



Sri Lanka



H.E. Mahinda Rajapaksa
President

Official Name	Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Government	Republic
Head of State	H.E. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President (since 19 November 2005)
Head of Government	H.E. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President (since 19 November 2005)
Capital	Colombo
Location & Borders	Southern Asia, island in the Indian Ocean, south of India; Island
Area/Land	65,610 sq km
Climate	Tropical monsoon; northeast monsoon (December to March); southwest monsoon (June to October)
Population	21,128,772 (July 2008 est.)
Literacy	90.7%
Life Expectancy	74.97 years
Language	Sinhala (official and national language) 74%, Tamil (national language) 18%, other 8% Note: English is commonly used in government and is spoken competently by about 10% of the population
Religion	Buddhist 69.1%, Muslim 7.6%, Hindu 7.1%, Christian 6.2%, unspecified 10% (2001 census provisional data)
Monetary Unit	Sri Lankan Rupee
Per Capita GDP/GNI	\$4,000 (2007 est.)
Exports	\$8.135 billion f.o.b. (2007 est.) Exports - commodities: Textiles and apparel, tea and spices; diamonds, emeralds, rubies; coconut products, rubber manufactures, fish
Imports	\$10.36 billion f.o.b. (2007 est.) Imports - commodities: Textile fabrics, mineral products, petroleum, food-stuffs, machinery and transportation equipment
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