CHAD

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State/Head of Government
President Idriss DEBY Itno, Lt. Gen. (prime minister position eliminated under 2018 constitution)

Government Type
presidential republic

Capital
NDjamena

Legislature
unicameral National Assembly (188)

Judiciary
Supreme Court (consists of chief justice, 3 chamber presidents, and 12 judges or councilors; divided into 3 chambers);
Constitutional Council (consists of 3 judges and 6 jurists)

Ambassador to US
Ambassador Ngote Gali KOUTOU

US Ambassador
Charge d'Affaires Thomas R. GENTON

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
oil provides about 60% of export revenues, while cotton, cattle, livestock, and gum arabic provide the bulk of non-oil export earnings; relies on foreign assistance and foreign capital for most public and private sector investment, but investment is difficult due to limited infrastructure, lack of trained workers, extensive government bureaucracy, and corruption

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$28.62 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$2,300 (2017 est.)

Exports
$2.46 billion (2017 est.)
partners: US 38.7%, China 16.6%, Netherlands 15.7%, UAE 12.2%, India 6.3% (2017)

Imports
$2.16 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 19.9%, Cameroon 17.2%, France 17%, US 5.4%, India 4.9%, Senegal 4.5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
15.8 million (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth
3.23% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity
Sara (Ngambaye/Sara/Madjingaye/Mbaye) 30.5%,
Kanembu/Bornu/Buduma 9.8%, Arab 9.7%,
Wadai/Maba/Masalit/Mimi 7%, Gorane 5.8%,
Masa/Musseye/Musgum 4.9%, many others (2014-15 est.)

Language
French (official), Arabic (official), Sara (in south), more than 120 different languages and dialects

Religion
Muslim 52%, Christian 44% (2014-15 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 23% of total population (2019)
rate of urbanization: 3.88% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 1,284,000 sq km
Land: 1,259,200 sq km
Water: 24,800 sq km

Climate
tropical in south, desert in north

Natural Resources
petroleum, uranium, natron, kaolin, fish (Lake Chad), gold, limestone, sand and gravel, salt

as of December 2019