

# Djibouti

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### PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

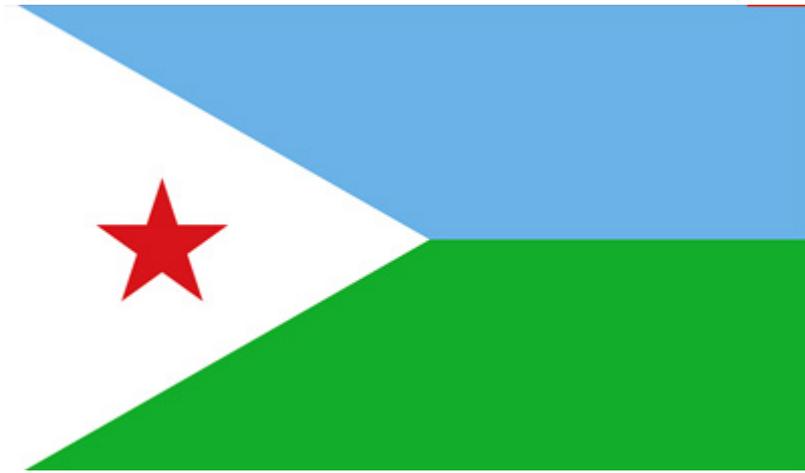
Djibouti, home to one of East Africa's major ports as well as U.S. and Chinese military bases, has faced sporadic violence, usually sparked by protests against the government of President Ismail Omar Guelleh, whose party has a tight hold on power. Seven Djiboutian troops have been killed in clashes between the army and an armed opposition group. The latest attack in the north of the country was carried out by the Front for the Restoration of Unity and Democracy. Assailants attacked an army post in an area called Garabtissan in Tadjourah region, leading to the deaths and an unspecified number of injuries. Pray for President of Djibouti, Ismail Omar Guelleh, to powerfully curb the attacks of the armed groups. Pray that the continuous violent atrocities will be thwarted and for the people to cry out to God for help (The Bible, [Psalm 18:6](#)).

Source:

<https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/armed-attackers-kill-seven-djibouti-soldiers-presidential-adviser-2022-10-08/>

### MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Ismail Omar Guelleh is the current President of Djibouti. He has been in office since 1999. The current Prime Minister is Abdoukader Kamil Mohamed, since 2013. The Republic of Djibouti lies between Eritrea and Somalia, bordering the Gulf of Aden. Djibouti gained independence in 1977 and functioned as an authoritarian one-party state until the president stepped aside in 1999 and balanced the nation's two main ethnic groups, the Issa of Somali origin and the Afar of Ethiopian origin. Djibouti is predominantly a Muslim nation. Ninety-seven percent of the population is Muslim, and those who leave the faith are often beaten, ostracized, and killed. Serious social and economic problems continue to plague Djiboutians, notably widespread famine, extreme unemployment, and the rising urban issues of human trafficking, prostitution, and drug abuse. The French Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Ethiopian Orthodox Churches represent the only active Christian witness recognized by the government.



CHIEF OF STATE

President Ismaïl Omar Guelleh

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Abdoukader Kamil Mohamed

POPULATION

828,000

CHRISTIANS

1.8%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.1%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Sunni Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

Not Ranked

REFUGEES

24,362

LIFE EXPECTANCY

62.79 yrs

LITERACY RATE

70%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

18.8%