwe's state media reported that the shock arrest was down to his decision to drop charges against two of a total of four men detained last week over an alleged plot to bomb one of Zimbabwe's biggest dairies that is run by first lady Grace Mugabe.

[Zimbabwe Court Strikes Down Criminal Defamation Law](#)

HARARE—

Zimbabwe's Constitutional Court has struck down a criminal defamation law that had led to hundreds of journalists being arrested in past years.

Justices from Zimbabwe's Constitutional Court unanimously struck down the criminal defamation law after an official from the attorney general's office, Venrandah Munyoro, was forced to concede the legislation had no place in a democracy.

She refused to speak to journalists after the ruling.

"No, I am not allowed to talk. [Coco: But you were speaking in court?] That was in court. [Coco: What is the difference?] I am outside court," she said.

In their application, journalists from the Media Institute of Southern Africa argued criminal defamation was unconstitutional and violated media freedom guaranteed by Zimbabwe's new constitution.



[Double stretch: The journey to clearing Zimbabwe's landmines](#)

(4:45 vid)

Nearly 40 years after the conflict ended, landmines laid along the Zimbabwe's border with Mozambique continue to pose a threat to the lives and livelihoods of rural communities. Since 2012, the ICRC has been assisting the Zimbabwe Mine Action Centre (ZIMAC) to strengthen its capacity to remove landmines in the Crooks Corner to Sango Border Post minefield in the southeastern Zimbabwe. In this video, we look at the challenges faced by deminers and the progress achieved so far.

[Zimbabwe is 'North Korea lite'](#)

(An interesting article.-rb)

 <p>Data Provided for comparison</p>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	102% / 85%	Population: 324,343,287
		Penetration of population w/ internet	90%	Labor Force: 156,000,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	54,800 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 79
		Unemployment / year est.	5.5% / 2015	Church Members: 6,466,267
		Population below poverty line:	15.1% / 2010	14,018 Congregations

Travel Advisories/Warnings R

[Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Potential Security Threat](#) January 8, 2016

The U.S. Embassy has received information regarding a potential security threat in Luanda, Angola. As a precautionary measure, the U.S. Embassy advises U.S. Citizens to avoid the following three locations:

- 1) Belas Shopping (located in the Talatona area of Luanda)
- 2) Ulengo Commercial Center (located in the Viana area of Luanda)
- 3) Hotel Baía (located along the Nova Marginal in Luanda)

This security advisory is effective immediately and will remain in place until February 8, 2016 unless an additional notice is provided by the U.S. Embassy.

[State Department warns that Cameroon is a high-risk travel destination for U.S. citizens](#) 4 January 2016

The U.S. State Department is warning Americans about the high risk of traveling to Cameroon. In particular, the department said, U.S. citizens should avoid all travel to the north regions because of the general threat of violent crime, terrorism and the targeting of Westerners for kidnappings and murder.

The terrorist group Boko Haram continues to be a presence in the region. Since July 2015, the group has carried out at least 14 suicide bombings in the north, the State Department reported. The northeastern Nigerian Islamist group has been even more deadly than Islamic State this year.....

[State Dept. issues worldwide travel alert for U.S. citizens due to increased terrorist threats](#) 20 December 2015

(MyFoxBoston.com) -- The State Department issued a worldwide travel alert for U.S. citizens Monday due to increased terrorist threats.

According to the State Dept., their latest information says that ISIL, al-Qa'ida, Boko Haram, and other terrorist groups are planning attacks in several regions. The department says the attacks may involve a variety of tactics, including conventional and non-conventional weapons and "targeting both official and private interests."

The department also believes there is a continuing threat from "unaffiliated persons" that may plan attacks inspired by other terrorist organizations.

U.S. citizens should take extreme caution when traveling, the department says, and always be aware of your surroundings. This alert says Americans could be at risk anywhere throughout the world.

Homeland Security Expert Anthony Amore said, "There wouldn't be an alert if there wasn't some intelligence telling the government that Americans have to be on the lookout."

[Democratic Republic of the Congo Travel Warning](#) Saturday, December 05, 2015 :: Staff infoZine

The Department of State warns U.S. citizens of the risks of travel to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (a.k.a. DRC or Congo-Kinshasa).

