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LANDLOCK COUNTRIES

SOUTH AMERICA

BOLIVIA

- Bolivia, country of west-central South America.
- Bolivia is bordered to the north and east by Brazil, to the southeast by Paraguay, to the south by Argentina, to the southwest and west by Chile, and to the northwest by Peru.
- Bolivia shares Lake Titicaca, the second largest lake in South America (after Lake Maracaibo), with Peru.
- The country has been landlocked since it lost its Pacific coast territory to Chile in the War of the Pacific (1879–84), but agreements with neighbouring countries have granted it indirect access to the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.



AFRICA

BOTSWANA

- Botswana is located at the center of Southern Africa, positioned between South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
- One of the world's poorest countries at independence in 1966, it rapidly became one of the world's development success.
- Significant mineral (diamond) wealth, good governance, prudent economic management and a relatively small population of slightly more than two million, have made it an upper middle-income country with a transformation agenda of becoming a high-income country by 2036.



ETHIOPIA

- Ethiopia's location gives it strategic dominance as a jumping off point in the Horn of Africa, close to the Middle East and its markets.
- Ethiopia is landlocked, bordering Eritrea, Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan, and Sudan, and has been using neighboring Djibouti's main port for the last two decades.
- However, with the recent peace agreement with Eritrea, Ethiopia is set to resume accessing the Eritrean ports of Assab and Massawa for its international trade.



ZAMBIA

- Zambia is a landlocked country at the crossroads of Central, Southern and East Africa.
- Its neighbours are the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique to the southeast, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia, and Angola.
- Inhabited by the Khoisan, Bantu and Batwa peoples.
- Zambia is drained by two major river basins: the Zambezi/Kafue basin and the Congo basin.



MALI

- Mali is the eighth-largest country in Africa.
- Its capital and largest city is Bamako.
- Mali borders Algeria, Niger, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Guinea, and Senegal and Mauritania.
- The thermal equator, which matches the hottest spots year-round on the planet based on the mean daily annual temperature, crosses the country.
- Mali has considerable natural resources, with gold, uranium, phosphates, kaolinite, salt and limestone being most widely exploited.
- 33.3% of the population is inhabited by the Bambara people.



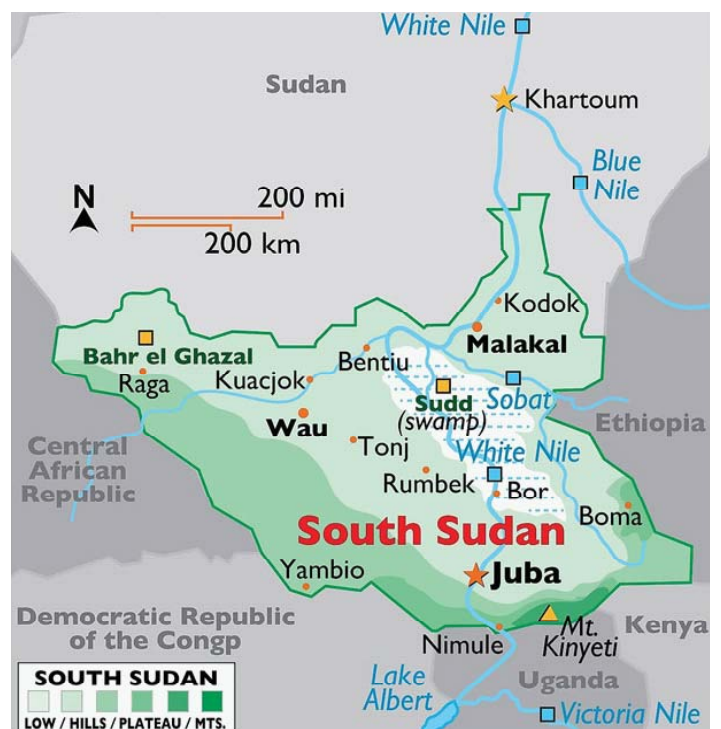
NIGER

- Niger is a unitary state bordered by Libya, Chad, Nigeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali and Algeria.
- Over 80% of its land area lies in the Sahara Desert.
- The capital and largest city is Niamey.



SOUTH SUDAN

- It is bordered by Ethiopia, Sudan, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda and Kenya.
- The capital and largest city is Juba.
- It includes the vast swamp region of the Sudd, formed by the White Nile and known locally as the Bahr al Jabal meaning "Mountain River".
- South Sudanese population is composed mostly of Nilotic peoples.



