

## **BAHAMAS**

### **BBC News – Country Profile**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country\\_profiles/1154642.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1154642.stm)

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Embassy of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, 2200 Massachusetts Avenue N.W., Washington D.C. 20008, telephone (202) 319-2660, or the Bahamian Consulates in Miami or New York. Additional information is available on [The Bahamas Tourist Board](http://www.bahamas.com) web site <http://www.bahamas.com>, by telephone at 1-800-422-4262, and on the official web site of the Government of The Bahamas, <http://www.bahamas.com.bs/>.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

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<http://travel.state.gov/bahamas.html>

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=9](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=9)

### **The World Factbook: (August 2003)**

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/bf.html>

## **BAHRAIN**

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle\\_east/country\\_profiles/790690.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/country_profiles/790690.stm)

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Embassy of the State of Bahrain, 3502 International Drive, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone (202) 342-0741; or the Bahrain Permanent Mission to the U.N., 2 United Nations Plaza, East 44th St., New York, N.Y. 10017, telephone (212) 223-6200. Information also may be obtained from [the Embassy's Internet home page](#) at <http://www.bahrainembassy.org>.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/postrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=10](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/postrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=10)

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ba.html>

## **BANGLADESH**

**“Bangladesh is one of world's most densely populated countries, with its people crammed into a delta of rivers that empties into the Bay of Bengal.**

**Poverty is deep and widespread, although Bangladesh has made progress in reducing population growth and improving health and education. The country is vulnerable to flooding and cyclones.” BBC News**

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[Embassy of the people's republic of Bangladesh](#), 3510 International Drive, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone 202-244-0183, fax 202-244-5366, website <http://www.bangladoot.org>, or the Bangladesh Consulates in New York, 211 E. 43rd Street, Suite 502, New York, NY 10017, telephone 212-599-6767, or Los Angeles, 10850 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1250, Los Angeles, CA 90024, telephone 310-441- 9399.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

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<http://travel.state.gov/bangladesh.html>

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south\\_asia/country\\_profiles/1160598.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/country_profiles/1160598.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=11](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=11)

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/bg.html>

## **BARBADOS**

### **BBC News – Country Profile**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country\\_profiles/1154116.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1154116.stm)

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[For further information, travelers may contact the Embassy of Barbados](#), 2144 Wyoming Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone (202) 939-9200, fax (202) 332-7467, Internet e-mail: [barbados@oas.org](mailto:barbados@oas.org); or the consulates of Barbados in Los Angeles, Miami or New York.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

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<http://travel.state.gov/barbados.html>

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=12](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=12)

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/bb.html>

## **BELARUS**

*“The present borders of Belarus date from 1939, when Stalin annexed eastern Poland in a pact with Hitler.*

*The country was occupied by the Nazis between 1941 and 1944, when it lost 2.2 million people, including most of its large Jewish population.*

*It became independent in 1991, following the collapse of the Soviet Union. Over a decade later, the sense of national identity is weak and the nature of political links with Russia remains a key issue.” BBC News*

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[For more information concerning entry requirements, travelers should contact the Belarus Embassy](#) located at 1619 New Hampshire Ave, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009, tel. (202) 986-1606; Internet: <http://www.belarusembassy.org> or the Belarus Consulate in New York at 708 Third Avenue, 21st floor, New York, NY, 10017, tel. (212) 682-5392.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

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<http://travel.state.gov/belarus.html>

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/1102180.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1102180.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=13](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=13)

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/bo.html>

## **BELGIUM**

**“For such a small country, Belgium has been a major European battleground over the centuries.**

**Occupied by Germany during World Wars I and II, it has experienced an economic boom in the last 50 years to become a model Western European liberal democracy.**

**Brussels is home to the headquarters of the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (Nato).” BBC News**

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Embassy of Belgium at 3330 Garfield Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008, telephone (202) 333-6900 or one of the Belgian Consulates General in Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, or New York. [The web site of the Belgian Embassy in the United States](http://www.diplobel.org/usa) is <http://www.diplobel.org/usa>.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

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<http://travel.state.gov/belgium.html>

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/999709.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/999709.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/ustrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=14](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/ustrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=14)

### **The World Factbook: (August 2003)**

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/be.html>

## **BELIZE**

### **BBC News – Country Profile**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country\\_profiles/1211472.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1211472.stm)

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[the Embassy of Belize](#) at 2535 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20008, telephone (202) 332-9636 or at their web site <http://www.embassyofbelize.org/home.html>. Information is also available at the Belizean Consular offices in Miami, Los Angeles, Chicago, New Orleans, Detroit, San Juan (Puerto Rico), Dallas, Houston, San Francisco, and Belleville, IL, or at the Belizean Mission to the UN in New York.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

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<http://travel.state.gov/belize.html>

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=15](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=15)

