

**HIS EXCELLENCY SHEIKH PROFESSOR  
ALHAJI DR. YAHYA A.J.J. JAMMEH**  
**President of the Republic of The Gambia**



<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	25th May 1965
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH:</b>	Kanilai Village Foni Kansala District Western Division
<b>MARITAL STATUS:</b>	Married to Madam Zineb Yahya Jammeh
<b>CHILDREN:</b>	Two children (daughter, Mariam, son Muhammed)
<b>PRIMARY EDUCATION:</b>	
1978	Passed Common Entrance Examination and attained a Government Scholarship
1976 - 1978	Saint Edwards Primary School Bwiam
1972 - 1976	Kanilai Primary (Formerly St. Anthony's School)
<b>SECONDARY EDUCATION:</b>	
1978 -1983	Gambia High School  Passed General Certificate of Education (GCE O' Level)
<b>MILITARY CAREER:</b>	
September 1989	Commissioner
December 1987	Promoted to Cadet Officer
1st April 1986	Promoted from Private to

Sergeant

**1st April 1984**

Joined the former Gambia National Gendarmerie

**PROMOTIONS:****28th August 1996**

Promoted to the Rank of Colonel

**17th November 1994**

Promoted to the Rank of Captain

**1st February 1992**

Promoted to Lieutenant

**29th September 1989**

Promoted to Second Lieutenant

**UNITS SERVED -  
Gambia National Army:****August 1991 - July 1994**Gambia National Army  
(Officer Commanding, GNA  
Military Police Yundum  
Barracks)**June 1991 - August 1991**Military Police Unit of  
The Gambia National  
Gendarmerie  
(as Officer Commanding)**January 1991 - June 1991**Mobile Gendarmerie  
(as Officer Commanding)**December 1987 - August 1989**Gendarmerie Training School  
(School of Presidential  
Escort)**April 1986 - December 1987**Mobile Gendarmerie  
Special Guards Unit**August 1984 - April 1986**

Special Intervention Unit

**OVERSEAS TRAINING:****27th September 1993 - 27th  
January 1994**Attended Military Police  
Officers Basic Course  
(MPOBC) at Port McClellan,

Alabama, USA.

Obtained a Diploma in Military  
Science (Military Operations)

### **SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

**1993**

Special Officer-In-Charge of  
close protection of visiting  
ECOMOG Field Commander

**23rd-24th February 1992**

Officer-In-Charge of close  
protection of Pope John Paul  
II and entourage during the  
Papal State Visit to The  
Gambia

**August 1990**

Officer-In-Charge of  
ECOWAS Peace Conference  
for Liberia held in The Gambia

**1990**

Special Security Officer for  
Visiting Heads of State of the  
ECOWAS Summit held in The  
Gambia

### **HONOURS AND AWARDS:**

**27th June 2012**

Received the Honorary  
Doctorate of Business  
Administration from the  
National Taipei University of  
Technology and designated  
as an honorary alumnus

**7th June 2012**

Conferred with the 2012  
Golden Palm for Africa Award  
by the Pan-African Female  
Youth Movement for Peace in  
recognition of his tireless  
peace building efforts

**6th June 2012**

Conferred with the royal titles  
of "Datu Sri Mulia and Datu  
Laksamana Di Raja or Grand  
Commander" by the Royal  
Family of Sulu in recognition  
of his untiring efforts in the  
service of his nation and for  
his standing in the  
preservation of Peace and  
Solidarity amongst nations in  
the world, especially between  
The Gambia and the Royal  
House of Aranan

**4th April 2012**

Awarded the prestigious, 'First Class Gold Medal or Datu Mulia' by the Royal House of Aranan in recognition of his laudable achievements in the areas of traditional medicine, culture and in the diffusion of love, peace and brotherhood

**27th February 2012**

Received the Belinda Georgette Bidwell Memorial, "Man of the Decade", award from the Father Joseph Gough Foundation in recognition of his numerous achievements in the areas of health, agriculture, education, economic and infrastructural development, sports and youth empowerment

Also awarded Grand Patron of the National Council for Arts and Culture in recognition of his invaluable contribution towards the preservation, promotion and development of arts and culture in The Gambia

**15th February 2012**

Named "Best African President" 2010/2011 by the Pastors Intercessory Fellowship of The Gambia in recognition of his efforts at entrenching peace within and outside the country as well as in various facets of national endeavours, most especially in the building of democratic institutions to promote the rule of law and good governance.

