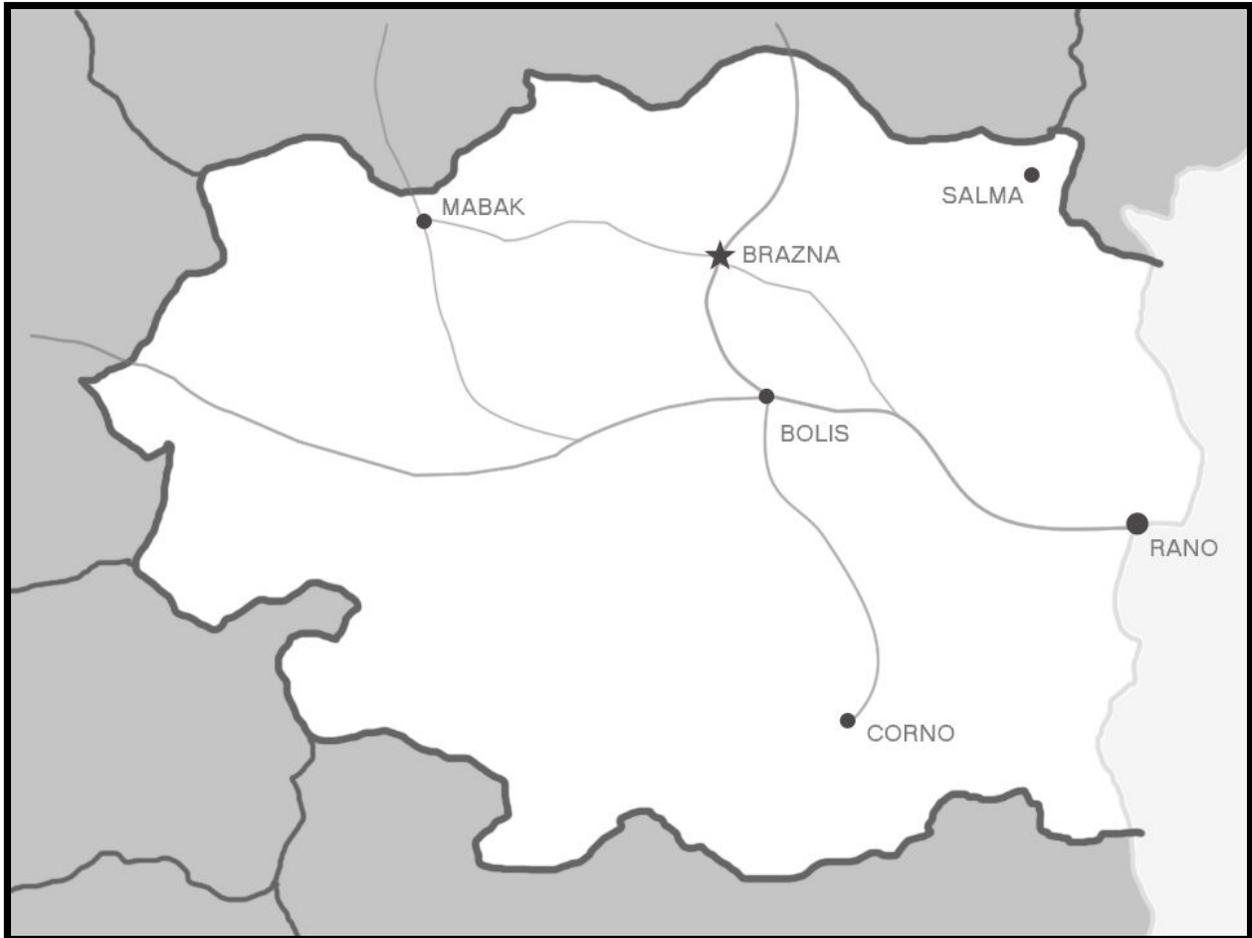


# Calbia



## Introduction

The principalities of Cornava and Braznata existed for centuries before uniting as the Kingdom of Calbia in the mid 19th century, securing their autonomy under the Cornav dynasty. It was aligned with Southern Alliance forces in the Great War, but was overrun by Northern Powers forces. Post-war Northern occupation led to the abdication of the king, the dissolution of the ethnic Toka (Orange) aristocracy, and the establishment of a single-party state under the Calbian Central Party under mostly Kano (Purple) control. Four years ago, the withdrawal of Northern Pact's economic and military aid led to the collapse of Central Party rule. Ongoing