### **The World Factbook: (August 2003)**

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/bh.html>

## **BENIN**

**“Benin, formerly known as Dahomey, has emerged as a beacon of democracy and one of the most stable countries in Africa.**

**In the first decade after independence in 1960 the country was ruled by a succession of military leaders until Major Mathieu Kerekou seized power in 1972 and gradually restored civilian rule.**

**Kerekou was defeated in 1991 elections but made a comeback in 1996. Parliamentary polls in 1999 were contested by 35 parties.” BBC News**

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Embassy of the Republic of Benin, 2124 Kalorama Rd., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone: (202) 232-6656. Overseas, inquiries should be made at the nearest Embassy of Benin. Travelers who intend to visit Nigeria from Benin should obtain Nigerian visas prior to arriving in Benin as the Nigerian Embassy in Cotonou may decline to consider applications for visas by U.S. citizens not resident in Benin.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/benin.html>

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country\\_profiles/1064527.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1064527.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=16](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=16)

### **The World Factbook: (August 2003)**

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/bn.html>

## **BERMUDA**

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New York, telephone (212) 745-0273/3206/0281, or the British consulate in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, New York or San Francisco; Internet:

<http://www.britain-info.org> or [the Bermuda Department of Immigration;](http://www.bermuda.gov.bm)

<http://www.immigration.gov.bm>.

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<http://travel.state.gov/bermuda.html>

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=17](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=17)

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/bd.html>

## **BOLIVIA**

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Consular Section of the Bolivian Embassy at 1819 H Street, N.W, Suite 240, Washington, DC 20006; telephone (202) 232-4827/4828; or the Bolivian consulate in Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York, San Francisco, or Seattle.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

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<http://travel.state.gov/bolivia.html>

### **Country Profile - BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country\\_profiles/1210487.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1210487.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=18](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=18)

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/bl.html>

## **BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINIA**

**“The Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina is still struggling to recover from three years of bloody inter-ethnic war during 1992-95.**

**Around 250,000 people died in the conflict between Bosnian Muslims, Croats and Serbs - part of the break-up of Yugoslavia. A NATO-led Stabilization Force, S-For, remains responsible for safeguarding peace and stability.” BBC News**

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[For additional information concerning longer stays, employment, and other types of visas, please contact the Consulate General](#), 886 U.N. Plaza, Suite 580, New York, NY 10017, telephone 212-593-0264 or the Internet address <http://www.bosnianembassy.org>. Overseas, inquiries may be made to the nearest Bosnian embassy or consulate.

### **Consular Information Sheet - US Department of State**

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<http://travel.state.gov/bosnia-herzegovinia.html>

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/1066886.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1066886.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=19](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=19)

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/bk.html>

## **BOTSWANA**

**“Botswana is Africa's longest continuous multiparty democracy. It is among the continent's most stable countries, is relatively free of corruption and has a good human rights record.**

**Botswana is also among the world's biggest diamond producers and protects some of the continent's largest areas of wilderness.**

**The country is sparsely populated, because it is so dry.**

**The Kalahari desert, home to the dwindling group of Bushman hunter gatherers, makes up much of the country and most areas are too arid to sustain any agriculture other than cattle.” BBC News**

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Embassy of the Republic of Botswana, 1531 – 1533 New Hampshire Ave, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, telephone (202) 244-4990/1, fax (202) 244-4164 or the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations, 103 E. 37th St., New York, NY, telephone (212) 889-2277, fax(212) 725-5061. There are also honorary consuls in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Houston. Overseas inquiries should be made to the nearest Botswana Embassy or Consulate.

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<http://travel.state.gov/botswana.html>

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country\\_profiles/1068674.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1068674.stm)

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/bc.html>

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Brazilian Embassy at 3009 Whitehaven St. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20008; telephone (202) 238-2818, e-mail [consular@brasilemb.org](mailto:consular@brasilemb.org); Internet: <http://www.brasilemb.org>.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

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<http://travel.state.gov/brazil.html>

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country\\_profiles/1227110.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1227110.stm)

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/br.html>

## **BRUNEI**

**“A tiny country with a small population, Brunei was the only Malay state in 1963 to choose to remain a British dependency rather than join the Malaysian Federation.**

**It eventually became independent in 1984 and, thanks to sizeable deposits of oil and gas, now has one of the highest standards of living in the world.**

**Its head of state, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, is reputedly one of the world's richest persons.” BBC News**

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[the Embassy of Brunei](http://www.bruniembassy.org), 3520 International Court, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008; tel. (202) 342-0159 (<http://www.bruniembassy.org>).

