



**Chechnya**

**Information on Chechnya**

Terrain: Dominated by the Caucasus Mountains that compose Chechnya’s southern border. Considered part of North Caucasia, part of the expansive divide between Europe and Asia.

Borders: The country of Georgia, the Russian republics of Dagestan, North Ossetia, Ingushetia and the region of Stavropol.

Area: Approx. 6,100 sq mi. (15,800 sq km.); the size of Connecticut.

Industries: Petroleum, natural gas, chemical, lumber, mineral water.

The Chechens are an indigenous people of the North Caucasian Mountains on the southwestern border of the Russian Federation.

Ethnic Composition: Chechens, Russians, Ingush.

Primary Languages: Chechen, a Northern Caucasian language, is the official language although Russian is also widely spoken.

Traditional religion: Sunni Muslim followed by other form of Islam, Christians, Jews



<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/europe/chechnya/map.html>