inter-ethnic conflict has damaged the legitimacy of elections and threatens to break-up the country into ethno-states.

## Geography

**Area:** 38,748 sq km

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*land:* 36,126 sq km

*water:* 2,622 sq km

**Area - comparative:** Twice the size of New Jersey

**Climate:** Mild temperate to semi-arid; cool, wet winters; hot, clear, dry summers; interior in hotter and dryer

**Terrain:** Large interior plains, hills and forests along the coast

**Natural Resources:** Arable land, nickel, coal, timber, iron, sulfur, magnesium

### Land use:

*agricultural land:* 62.3%; arable land: 41.1%; permanent crops: 1.1%; permanent pasture: 20.1%

*forest:* 20.4%

*other:* 17.3%

**Natural hazards:** floods; drought; damaging storms;

**Environmental issues:** strip mining, soil erosion; water pollution

## People and Society

**Nationality:** *noun:* Calbian(s)

*adjective:* Calbian

**Ethnic groups:** Kano (Purple) 51.2%; Toka (Orange) 34.9%; Roz (Pink) 12.4%;

**Languages:** Calbian 96%; Rozza 3.8%

**Religions:** Old Faith 56.7%; Reformed Faith 32.9%; Traditional Rozza 5.1%;

**Population:** 3,521,090 (est.)

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**Major Urban Areas - population:** BRAZNA (capital) 408,000; RANO (commercial center) 509,000, CORNO (cultural center) 322,000

## Government

**Country name:** *conventional long form:* Democratic Republic of Calbia

*conventional short form:* Calbia

*former:* Central Republic of Calbia, Kingdom of Calbia

**Government type:** Presidential republic (unstable); Local militia and tribal councils;

**Capital:** Brazna

## Economy

### Overview

Following the removal of Central Party rule and civil war, the Calbian economy has suffered badly. Attempts to move from a state-owned command economy to a semi-market system have stalled due to ongoing ethnic and civil strife in the region. Agreements with the IMF collapsed due to the election crisis last year, leading to ongoing hyperinflation and negligible foreign investment. Other concerns include lingering land management, ownership and distribution concerns left over from Central Party agricultural programs.

**GDP:** \$14.8 billion, per capita \$4,214; real growth rate -24%

**Inflation Rate:** 184%

**Unemployment Rate:** 30.8%

## Communications

**Telephone system:** 878,000 telephones are in use, concentrated mainly in urban areas and government offices. Rural centers have suffered a massive drop in communications service due to interethnic strife, sabotage and looting.

**Broadcast media:** 4.65 million radios and 1.8 million televisions in use; 68% of country receives television signals; 92% of the country receives radio signals; 2 competing state television and radio services are operated by rival ethnopolitical factions; International news radio can be received from neighboring countries and is a primary news source in the interior.

## **Transportation**

**Airports:** 7

*Paved:* 5

**Railroads:** 2,698 km (29.9% electrified)

**Roadways:** 28,018 km total, 14,305 km paved, 8,661 km gravel; 5,052 km earth

**Ports:** major seaport - Rano

## **Military**

**Branches:** Army of Calbia, consisting of five major commands: Army, Navy, Air Force, Military Police and Special Guard. Multiple paramilitary and militarized criminal forces operate inside Calbia's borders, including the Purple Guard; Free Orange Army and Rozza irregular militia.