Washington DC - infoZine - U.S. citizens should avoid all but essential travel to the provinces of North Kivu, South Kivu, the provinces of Bas-Uele, Haut-Uele and Ituriz (northeastern part of the former Oriental Province) and particularly the new provinces of Tanganyika and Haut-Lomami (northeastern and central parts of the former province of Katanga), where instability and sporadic violence continues. Very poor transportation infrastructure throughout the country and poor security conditions in eastern DRC make it difficult for the U.S. Embassy to provide consular services anywhere outside of Kinshasa.

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Africa Southeast Area Newsroom & Facebook sites

Countries	 Mormon Newsroom Sites Link from these sites to Facebook!	 Mormon Newsroom Facebook sites.
Church HQ	<u>Mormon Newsroom</u>	<u>Mormon Newsroom Facebook page (English)</u>
Angola	<u>Angola Mormon Newsroom</u>	<u>Angola Mormon Newsroom Facebook (Portuguese)</u>
Botswana	none	<u>Botswana Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)</u>
Congo DR	<u>DR Congo Mormon Newsroom</u>	<u>DR Congo Mormon Newsroom Facebook (French)</u>

Congo Rep	none	Republic of Congo Mormon Newsroom Facebook (French)
Indian Ocean	Indian Ocean Newsroom	Indian Ocean Mormon Newsroom Facebook (French)
Kenya	Kenya Mormon Newsroom	Kenya Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
Madagascar	Indian Ocean Newsroom	Madagascar Mormon Newsroom Facebook (French)
Malawi	None	Malawi Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
Mozambique	None	Mozambique Mormon Newsroom Facebook (Portuguese)
Namibia	None	Namibia Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
South Africa	South Africa Mormon Newsroom	South Africa Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
Uganda	Uganda Mormon Newsroom	Uganda Mormon Newsroom Facebook page (English)
Zambia	none	Zambia Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe Mormon Newsroom	Zimbabwe Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
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Helping Hands	Mormon Helping Hands - Africa Southeast Facebook page	
Public Affairs	All Public Affairs individuals are able to access the Public Affairs Network (Secure Site) at this link: Public Affairs Network	
AFRICASE	Africa Southeast Page	Africa Southeast Area Facebook page
	Liahona Issues (downloadable)	Liahona Local Inserts
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CREATE.Ids.org	Create and Share your media Talents !!!!	
Church Resources	LDS.org	Mormon.org
	Deseret News	LDS Media Library
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Emergency Preparedness:	Emergency Preparedness and Response	

Historical Events in Church History for Countries in the ASEA Area

(and related events)

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Country	Year	Date	Historical Event
Zimbabwe	1999	January 1 *	1999: Zimbabwe's first stake is organized in Harare. The first full edition of the Book of Mormon is published in Shona, a native language of Zimbabwe.
Zimbabwe	1980	February 1	Rhodesia becomes Zimbabwe
Swaziland	1990	February 21	In what has been termed a continuation of events in the "dawning of a new day in Africa," Elder Neal A. Maxwell of the Council of the Twelve dedicated two African kingdoms to the work of the Lord and for the preaching of the gospel. Swaziland, an independent mountain kingdom bordered on three sides by South Africa and by Mozambique on its eastern side, was dedicated Feb. 21. Lesotho, a kingdom surrounded by South Africa, was dedicated Feb. 22.
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Zimbabwe	2013	APRIL 1	2013: Edward Dube is called to the First Quorum of the Seventy, making him the first General Authority from Zimbabwe.
South Africa	1853	April 19	When the first LDS missionaries arrived in Cape Town in 1853, they climbed Lion's Head (which they called Mount Brigham Heber Willard, in honor of the Church's First Presidency) and dedicated the land to the growth of the gospel.
Zimbabwe	2009	July 1	2009: Edward Dube becomes the first native mission president to serve in Zimbabwe.
Nigeria	2005	August 7	Aba Nigeria temple dedicated August, 2005
Zambia	1992	August 20	Zambia-On Aug. 20, at a secluded spot on a hill near a lake on university grounds in the capital city of Lusaka, Elder Nelson dedicated the nation of Zambia to the preaching of the gospel. "It was a touching scene," commented Pres. Vern Marble of the neighboring Zimbabwe Harare Mission who was present for the prayer of dedication.
Botswana	1992	August 21	The prayer of dedication on the nation of Botswana was offered by Elder Scott on Aug. 21 , in a small clearing in the Gaborone Game Reserve. Nearly 100 people were present, including members and missionaries.
Cameroon	2009	August 21	Elder Holland dedicated the country of Cameroon on August 21, 2009, on a green hillside overlooking Cameroon's capital city of Yaounde in the company of local church leaders. Later in the day, approximately 600 people gathered to hear Elder Holland speak at Yaounde's City Center. http://www.mormonwiki.com/Missionary_Work
Namibia	1992	August 22	In Namibia, on Aug. 22, a small group of members gathered on Tower Hill in Windhoek to witness the dedication of the land by Elder Nelson. Namibia is part of the South Africa Cape Town Mission. Its president, Blaine Hudson, described the gathering as "the Lord's people who in the past years have been faithful in the desert and in the wilderness, and have made it blossom as a rose."
Congo Rep (Brazzaville)	1992	August 24	The nation of Congo was dedicated Aug. 24 by Elder Scott. Elder Nelson briefly addressed the small gathering of members and leaders who gathered in a peaceful setting in a shaded area located on a hillside overlooking treetops about 10 miles down the Congo River from the capital city of Brazzaville. A picturesque Congolese village was visible in

