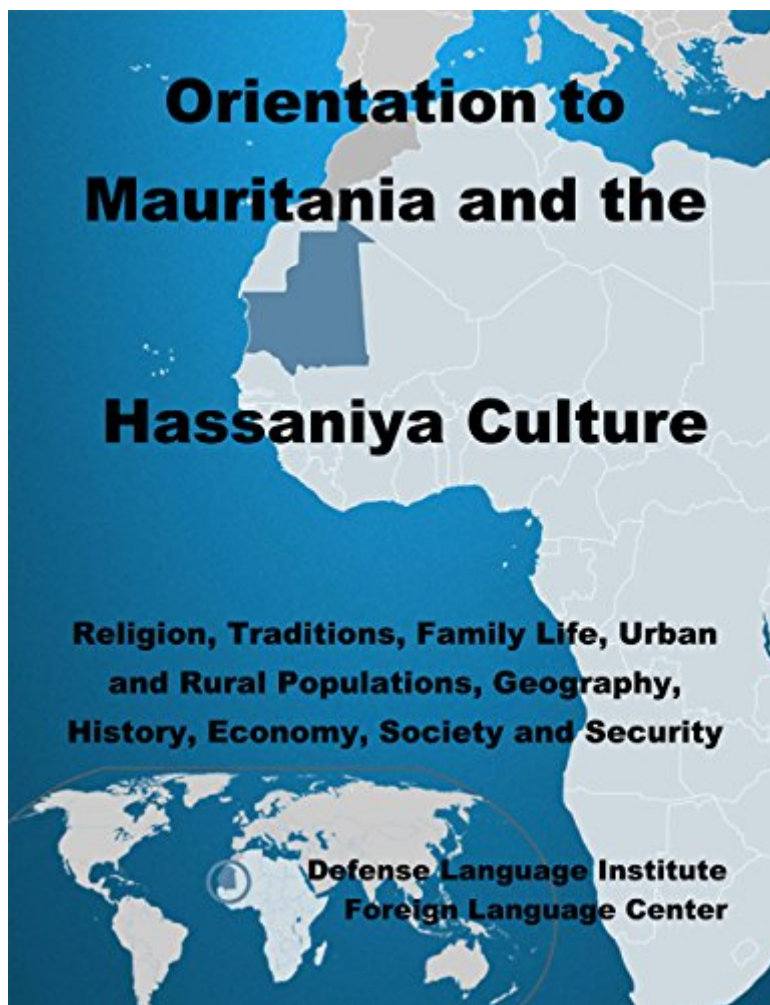


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# **Orientation Guide To Mauritania And The Hassaniya Culture: Religion, Traditions, Family Life, Urban And Rural Populations, Geography, History, Economy, Society And Security**





## Synopsis

Increasing Islamist terrorist threats from al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb and ongoing ethnic violence between Africans and Arab-Berbers threaten the stability of Mauritania, a military-directed and mineral-rich nation. This impoverished and mostly desert country in northwest Africa gained its independence from France in 1960 and is one of the continent's newest oil producers. The majority of Mauritania, the world's first Islamic republic, lies within the Sahara. Mining operations and coastal fishing drive the country's economy. Agriculture is confined mostly to narrow strips of land along the Sénégal River in southern Mauritania. Most of the country's 3.4 million citizens reside in this region, except for the two major coastal cities of Nouakchott and Nouadhibou. To grow its economy, the country intends to exploit offshore reserves of oil and natural gas. Mauritania has been somewhat stable since the 2008 military ouster of the nation's first democratically elected government; it has experienced at least five successful military coups and numerous failed attempts since 1960. This book, produced by Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC), provides comprehensive information about Mauritania and the Hassaniya Culture. Chapter topics include religion, traditions, family life and differences in the lifestyles of urban and rural populations as well as detailed discussion of geography, history and their economy, form of government, society and security and much more. 71 pages; dozens of photos, illustration and charts in full color. This is a Print Replica that maintains the formatting and layout of the original edition and offers many of the advantages of standard Kindle books.

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