

# BANGLADESH



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**Capital: Dhaka Time: GMT + 6**

**Background:** Bangladesh came into existence in 1971 when Bengali East Pakistan seceded from its union with West Pakistan. A third of this desperately poor country annually floods during the monsoon rainy season, hampering normal economic development.

**Location:** Southern Asia, bordering the Bay of Bengal, between Burma and India  
**Map References:** Asia

**Area:** total: 144,000 sq km land: 133,910 sq km water: 10,090 sq km

**Climate:** tropical; cool, dry winter (October to March); hot, humid summer (March to June); cool, rainy monsoon (June to October)

**Terrain:** mostly flat alluvial plain; hilly in southeast

**Natural Resources:** natural gas, arable land, timber

**Population:** 129,194,224 (July 2000 est.)

**Nationality:** noun: Bangladeshi(s) adjective: Bangladeshi

**Ethnic Groups:** Bengali 98%, Biharis 250,000, tribals less than 1 million

**Religions:** Muslim 88.3%, Hindu 10.5%, other 1.2%

**Languages:** Bangla (official), English

**Economy:** Despite sustained domestic and international efforts to improve economic and demographic prospects, Bangladesh remains one of the world's poorest, most densely populated, and least developed nations. The economy is largely agricultural, with the cultivation of rice the single most important activity in the economy. Major impediments to growth include frequent cyclones and floods, the inefficiency of state-owned enterprises, a rapidly growing labor force that cannot be absorbed by agriculture, delays in exploiting energy resources (natural gas), inadequate power supplies, and slow implementation of economic reforms. Prime Minister Sheikh HASINA Wajed's Awami League government has made some headway improving the climate for foreign investors and liberalizing the capital markets; for example, it has negotiated with foreign firms for oil and gas exploration, better countrywide distribution of cooking gas, and the construction of natural gas pipelines and power plants. Progress on other economic reforms has been halting because of opposition from the bureaucracy, public sector unions, and other vested interest groups. The especially severe floods of 1998 increased the country's reliance on large-scale international aid. So far the East Asian financial crisis has not had major impact on the economy.

**Industries:** cotton textiles, jute, garments, tea processing, paper newsprint, cement, chemical fertilizer, light engineering, sugar

**Currency:** 1 taka (Tk) = 100 poisha

**Railways:** total: 2,745 km broad gauge: 923 km 1.676-m gauge narrow gauge: 1,822 km 1.000-m gauge (1998 est.)

**Highways:** total: 201,182 km paved: 19,112 km unpaved: 182,070 km (1997 est.)

**Waterways:** 5,150-8,046 km navigable waterways (includes 2,575-3,058 km main cargo routes)

**Ports and Harbors:** Chittagong, Dhaka, Mongla Port

**Airports:** 16 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 16 over 3,047 m: 2 2,438 to 3,047 m: 2 1,524 to 2,437 m: 5 914 to 1,523 m: 1 under 914 m: 6 (1999 est.)

**Visa:** required by all.

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**Health:** a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from all persons arriving by sea or air from an infected area or an area that the WHO deems as endemic. Those without a certificate will be quarantined for 6 days.

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