**13th February 2012**

Received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Ekun Baba Odeh Hunting Society for his long outstanding support to the Society

**22nd November 2011**

Appointed Honorary Citizen of Bakau by the Offices of the Alkalo,

National Assembly Member,  
Councillors and people of  
Bakau

**5th July 2011**

Given an Award for  
Excellence in Good  
Governance and  
Management by the  
Management School London.

**20th May 2011**

Received the Pride of African  
Women Award from a group  
called Women's Advancement  
for Economic and Leadership  
Empowerment in Africa  
(WAELE)

**1st March 2011**

Conferred the Title of Naasiru  
Deen by the Gambia Supreme  
Islamic Council

**1st May 2010**

Received the coveted Cauris  
D'Or (Golden Cowries) award  
from the Movement of  
Enterprises in Senegal  
(MEDS) for the promotion of  
Regional Integration on the  
African Continent.

**2010**

Named Citizen of the Year  
and Man of Peace 2010 by 2-  
Rayz Syndicate

**19th October 2009**

Conferred the Rotary  
International Major Donor  
Level III Diamond Pin

**21st May 2009**

Conferred the Title of Sheikh  
by The Gambia Supreme  
Islamic Council

**4th September 2008**

Conferred the Honorary  
Degree, an academic status  
of Honorary Professor (Prof.  
h.c.) at the School of Biology  
in recognition of his wide  
knowledge and experience in  
the fields of Biology,  
Alternative Therapies,  
Pharmacology and Natural  
Remedies, and also for his  
introduction of appropriate  
educational and cultural  
preservation programmes and

contribution to economic  
prosperity of The Gambia

**2nd September 2008**

Appointed Commissioner and  
International Vice President  
of International Parliament for  
Safety and Peace (IPSP)

**2nd September 2008**

Appointed and Commissioned  
Senator for Life at the  
International Parliament for  
Safety and Peace (IPSP)

Appointed Professor of the  
Impresarial University of  
Costa Rica

**May 2008**

Commissioned a Kentucky  
Colonel, USA, in recognition  
of his tremendous work in  
bringing Africa and USA closer  
in service to his people.

**May 2008**

Gambia Red Cross Award in  
recognition of his service to  
humanity, treating the sick  
and helping the needy

**February 2008**

Honorary degree Jean  
Monnet European University,  
Brussels, Belgium in  
recognition of his  
competence in herbal  
treatment especially for  
pathologies like Asthma and  
Epilepsy

**24th April 2007**

Appointed to the rank of  
Humanitarian Ambassador  
with life charge by the Inter-  
governmental Institution for  
the use of Microalga Spirulina  
against Malnutrition (CISRI –  
ISP)

**2nd April 2007**

Name inducted into The IBC  
Hall of Fame for his  
outstanding achievement in  
the field of Development,  
Regional Peace building and  
Security

**April 2007**

Awarded Grand Cordon of

the International Military Sports Council (CISM) in recognition of his devotion and fidelity to the ideals of CISM

**31st March 2007**

Awarded Certificate of Professional Competence as a qualified Wellness Consultant of good standing without any unresolved disciplinary matters.

**31st March 2007**

Awarded Certificate of Fellow of Good Standing by The Royal College of Alternative Medicine in Dublin in formal recognition and honour of his outstanding professional achievements in ethical advancements and alternative medicine

**March 2007**

Received the International Casey Award of the Youth Crime Watch of America in recognition of his tireless dedication to crime prevention, fight against drugs and violence in the world

**March 2007**

Received the Platinum Award from The University of The Gambia Students' Union in recognition of his invaluable contribution to the development of the Union

**March 2007**

Awarded Certificate of Love by The Gambia Pastors Intercessory Forum in recognition of his genuine commitments, trustworthiness, and undisputed love and caring of God's people

**February 2007**

Received with Special Honours The 2007 West African Mining Investment Awards in recognition of his superlative foreign mining investment achievement

**October 2004**

Awarded Honorary Fellowship of the Australian-Asian Institute of Civil Leadership in recognition of his outstanding achievements and illustrious standing in leadership

**June 2004**

Awarded the insignia (Highest Pin) of the 82nd Airborne of the US Military.

