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Salem Press announces the First Edition of *World Political Yearbook*

A brand new political reference resource from Salem Press, *World Political Yearbook* profiles the political climate of every nation and self-governing territory around the world. Supplemented by maps, charts and tables, this in-depth yet accessible information makes *World Political Yearbook* a valuable and sought-after reference, providing researchers with a unique background on every country worldwide.

World Political Yearbook starts with a global overview essay, “**The World in 2015.**” Following this essay, the body of the work is arranged into **five world regions** – Africa, The Americas, Asia, Europe, and The Middle East. Each starts with a **regional overview, a map, and two five-year (2010-2015) tables** – one that charts currency and one that charts key economic indicators for that region.

Country chapters follow the regional information, starting with a concise, current, independently written essay (List of Contributors follows) that discusses political climate, elections, military and social conflicts, economic and business status, as well as an outlook toward the future. Following each essay, country chapters include:

- **Key Facts** indicate the country’s official name(s), ruling parties, language, basic area, population, unemployment, and the 2014 inflation figures.
- **Key Indicators** list the country’s population, GNP, imports/exports, foreign debt, and exchange rate for five years, from 2010 to 2015.
- **Maps** for all but the smallest entities.
- **Risk Assessment** rates politics, economy, and general stability of the region.

World Political Yearbook offers significant insights into current living conditions, social standings and economic climates of 235 nations. It touches upon the large number of world elections and leadership changes that occurred during 2015, including 49 parliamentary and 29 heads of state elections. In the headlines: Saudi Arabia allowed women to vote and run for office, and Myanmar witnessed an extraordinary win by the National Democratic Party. Other notable elections took place in Spain, Nigeria, Britain, Israel, and Argentina. And 2016 is shaping up to be just as busy, with 73 elections scheduled around the globe, not the least of which will be the closely-watched U.S. Presidential election.

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