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The former British colony of Northern Rhodesia became the independent nation of Zambia under the presidency of Mr Kenneth Kaunda in 1964. Mr Kaunda remained in power until 1991. Highly dependent on its copper resources the standard of living was eroded by the fall of copper prices on international markets and Zambia's GDP per capita just \$630 in 2005 though it is projected to rise considerably. Rated 165th in the world in terms of Human Development, life expectancy for females is 37 for females and 38 for males largely due to a high incidence of HIV-AIDS.

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