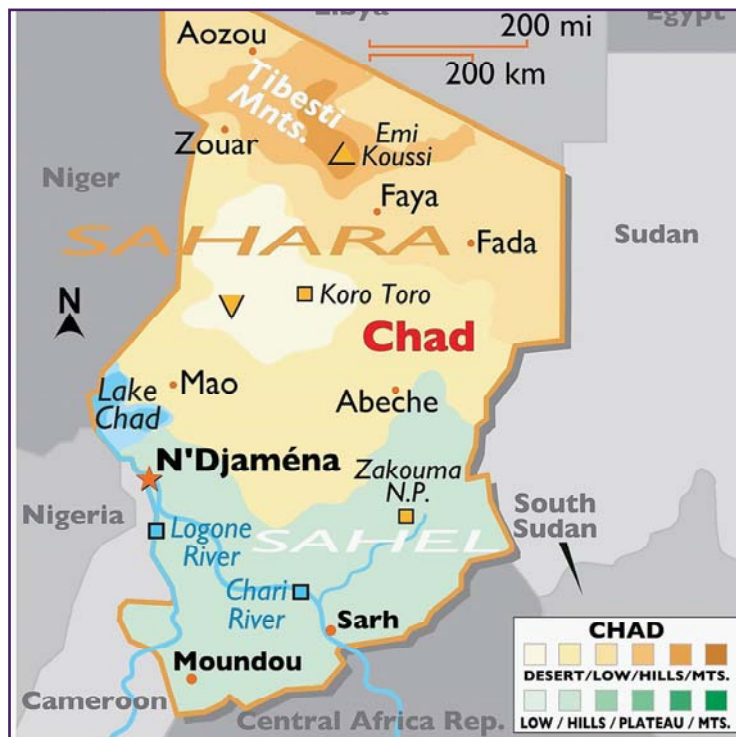
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

- It is bordered by Chad, Sudan, South Sudan, the DR Congo, the Republic of the Congo, and Cameroon.
- Much of the country consists of flat or rolling plateau savanna.



CHAD

- Chad is bounded by Libya, Sudan, Niger, Nigeria and Cameroon, and Central African Republic.
- Chad is divided into three distinct zones, the Sudanian Savanna in the south, the Sahara Desert in the north, and the Sahelian belt in the center.
- Lake Chad is a historically large, shallow, endorheic lake situated in Chad.
- Major Ethnic Groups:** 26.6% Sara 12.9% Arab 8.5% Kanembu



ZIMBABWE

- It is a landlocked country located in Southeast Africa, between the Zambezi and Limpopo Rivers.
- It is bordered by South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, and Mozambique.
- The capital and largest city is Harare.
- Victoria Falls is located in the country's extreme northwest and is part of the Zambezi river.



UGANDA

- It is a landlocked country in East Africa.
- The country is bordered by Kenya, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, and Tanzania.
- The southern part of the country includes a substantial portion of Lake Victoria, shared with Kenya and Tanzania.
- Uganda is in the African Great Lakes region.
- Uganda also lies within the Nile basin.



EUROPE

LUXEMBOURG

- Luxembourg is in north-western Europe.
- One of the world's smallest countries, it is bordered by Belgium on the west and north, France on the south, and Germany on the northeast and east.
- Luxembourg is a point of contact between the Germanic- and Romance-language communities of Europe, and three languages are regularly employed in the grand duchy itself: Luxembourgish, German, and French.



SWITZERLAND

- Switzerland's administrative capital is Bern, while Lausanne serves as its judicial centre.
- Switzerland is bordered to the west by France, to the north by Germany, to the east by Austria and Liechtenstein, and to the south by Italy.
- Geographically the country is divided between the Alpine region of the Swiss Alps in south, the Swiss Plateau with its rolling hills, plains, and large lakes, and the mountainous Jura in northwest.
- The country is a famous tourist destination for its ski resorts and hiking trails.
- Banking and finance are key industries, and Swiss watches and chocolate are world renowned.



AUSTRIA

- Austria is a landlocked country in the southern part of Central Europe.
- It is located on the Eastern Alps.
- Vienna is Austria's capital and largest city.
- Austria is bordered by Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Italy and Switzerland, Liechtenstein.
- Major Ethnic Groups: 81.1% Austrians, 6.3% Ex-Yugoslavs, 2.7% Germans.



SERBIA

- Serbia is a landlocked country in Southeast Europe, at the crossroads of the Pannonian Plain and the Balkans.
- It is bordered by Albania, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Romania.
- Dinaric Alps stretch in the west and the southwest, following the flow of the rivers Drina and Ibar.
- The Carpathian Mountains and Balkan Mountains stretch in a north-south direction in eastern Serbia.
- The largest lake is Đerdap Lake.
- The longest river passing through Serbia is the Danube.
- Belgrade is its capital and largest city.
- Major Ethnic Groups: 83.3% Serbs 3.5% Hungarians 2.1% Roma.



