



History

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, as it is known today, was founded in 1946, when it joined the United Nations as an independent country. Prior to that, it was under British rule as the Emirate of Transjordan. The country is part of the Levant, or the Fertile Crescent, and the site of early civilizations, such as the Babylonians and Canaanites. It takes its name from the River Jordan to the West, a significant landmark in the Bible.

Government

The government is a constitutional monarchy, with King Abdullah II as the current king. Although the parliament is elected by popular vote, the King retains power to choose a Prime Minister and veto any decisions made by parliament, as well as command the army. The government's legal system is based on French law, although Sharia law is applied for Muslims in family court.

Social Issues

Jordan has a population of 6.5 million, as well as an average of 1 million Palestinian refugees and 500,000 Iraqi refugees. There is a rising unemployment rate of 13% currently, with 14% of the population living below the poverty line. 1. Jordan has an 89.9% average literacy rate.

The Way TV Viewership

The most recent survey data indicates that around 30,000 Jordanians had watched SAT-7 over a 12 month period.

Religion

92% of Jordan's population are Sunni Muslim, with a 6% Christian minority and 2% Shiite Muslim and Druze population. Freedom of religion is granted by the constitution, but public gatherings require state permission, resulting in the formation of many unregistered fellowships.

Prayer Points

Pray for Christians in Jordan to persevere in their faith, despite their minority position in the country.

“Thanks for the great efforts you make to help our children grow in a secure world protected by the hands of our dear God. May God bless your ministry.” Message on the website from a mother in Jordan