**February 2004**

Conferred the Degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD Honoris Causa ) by the University of The Gambia.

**December 2003**

Awarded Honorary Certificate of Distinction by the Institute of Professional Administration and Management (IPAM) for taking a lead role in the promotion of peace in West Africa and for accepting and providing notable protection standards and services to Sierra Leonean Refugees in The Gambia.

**December 2003**

Bestowed Major Donor Recognition Second Level by Rotary Foundation International Honorary Members of the Rotary Club of Fajara

**November 2003**

Awarded the Gold Star Award for Outstanding Contributions to Strategic Progress by the International Strategic Studies Association (ISSA)

**June 2003**

Awarded the International Peace Prize by the Authority of the United Cultural Convention, USA

**March 2003**

Special UNESCO Award in recognition of his outstanding achievement in The Gambia's educational sector from free award of scholarships to girls and turning the gender inequality in school enrollment



**February 2003**

Rotary Club Foundation  
Trustees – Distinguished  
decoration of Major Donor  
Recognition

**December 2002**

Awarded Pedro Kouri Medal  
Institute of Tropical Medicine  
Havana, Cuba

**July 2002**

Award of Honour Municipality  
of the Town of Cana in  
Galilee, Southern Lebanon

**May 2002**

Awarded Certificate of  
Appreciation by Sight Savers  
International

**May 2002**

Award of the Necklace of  
Independence Medal by the  
Amir of the State of Qatar

**May 2002**

Member of the Honorary  
International Consultants  
Committee of the Federation  
of World Peace & Love  
(FOWPAL)

**May 2002**

Honorary Member of the  
Detectives' Endowment  
Association of New York City,  
USA

**April 2002**

Awarded Certificate of  
Recognition in Appreciation  
of his outstanding  
contribution to the  
Community, Memphis City  
Council, USA

**April 2002**

Honorary President of the  
International Bodyguard and  
Security Services Association  
(IBSSA) for West Africa  
Region

**April 2002**

Awarded the Multiple Paul  
Harris Fellow by the Rotary  
Foundation of Rotary  
International

<b>March 2002</b>	"Motu Proprio" The Military Order of the Collar – Order of Chivalry of The Cross from the Royal House of Aragon, Caraci, Italy
<b>March 2002</b>	Awarded an Honorary Fellow of the West African Postgraduate College of Pharmacists
<b>June 2001</b>	Certificate of Appreciation for his invaluable support and collaboration towards NAYCONF 2001 (National Youth Conference and Festival)
<b>March 2001</b>	Decorated with the Republic of Senegal's highest insignia – Grand Croix dans l'Ordre National du Lion
<b>February 2001</b>	Decorated with the Republic of The Gambia's highest insignia – Grand Master of The Republic of The Gambia (GMRG) by the Chancery of the National Order
<b>January 2001</b>	Decorated with FAO Insignia – Gold and Silver Medals
<b>July 2000</b>	Decorated with Order of The Distinction of Liberia
<b>September 1999</b>	Decorated with Libya's Highest Honour <i>The African Medal</i>
<b>April 1999</b>	Awarded the World Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Biographical Institute, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA
<b>April 1999</b>	Nominated 1999 Platinum Record for Exceptional Performance by the American Biographical Institute, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA

<b>March 1999</b>	Appointed Chancellor of the University of The Gambia by virtue of University of The Gambia Act 1999
<b>March 1999</b>	Nominated Outstanding People of The 20th Century by the International Biographical Institute, Cambridge, England
<b>March 1999</b>	Awarded the 2000 Millennium Medal of Honour by the American Biographical Institute of the United States of America
<b>March 1999</b>	Appointed Deputy Governor of American Biographical Institute Research Association (ABIRA) North Carolina, United States of America
<b>February 1999</b>	Awarded the Doctorate Degree of Civil Laws by St. Mary's University, Halifax, Canada
<b>December 1998</b>	Awarded the Islamic Worldwide "Grand Prix" by The Cheikhna Cheikh Saad Bouh Foundation of Dakar, Senegal
<b>November 1998</b>	Awarded the Grand Order of Bravery by the Libyan Leader Colonel Muammar Gadaffi
<b>September 1998</b>	Appointed Honorary Admiral, Alabama State Navy by the Governor of The State of Alabama
<b>1998</b>	Awarded The Gold Record of Achievement for 1997 by The American Biographical Institute in Raleigh, North Carolina, USA
<b>1997</b>	Nominated Man of The Year by the American Biographical Institute in Raleigh, North

