



Tajikistan

*Mountainous former Soviet republic
is Central Asia's poorest nation*

Full name: ***Republic of Tajikistan***

Area: **143,100 sq km**

Population: **8.01 million (2012)**

Population aged 0-14 years: **36%**

Life expectancy: **65 years (men),
71 years (women)**

Background: Gained independence
in 1991 after fall of Soviet Union.

Five-year civil war led to over 50,000
deaths, ended by 1997 UN-brokered
peace between President ***Emomali
Rahmon's*** Russian-backed regime
and Islamist-led opposition

Economy

GDP: **\$6.98 billion (2012)**

GNI per capita: **\$860 (2012)**

Inflation: **7.9% (2012 est.)**

Labour force: **3.3 million (2011)**

Jobless rate: **2.5% (2012 est.)**

Poverty rate: **46.7% (2009)**

GDP by sector: Agriculture **20.0%**,
industry **20.2%**, services **59.8%**



***Emomali
Rahmon*** – took
power in 1992



Recent events: Tajikistan remains
reliant on Russia for oil and internal
security. Oct 2013 deal with Moscow
extends Russian military presence
in Tajikistan until at least 2042.
Rahmon poised for new seven-year
term in Nov 6 elections, lengthening
his rule to almost three decades