



Zimbabwe factbox

Zimbabwe's army has seized control of the country and detained 93-year-old President **Robert Mugabe** (below left) but denied that it is a coup



Nov 6: Mugabe sacks vice-president **Emmerson Mnangagwa**, clearing way for his 52-year-old wife **Grace Mugabe** (above right) to succeed him as president

Nov 13: Army chief, General **Constantino Chiwenga**, warns that military will not hesitate to end purge of supporters of Mnangagwa – independence-era war veteran

Area **390.8 sq. km**

Population **16.15 million (2016)**



Economy

GDP **US\$16.3bn**

Debt **\$13.7bn**

Government debt equivalent to **84.2%** of GDP in 2016

Imports **\$489m**

Exports **\$292m**

Trade deficit **\$197m**

Imports are running out.

Inflation on imported goods is running at **50%**

Wages, high skilled **\$936/month**

Low skilled **\$303/month**

76% of rural households live on less than **\$1.25 per day**