			the distance beyond the river's rapids. About 65 members and leaders of three branches in Congo attended the dedication.
South Africa	1985	August 24	1985: On August 24–25 the Johannesburg South Africa Temple is dedicated. https://www.lds.org/ensign/1993/02/south-africa-land-of-good-hope?lang=eng
Rwanda	2009	August 27	Elder Holland dedicated Rwanda on Aug. 27 during a sacred moment on the top of a mountain overlooking the capital city, Kigali. http://www.mormonwiki.com/Missionary_Work
Ethiopia	1993	September 16	The Church was officially recognized in Ethiopia on 16 September 1993.
Burundi	2010	October 19	The chosen dedication spot for the country of Burundi was located on a hill overlooking Bujumbura, the capital city, with Lake Tanganyika shining in the distance beyond. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve pronounced a blessing upon the country of Burundi in the Great Lakes region of Eastern Africa. Elder Holland offered a blessing on the people and the nation, dedicating the country of Burundi for missionary work on Oct. 19.
Angola	2010	October 20	On Wednesday, Oct. 20, a small group of Church leaders and members gathered at the base of a large, several-hundred-year-old baobab tree on a quiet hill overlooking the Atlantic Ocean to the west and the capital city of Luanda, Angola, to the north, where Elder Christofferson pronounced a blessing upon the country and formally opened Angola to missionary work.
Uganda	1991	October 23	In late October 1991, Elder James E. Faust of the Quorum of the Twelve dedicated Uganda, Kenya, and Zimbabwe for the preaching of the gospel and the establishment of the Church. On October 23, Elder Faust, accompanied by Elder Richard P. Lindsay of the Seventy, who serves as president of the Africa Area, dedicated Uganda from the capital city, Kampala. Earlier this year, Uganda granted the Church official status. https://www.lds.org/ensign/1992/02/news-of-the-church/uganda-kenya-zimbabwe-dedicated?lang=eng
Kenya	1991	October 24	The next day, October 24, Elder Faust, Elder Lindsay, and President Larry Brown of the Kenya Nairobi Mission traveled to Nairobi, Kenya, where more than one hundred Church members gathered for the outdoor service. https://www.lds.org/ensign/1992/02/news-of-the-church/uganda-kenya-zimbabwe-dedicated?lang=eng In the dedicatory prayer, Elder Faust said, “We acknowledge this as a blessed land.” The prayer contained references to Kenya’s beauty, grandeur, and abundant plant and animal life. Elder Faust asked that “the beasts of the earth, which have historically been native to this land, may continue to find a home.”
Zambia	1964	October 24	1964: Northern Rhodesia becomes Zambia, and Southern Rhodesia becomes Rhodesia.
Zimbabwe	1991	October 25	1991: On October 25 Elder James E. Faust (1920–2007) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles dedicates Zimbabwe for the preaching of the gospel.
Malawi	2011	October 25	While the first branch of the Church in Malawi was organized in 1999 and there are now about 1,000 members in four branches, the land had not been formally dedicated. Elder Nelson and others met as a small group for that purpose on Oct. 25. (2011)