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/brunei.html>

### **Country Profile: BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/country\\_profiles/1298607.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/country_profiles/1298607.stm)

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<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/bx.html>

## **BULGARIA**

**“Bulgaria's transition to democracy and market economy after the collapse of communism has not been smooth.**

**Throughout the first half of the 1990s, Bulgaria was wracked by political instability and strikes. The former communists, renamed the Bulgarian Socialist Party, remained a powerful influence. There was little tangible progress with reforms.**

**Bulgaria experienced a period of political stability after 1997, when Ivan Kostov became prime minister. Kostov was defeated in elections in June 2001 by Bulgaria's former King, Simeon II who has sought to press ahead with the market reforms required to meet EU economic targets.” BBC News**

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[The Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria](http://www.bulgaria-embassy.org) at 1621 22nd St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008; Internet <http://www.bulgaria-embassy.org>, tel. (202) 483-5885 (main switchboard (202) 387-7969) or the Bulgarian Consulate in New York City.

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Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/bulgaria.html>

### **BBC News – Country Profile**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/1059735.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1059735.stm)

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Covers a wide variety of information provided to foreign service officers and their families prior to embarking to a new country. Includes living conditions, employment issues for spouses, availability of products, and much more.

[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=23](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=23)

### **The World Factbook: (August 2003)**

CIA overview of Geography, People, Government, Economy, Communications, Transportation, Military and Transnational Issues.

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/bu.html>

## **BURKINA FASO**

**“A poor country even by West African standards, the landlocked state of Burkina Faso has suffered from recurring droughts, matched in number only by the military coups it has endured, especially during the 1980s.**

**Lacking in resources, water and fertile soil, Burkina Faso has also been hit by falling gold prices, forcing it to close down its biggest gold mine.” BBC News**

### **Embassy in the U.S.**

Currency, Exchange Control, Credit Cards, Telephone, Time Zone, Business Hours, Electricity, Official Languages, On-Line and Paper Maps, Foreign Organizations, (Embassies, NGOs, Clubs), Arts and Crafts, Photography, Weather, Points of Interest, and More.

Embassy of BurkinaFasso  
2340 Massachusetts Avenue, NW,  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
telephone (202) 332-5577  
<http://burkinaembassy-usa.org>.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country  
[http://travel.state.gov/burkina\\_faso.html](http://travel.state.gov/burkina_faso.html)

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country\\_profiles/1032616.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1032616.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/postrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=24](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/postrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=24)

### **The World Factbook: (August 2003)**

CIA overview of Geography, People, Government, Economy, Communications, Transportation, Military and Transnational Issues.

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/uv.html>

## **BURMA**

### **Embassy in the U.S.**

Currency, Exchange Control, Credit Cards, Telephone, Time Zone, Business Hours, Electricity, Official Languages, On-Line and Paper Maps, Foreign Organizations, (Embassies, NGOs, Clubs), Arts and Crafts, Photography, Weather, Points of Interest, and More.

Embassy of the Union of Myanmar  
2300 S Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008  
Telephone 202-332-9044/6  
or the Permanent Mission of Myanmar to the U.N.  
10 East 77th St., New York, N.Y. 10021  
(212-535-1311).

Overseas inquiries may be made at the nearest embassy or consulate of Burma (Myanmar).

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/burma.html>

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=25](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=25)

### **The World Factbook: (August 2003)**

CIA overview of Geography, People, Government, Economy, Communications, Transportation, Military and Transnational Issues.

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/bm.html>

## **BURUNDI**

**“Since independence in 1961 Burundi has been plagued by tension between the dominant Tutsi minority and the Hutu majority and has been the scene of one of Africa's most intractable conflicts.**

**In 1993 Burundi seemed poised to enter a new era when, in their first democratic elections, Burundians chose their first Hutu head of state, Melchior Ndadaye, and a parliament dominated by the Hutu Front for Democracy in Burundi (Frodebu) party.” BBCnews**

### **Consulate in the U.S.**

Currency, Exchange Control, Credit Cards, Telephone, Time Zone, Business Hours, Electricity, Official Languages, On-Line and Paper Maps, Foreign Organizations, (Embassies, NGOs, Clubs), Arts and Crafts, Photography, Weather, Points of Interest, and More.

Embassy of the Republic of Burundi, Suite 212, 2233 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007; telephone (202) 342-2574, or from the Permanent Mission of Burundi to the United Nations in New York at telephone (212) 499-0001 thru 0006. Overseas, inquiries may be made at the nearest Burundian embassy or consulate.

### **Consular Information Sheet - U.S. Department of State**

Health, safety and other up-to-date advisories about the country

<http://travel.state.gov/burundi.html>

### **Country Profile – BBC News**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country\\_profiles/1068873.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1068873.stm)

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[http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr\\_view\\_all.asp?CntryID=26](http://foia.state.gov/MMS/posrpt/pr_view_all.asp?CntryID=26)

### **The World Factbook: (August 2003)**

CIA overview of Geography, People, Government, Economy, Communications, Transportation, Military and Transnational Issues.

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/by.html>