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Salem Press Announces the Second Edition of *Countries: Their Wars and Conflicts*

This new edition of *Countries: Their Wars and Conflicts*, formerly titled *World Conflicts & Confrontations*, is a comprehensive four-volume set that provides up-to-date, reliable analysis of armed conflict around the world. These volumes are designed to meet the needs of middle and high school students and others seeking clear explanations of what has been going on in the world's many troubled countries. This new edition pays special attention to the conflicts in Afghanistan, Myanmar, Yemen, Syria, Ukraine, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Syria, and Venezuela, among others. In addition, there is detailed coverage on volatile regions, like North Korea, Russia, and the U.S./Saudi/Iran relationship.

The four volumes in this new edition each cover a major world region, identifying its "hot spots" and analyzing the most important of these in depth. Volume 1 covers the Americas and is divided into sections on North America, Central America, the Caribbean, and South America. Volume 2 covers Africa, and Volume 3 covers Asia and the Pacific, with separate sections on the Middle East, the rest of Asia, and the Pacific Islands. Volume 4 covers Europe, with sections on Western Europe and Central and Eastern Europe, including the former Soviet republics in Asia. That volume also contains a selection of appendices.

Each of the ten sections within the four volumes begins with an introductory essay, surveying the region as a whole. These regional survey essays explore regional patterns, analyzing why some countries within the regions have been more prone to conflict than others. These regional essays are followed by 104 individual essays covering 112 nations which represent nearly two-thirds of the world's 191 undisputed sovereign nations, home to roughly 95% of the world's population. The essays themselves include helpful subheads that are specific to the country being profiled, such as Early History, Immigration, Exploration and Colonization, Recent Political Changes, and more.

In addition to essays on individual countries and regions, *Countries: Their Wars and Conflicts* offers seven appendixes printed in each volume to assist readers:

- **List of Article by Types of Conflicts** organizes conflicts into categories such as Border Conflicts, Civilizational Conflicts, or Drug Trafficking;
- **Country Names** includes official names (sometimes in multiple languages), as well as historical names;
- **Foreign Embassies** in the United States includes addresses, websites, Twitter, and Facebook addresses;

- **International Organizations** includes details about the United Nations, IGOs, and other groups;
- **News, Information, and Resources** provides information about a variety of new resources from around the globe and across the Web, including newspapers, magazines, television, radio, social media, universities, think tanks, and more;
- **World Time Line** collects the most important events into one chronological stream to provide a world perspective on the history of conflicts;
- **Glossary** offers explanations of basic terminology used throughout this set, written by the project's Editor;
- **Index**

Several features will help direct readers to the information they seek. In addition to the tables of contents in the front matter of each volume, lists of the countries discussed in individual essays are provided on the first page of each regional section.

These volumes are designed to provide high school and community college students, undergraduates, and the general public with an up-to-date overview of conflicts around the globe. These informative essays provide the necessary historical background to foster a better, more in-depth understanding of the events and figures that are shaping today's conversation of global affairs.

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