HUNGARY

- Hungary is a landlocked country in Central Europe.
- It is bordered by Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia and Austria.
- Budapest is the country's capital and largest city.

- **Major Ethnic Groups:** 98.3% Hungarians 3.2% Romani 1.8% Germans.
- It has two main waterways, the Danube and Tisza rivers.



SLOVAKIA

- It is bordered by Poland, Ukraine, Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic.
- The capital and largest city is Bratislava.
- **Major Ethnic Groups:** 83.8% Slovaks 7.7% Hungarians 1.2% Romani
- Carpathian Mountains extends across most of the northern half of the country.
- The Tatra Mountains, are the highest mountain range in the Carpathian Mountains.
- The largest lowland is the fertile Danubian Lowland in the southwest.



BELARUS

- It is a landlocked country in Eastern Europe.
- It is bordered by Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania and Latvia.
- Major Ethnic Groups:** 84.9% Belarusians 7.5% Russians 3.1% Poles 1.7% Ukrainians.
- Three major rivers run through the country: the Neman, the Pripyat, and the Dnieper.
- The Dnieper flows southward towards the Black Sea.
- The country is in the transitional zone between continental climates and maritime climates.



NORTH MACEDONIA

- Macedonia is a country in Southeast Europe.
- North Macedonia is a landlocked country bordering with Kosovo, Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece, and Albania.
- Skopje, the capital and largest city.
- Major Ethnic Groups: Macedonians, Albanians, followed by Turks, Romani, Serbs, Bosniaks, Aromanians.
- The terrain is located between the Sar Mountains and Osogovo, which frame the valley of the Vardar river.
- Three large lakes—Lake Ohrid, Lake Prespa and Dojran Lake.



ASIA

KAZAKHSTAN

- Kazakhstan is the world's largest landlocked country.
- It is bordered by Russia, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and the landlocked Caspian Sea.



AFGHANISTAN

- Afghanistan is a landlocked multi-ethnic country located in the heart of south-central Asia.
- It is bounded to the east and south by Pakistan (including those areas of Kashmir administered by Pakistan but claimed by India), to the west by Iran, and to the north by the Central Asian states of Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan.



MONGOLIA

- Mongolia, a large and sparsely populated, landlocked country in eastern Asia south of Russia and north of China, east of Kazakhstan.
- The country is known as the "Land of the Eternal Blue Sky" and as the "Land of the Horse".



NEPAL

- Nepal is a landlocked country located in South Asia with China in the north and India in the south, east and west.
- Nepal has vast water systems which drain south into India.
- The highest point in the country is Mt. Everest (8,848 m) while the lowest point is in the Tarai plains of KechanaKalan in Jhapa.



KYRGYZSTAN

- It is a mountainous landlocked country in Central Asia.
- Kyrgyzstan is bordered by Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and China.
- Its capital and largest city is Bishkek.
- Ethnic Kyrgyz make up the majority of the country's six million people, followed by significant minorities of Uzbeks and Russians.
- All its rivers flow into closed drainage systems which do not reach the sea.
- The mountainous region of the Tian Shan covers over 80% of the country.
- Kyrgyzstan is occasionally referred to as "the Switzerland of Central Asia".
- The principal river is the **Kara Darya**, which flows west through the Fergana Valley into Uzbekistan.



TAJIKISTAN

- Its capital and largest city is Dushanbe.
- It is bordered by Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and China.
- Major Ethnic Groups: 84.3% Tajiks 9.1% Uzbeks 4.5% Pamiris 0.7% Kyrgyzs 0.4% Russians,

- The traditional homelands of the Tajik people include present-day Tajikistan as well as parts of Afghanistan and Uzbekistan.
- The Amu Darya and Panj rivers mark the border with Afghanistan.
- The glaciers in Tajikistan's mountains are the major source of runoff for the Aral Sea.



TURKMENISTAN

- It is bordered by Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Iran and the Caspian Sea.
- Ashgabat is the capital and largest city of the country.
- **Major Ethnic Groups:** 81.8% Turkmens 9.4% Uzbeks 2.2% Russians 1.6% Kazakhs 1.1% Armenians.
- Most of the country is covered by the Karakum or Black Sand Desert.
- The center of the country is dominated by the Turan Depression.
- Turkmenistan includes three tectonic regions, the Epigersin platform region, the Alpine shrinkage region, and the Epiplatform orogenesis region. The Alpine tectonic region is the epicenter of earthquakes in Turkmenistan.
- Major rivers include the Amu Darya, the Murghab River, the Tejen River, and the Atrek River.



