

# Gambia tourists evacuated as crisis deepens

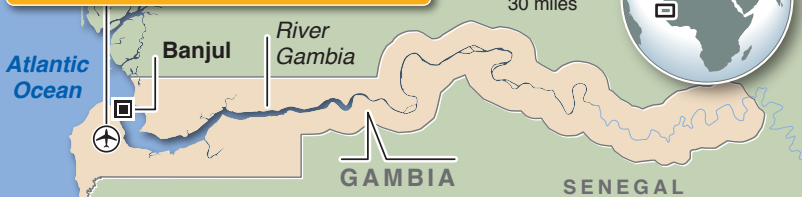
Thousands of mainly British and Dutch tourists are being flown back from Gambia amid a deepening political crisis over longtime

President Yahya Jammeh's refusal to give up power

**Banjul airport:** Tour operators planning to evacuate up to 3,500 British and over 1,800 Dutch and Belgian tourists

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50km  
30 miles



GAMBIA

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ISLAMIC REPUBLIC  
OF THE GAMBIA

Population: 1.9m

Area: 11,295 sq km

Life expectancy: **58 years** (men),  
**61 years** (women)

**Background:** Largely stable history since independence from Britain in 1965. Country under increasingly authoritarian rule of President **Yahya Jammeh** (above left) following bloodless coup in 1994

## Economy

GDP: **\$938.8 million** (2015)  
GDP growth: **4.7%** (2015)  
GNI per capita: **\$460** (2014)  
Inflation: **5.9%** (2014)  
Jobless rate: **30.2%** (2014 est.)  
Poverty rate: **48.4%** (2010)  
Main industries: **Agriculture** (mainly peanut production), **fishing, tourism**



**Dec 1, 2016:** Gambia holds presidential election – Jammeh loses to **Adama Barrow** (above right)

**Dec 9:** Jammeh rejects result, citing voting irregularities

**Dec 23:** Regional bloc **ECOWAS** threatens military action if diplomacy fails to persuade Jammeh to concede

**Jan 15:** Senegal offers to shelter Barrow until Jan 19 inauguration

**Jan 17-18:** Jammeh declares state of emergency. Gambia's parliament votes to extend his term by three months. Tourist evacuations begin