<b>1997</b>	Awarded the 1997 Pan-African Humanitarian Award by The Pan-African Foundation and The World Council based in the United Kingdom
<b>1996</b>	Decorated with the highest Chinese Insignia - The Order of Brilliant Jade with Grand CORDON of The Republic of China
<b>1995</b>	Decorated with the highest Libyan Insignia - Grand Commander of The Order AL-FATAH
<b>27th January 1994</b>	Appointed Honorary Lt. Col. ADC, Alabama State Military, USA
<b>November 1993</b>	Appointed Honorary Citizen of the State of Georgia, USA

President Yahya Jammeh has been listed in several biographical publications notably including the International Who-is-Who and the Marquis Who-is-Who

### **BENEFACTIONS:**

Almost single handedly President Jammeh has provided strong institutional support as a means to motivate, provide incentive for the self-realization of the less privileged and disadvantaged sections of societies. He has earned wide recognition and respect for this, and for the sympathy and readiness to protect the rights and integrity of the poor, the marginalized and the disadvantaged. Each year, he also sponsors a lot of pilgrims from both the Muslim and Christian sides to perform their annual religious rites in the Holy cities of Mecca and Rome.

On account of his humanitarian gestures, President Jammeh is, and would forever be credited for his pioneering and setting up of several philanthropic schemes, benefiting Gambians and non Gambians alike within and beyond the Gambian border. They include notably:

- The Jammeh Foundation for Peace
- The President's

Empowerment of Girls  
Education Project

— President Jammeh Award  
for Excellence in Education

— The Health for Peace  
Initiative in the West African  
Sub-region

— Dr. Yahya Jammeh CILSS  
Forest Park Competition

— The Women's  
Empowerment Fund

— The Asthma and HIV/AIDS  
Trust Fund

— His other benefaction lies  
in his Back-to-Land call, which  
encourages Gambians to  
farm, and produce the food  
they eat in what constitutes a  
food self-sufficiency  
assurance. Bumper harvests  
have been registered in the  
last rainy seasons. A farmer  
per excellence, President  
Jammeh would make sure  
that his annual leave  
coincides with the farming  
season so he would himself  
go back to the land and farm  
on the farms himself.

**PUBLIC OFFICE:**

**19th January 2012**

Sworn in as President of the  
Republic of The Gambia

**24th November 2011**

Re-elected for a Fourth Term  
as President of the Republic  
of The Gambia

**15th December 2006**

Sworn in as President of the  
Republic of The Gambia

**October 2006**

Re-Elected for a Third Term  
as President of the Republic  
of The Gambia

**December 2001**

Sworn in as President of The  
Republic of The Gambia

**October 2001**

Re-Elected for a Second

Term as President of the  
Republic of The Gambia

**18th October 1996**

Sworn in as President of The  
Republic of The Gambia

**27th September 1996**

Elected First President of The  
Second Republic of The  
Gambia

**8th September 1996**

Retired from the Army

**22nd July 1994**

Chairman of the Armed  
Forces Provisional Ruling  
Council and Head of State

### **INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**2005**

Chairman of the Authority of  
Heads of State and  
Government of the West  
African Monetary Zone

**2000 - 2003**

1st Vice Chairman of the  
Organisation of the Islamic  
Conference (OIC)

**1997 - 2000**

Chairman of the Inter-States  
Committee for the Control of  
Drought in the Sahel (CILSS)

### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

**2007**

Successfully pioneered a  
Breakthrough in the Herbal  
Treatment of HIV/AIDS

**June 2006**

Host of the Summit of Heads  
of State and Government of  
the African Union held in  
Banjul, The Gambia

### **HOBBIES:**

Playing Tennis,  
Playing Soccer,  
Hunting in the Forests,  
Reading,  
Correspondence,  
Driving and Riding  
Motorcycles, Browsing the  
Internet,

Watching Music Movies,  
Animal Rearing and  
Keenly following world events.

Possesses extensive  
knowledge in traditional  
herbal therapy especially in  
the treatment of Asthma and  
Epilepsy.



### **SPECIAL SKILLS:**