Zimbabwe	1991	October 25	On October 25, Elder Faust and Elder Lindsay met Zimbabwe Harare Mission President Vern Marble for the dedication of Zimbabwe. “Before the meeting, the Saints of Zimbabwe had been fasting and praying for rain,” Elder Lindsay said. “As the dedicatory prayer by Elder Faust concluded, a gentle rain began to fall, and rainfall increased for days afterward.” In the prayer, Elder Faust asked for a blessing upon the earth of Zimbabwe and prayed that the land would “continue to provide the abundance which it has in the past. ... May the rain fall and the streams flow, and the sun kiss the land to provide for thy people.” https://www.lds.org/ensign/1992/02/news-of-the-church/uganda-kenya-zimbabwe-dedicated?lang=eng
Central Africa Republic	2012	October 29	On a heavily forested hillside overlooking the capital city of Bangui, Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve offered a prayer of dedication and blessing upon the country and people of the Central African Republic. The prayer was offered Monday, October 29, on Gbazabangui hillside overlooking the Ubangi River—a major tributary of the Congo River—a few degrees north of the equator that is the original site of the Bangui people. https://www.lds.org/church/news/elder-holland-dedicates-central-african-republic?lang=eng
Gabon	2013	November 5	On November 5, 2013, eleven days after the Church received full legal status in the Central African country of Gabon, Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles performed a powerful and significant country dedicatory prayer in a forest clearing at the base of a tall tree. He was accompanied by his wife, Susan K. Bednar, and local leaders: Elder Carl B. Cook of the Africa Southeast Area Presidency and his wife, Sister Lynette H. Cook; President W. Bryce Cook, president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo Kinshasa Mission, and his wife, Sister Karol Cook; and President Armand Mpandou, president of the Libreville Gabon Branch.
Tanzania	2003	November 18	The East African nation of Tanzania was blessed and dedicated Nov. 18 by Elder Russell M. Nelson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Elder Nelson, who was accompanied by his wife, Sister Dantzel Nelson, gathered for the occasion on a sunny afternoon with some 15 members and Church leaders on a promontory overlooking Oyster Bay on the Indian Ocean, near the capital city of Dar es Salaam. http://www.ldschurchnewsarchive.com/articles/44749/Gospel-takes-root-in-Tanzania.html
Mauritius	1988	November 22	The islands of Mauritius and Réunion, in the Mascarene Islands Mission, were dedicated late in 1988 for the preaching of the gospel. https://www.lds.org/ensign/1989/03/news-of-the-church/mauritius-reunion-dedicated-for-missionary-work?lang=eng Elder Marvin J. Ashton of the Council of the Twelve dedicated the two islands, located off the southeast coast of Africa. He visited Mauritius, an independent nation of 1.1 million, on November 22, and Réunion, an overseas department of France with a population of 500,000, on November 23.
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			https://www.lds.org/ensign/1989/03/news-of-the-church/mauritius-union-dedicated-for-missionary-work?lang=eng
South Africa	1973	December 1	In 1973, President Spencer W. Kimball rededicated South Africa “to the preaching of the gospel ... to the transformation of lives.” Among the many blessings pronounced by this prophet of God, none was more thrilling than his request that “processes might converge to bring a temple to this land” and that “no hungry or thirsty soul may ever miss the privilege of hearing and accepting the truth.” https://www.lds.org/ensign/1993/02/south-africa-land-of-good-hope?lang=eng

