

REGION



Pic. 1: Nasa space Photo Kabul

FACTS

Surface:	123456 m
Inhabitants:	2 to 4 mio
Average Income:	60\$/Month
Life Expectancy:	43.1 (F)/42.71 (M)
Illiteracy rate:	36%
Language:	Dari, pashtu
Religion:	Sunni Muslim 85% %, Shi'a Muslim 14%

INTRODUCTION

Kabul is one of the thirty-four provinces of Afghanistan. It is located in the north-east of Afghanistan. Kabul-city is the capital of Afghanistan, with an altitude of about 1800m. It is also one of the countrys most cosmopolitan cities. Formerly one of the most beautiful cities in the world, it has been suffered destruction war and civil-war by political move-

ments and foreign powers. Kabul remains one of the most mined cities in the world.

HISTORY

The history of kabul dates back more than 5000 years, when it was founded by bhuddhists. In the 7th century it was conquered by arabs, who brought islam to the country. In 1504 it was turned into the capital by Babur Shah. The British army took over Kabul 1839 in the Afghan Wars. On December 1979 Kabul was occupied by the Soviet and Kabul became the Soviet command Center. The Soviet forces



Pic. 2:war remains

Pic. 3:war destroyed infrastructure

were defeated by the US-supported Afghan mujahideen in February 1989. In spring of 1992 the government of Mohammad Najibullah collapsed, and Kabul fell into the hands of Afghan Warlords. Destruction of the city increased as the coalition of the parties broke into rival warring factions. In this Time mostof the city was destroyed. In 1996 the Taliban took over the city and started a new strict Islamic law. On November 2001 America finally took over Kabul City. Kabul is now reconstructed after 24years of destruction from terror and war. >>>partially taken from en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kabul_province

CLIMATE

The weather is defined by distingtive seasons. The climate is very dry and hot in the summer time and very cold in winter. Because of the very low amounts of precipitation, especially from May to November, Kabul can be very dry and dusty. Extreme temperature changes occur from night to day, The climate is considered arid to semi arid. Over 300 days of sunshine yearly. Snowfall is about 15 to 30 cm annually.

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Daily Temperatures:

winter	-15 to -20 degrees Celsius
summer	+15 to +30 degrees Celsius
Coollest month:	January : average temperature: -12°C
hottest month:	July : average temperature: +25°C



Pic. 4: Dry Kabul River



Pic. 5: Kabul city main bazar

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TOPOGRAPHY

Kabul is situated in a Valley surrounded by high Mountains: the Koh-e Paghman Mountain from the east, Koh-e Qrough Mountain from the south-west, Koh-e Shirdarwaza Mountain from the north-east. Its altitude is about 1800 up to 3000 m above sea level.

It has one big River the Kabul-river it rises at the paghman Mountain toward South Pass about 70 km from Kabul. Today, in the Summer times the River runs dry.

The northern part of the province of Kabul is dominated by the large Shomali-plain, a fertile area with forest at Baghram. small rivers run down from the surrounding mountains. These mountains are sparse and the timberline is found directly at the end of the plain.

VEGETATION

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Arid to semi arid steppe. Agriculture can be found mainly along rivers by means of watered terraces. There also grow poplar trees and other culture plants. The natural vegetation is very sparse and the countryside is raw and dusty.

In Spring, after the precipitate season the dusty hills become green of grass.

SOCIETY

Population variously estimated at 2 to 4 million. It is an economic and cultural center . Kabul's main products include ordnance, cloth and furniture, though permanent war since 1979 has limited the economic productivity of the city.

About 85% of Kabul's population is Suni Muslim, while 14% include Shia Muslim, and 1% of other religions.

Kabul's population is multicultural and multi-ethnic, with Pashtu, Tajik, Hazara and foreigners forming the city's population. Majority Ethnic Group in Kabul is the Tajik people with over 50%, other groups include Hazara, Pashtu, Turkmen and Uzbek.

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Pic. 6: Craftsman Kabul-City



Pic. 7: Bazar in Kabul-City



Pic. 8: panoramic view across Shomali-plain



Pic. 9: panoramic view on Kabul-City

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