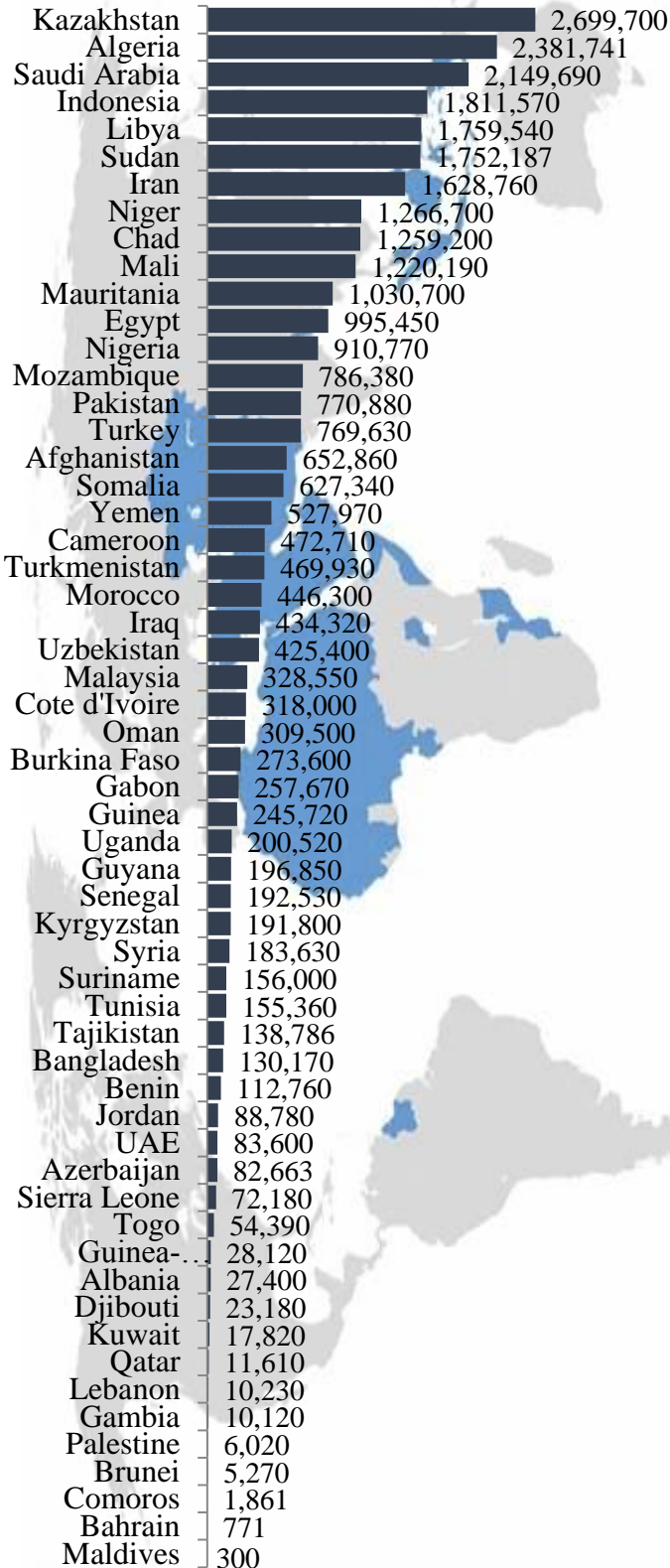


DID YOU KNOW?

Land Areas of OIC Countries (sq. km, 2016)



- ✓ The Montevideo Convention on the Rights and Duties of States, a treaty signed at Montevideo, Uruguay on 26 December 1933, set out four criteria for statehood including: *a permanent population; a defined territory; government; and capacity to enter into relations with the other states*. These criteria suggest that a '*defined territory*' is vital component of statehood.
- ✓ 57 member countries of the OIC had a total land area of slightly over 31 million km², which was equivalent to 24% of the total World land area in 2016.
- ✓ The largest country in the OIC region is **Kazakhstan** with a land area of nearly **2.7 million km²**, equivalent to 8.5% of the OIC's and 2.1% of the World landmass. Kazakhstan is also 9th largest country and the largest landlocked country in the World.
- ✓ Together with Kazakhstan, 7 OIC countries, namely; **Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Libya, Sudan, Iran, and Niger** constituted nearly half of the total OIC land area and also enter into the **top 20 countries with largest land area** in the World.
- ✓ Due to the Israeli occupation, **Palestine** currently possesses only the remaining **6,020 km²** land area in the West Bank and Gaza strip.
- ✓ **Comoros, Bahrain and Maldives** being island countries possess only **1,861; 771; 300 km²** of land areas. **Maldives**, being the smallest country in the OIC, is also the smallest country in Asia.
- ✓ In contrast, **Indonesia** with 1.8 million km² land area is the largest island state and archipelagic state in the World.