Books of Interest about Africa



‘I Dreamed of Africa’ ISBN 0140287442 (ISBN13: 9780140287448)
This is a beautifully written book about a woman who moves to Africa from Italy, learns to love the country, learns to love the animals and especially learns to love its people. A tender story of survival through hard times. Very tender. (Review by Sister Ford serving in Kenya.)

‘Left to Tell’ by Immaculee Ilibagiza (2014) ISBN 978-1-4019-4432-2
‘Left to Tell’ tells Immaculée Ilibagiza’s experience during the 1994 Rwandan genocide. She survived hidden for 91 days with seven other women in a small bathroom, no larger than 3 feet (0.91 m) long and 4 feet (1.2 m) wide with an area of 12 feet. The bathroom was concealed in a room behind a wardrobe in the home of a Hutu pastor. During the genocide, most of Ilibagiza’s family was killed by Hutu Interahamwe soldiers: her mother, her father, and her two brothers Damascene and Vianney. Besides herself, the only other survivor in her family was her brother Aimable, who was studying out of the country in Senegal and did not know the war was going on. In Left to Tell, Ilibagiza shares how her Roman Catholic faith guided her through her terrible ordeal, and describes her eventual forgiveness and compassion toward her family's killers.

‘Unbowed: A Memoir’ by Wangari Maathai (2007) ISBN 978-0-307-27520-2
In Unbowed, Nobel Prize winner Wangari Maathai recounts her extraordinary journey from her childhood in rural Kenya to the world stage. When Maathai founded the Green Belt Movement in 1977, she began a vital poor people’s environmental movement, focused on the empowerment of women that soon spread across Africa. Persevering through run-ins with the Kenyan government and personal losses, and jailed and beaten on numerous occasions, Maathai continued to fight tirelessly to save Kenya’s forests and to restore democracy to her beloved country. Infused with her unique luminosity of spirit, Wangari Maathai’s remarkable story of courage, faith, and the power of persistence is destined to inspire generations to come.

‘The Shackled Continent’ by Robert Guest (2004) ISBN-13: 978-0-330-41972 ISBN-10: 0-330-41972-2
The Shackled Continent provides a persuasive look into the persistent problems of modern Africa and offers some possible solutions.

‘Long Walk to Freedom’ by Nelson Mandela (2010) ISBN 9780230013858
‘Long Walk to Freedom’ is an autobiographical work written by South African President Nelson Mandela, and published in 1995 by Little Brown & Co. The book profiles his early life, coming of age, education and 27 years in prison. Under the apartheid government, Mandela was regarded as a terrorist and jailed on the infamous Robben Island for his role as a leader of the then-outlawed ANC. He has since achieved international recognition for his leadership as president in rebuilding the country's once segregated society. The last chapters of the book describe his political ascension, and his belief that the struggle continues against apartheid in South Africa.

‘Dark Star Safari’ by Paul Theroux (2004) ISBN-10 0618446877 ISBN-13: 978-8446872
‘Dark Star Safari’ (2002) is a written account of a trip taken by author Paul Theroux 'overland from Cairo to Cape Town' via trains, buses, cars, and armed convoy. Theroux had lived in Africa as a young and idealistic early member of the Peace Corps and part of the reason for this trip was to assess the impact on Africa of the many years of "helping" from Western countries. **His assessment is generally critical of the long-term impact of aid programs.**

If you have any books that you have read that you would like to include in this section, Please, email me the information.

Movies of Interest about Africa



Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom 2013	Zulu (1964)
Hotel Rwanda (2004)	Out of Africa (1985)
Invictus (2009)	The Last King of Scotland (2006)
Mandela and de Klerk (1997)	

If you have any movies that you have watched that you would like to include in this section, Please, email me the information.

- Sources of information for country banners:**
- All **church membership** information is provided by [Mormon Newsroom](#) by clicking on the ‘Africa’ continent on the map (at the right) and then finding the desired country on the list. The information is reviewed from the list and updated as necessary.
 - All **keywords** and **country** information is collected from an Internet scan of about 60 specific keywords that is supplied to me at 0300 each morning via [Google alerts](#). This keyword list is reviewed and updated as needed.
 - All **Population data** are from [Country Meters](#) and is updated as needed.
 - All **Cellphone** and **smartphone** data are from [GMSA Intelligence](#) and is updated as needed.
 - All **Internet users by country** data are from [Internet Live Stats](#) and [Internet World Stats](#) is reviewed as needed.
 - GNI** (Gross National Income per capita) and **Life Expectancy** data is from [The World Bank](#)
 - Unemployment and other** data are from [Photius](#) , [IECONOMICS](#), [Quandl](#), [Wikipedia](#), [Theodora](#) & [The World Factbook](#).

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