UZBEKISTAN

- It is a double-landlocked country (that is, a landlocked country completely surrounded by other landlocked countries) in Central Asia.
- It is surrounded by five landlocked countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, and Turkmenistan.
- Its capital and largest city is Tashkent.
- Major Ethnic Groups: 84.4% Uzbeks 4.9% Tajiks 2.4% Kazakhs 2.2% Karakalpaks 2.1% Russians.
- None of its rivers lead to the sea.



BHUTAN

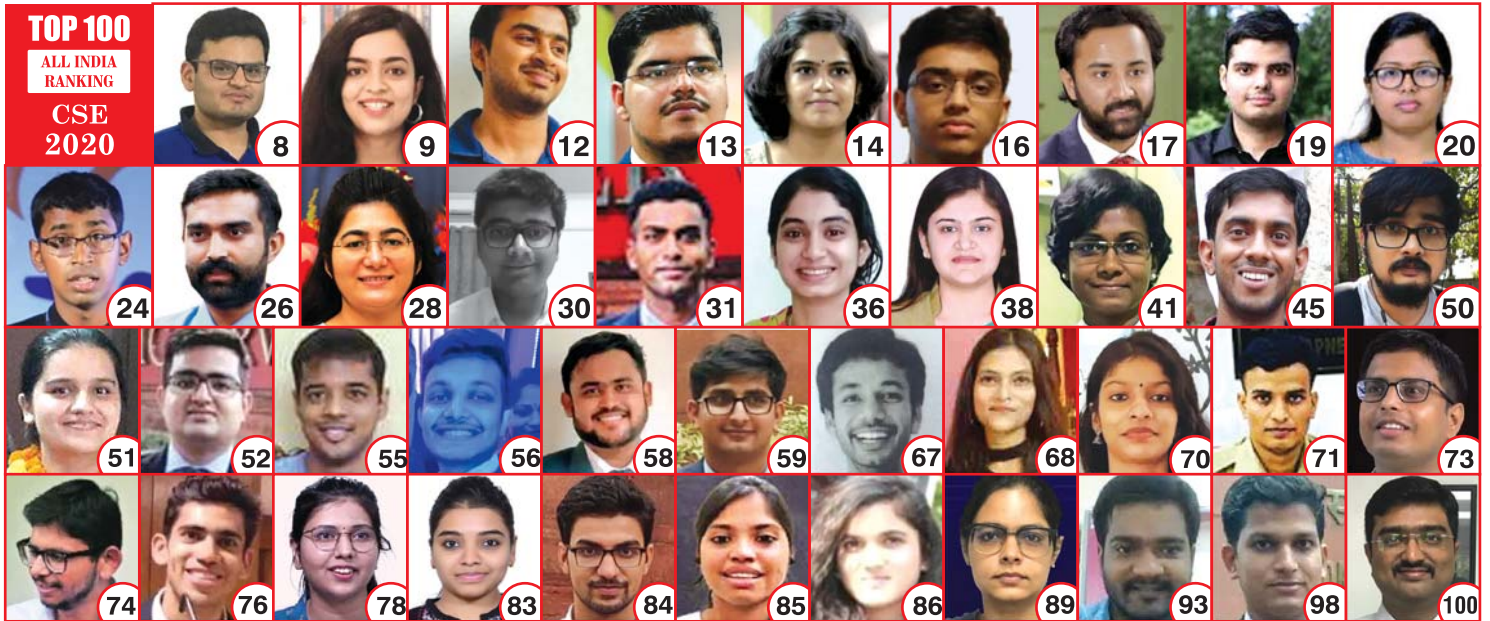
- Bhutan is a landlocked country in the Eastern Himalayas, located between China and India.
- Bhutan is known as "Druk Yul," or "Land of the Thunder Dragon".
- Gangkhar Puensum is Bhutan's highest peak.
- The capital and largest city is Thimphu.
- Bhutan is landlocked between the Tibet Autonomous Region of China and the Indian states of Sikkim, West Bengal, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.
- The Black Mountains in Bhutan's central region form a watershed between two major river systems: the Mo Chhu and the Drangme Chhu.
- The Torsa, Raidak, Sankosh, and Manas are Bhutan's main rivers.



ARMENIA

- Armenia, is a landlocked country located in the Armenian Highlands of Western Asia.
- It is a part of the Caucasus region.
- It is bordered by Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan and Iran.
- Yerevan is the capital and largest city.
- **Major Ethnic Groups:** 98.1% Armenians 1.2% Yazidis 0.4% Russians
- Mount Ararat, is the highest mountain in the region.





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