



# BANGLADESH



## INTRODUCTION

The huge delta region formed at the confluence of the Ganges and Brahmaputra River systems - now referred to as Bangladesh - was a loosely incorporated outpost of various empires for much of the first millennium A.D. The Bengali independence movement, led by the Awami League (AL) and supported by India, won independence for Bangladesh in 1971.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Mohammad Shahabuddin CHUPPI

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Sheikh HASINA Wazed

### Government Type

parliamentary republic

### Capital

Dhaka

### Legislature

unicameral House of the Nation or Jatiya Sangsad (350 seats)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Muhammad IMRAN

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Peter HAAS

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 148,460 sq km

Land: 130,170 sq km

Water: 18,290 sq km

### Climate

tropical; mild winter (October to March); hot, humid summer (March to June); humid, warm rainy monsoon (June to October)

### Natural Resources

natural gas, arable land, timber, coal

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

one of the fastest growing emerging market economies; strong economic rebound following COVID-19; significant poverty reduction; exports dominated by textile industry; weakened exports and remittances resulted in declining foreign exchange reserves and 2022 IMF loan request

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$1.072 trillion (2022 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$6,300 (2022 est.)

**Industries** - cotton, textiles and clothing, jute, tea, paper, cement, fertilizer, sugar, light engineering

**Agricultural products** - rice, milk, eggs, potatoes, maize, sugar cane, onions, jute, mangoes, other tropical fruits and vegetables

**Exports** \$60.1 billion (2022 est.)

textiles (knit/non-knit garments, linens, jute yarn), leather footwear, knitted hats (2022)

**partners:** US 18%, Germany 16%, United Kingdom 8%, Spain 7%, Poland 5% (2022)

**Imports** \$93.8 billion (2022 est.)

refined petroleum, cotton, textiles (woven/knitted fabrics, cotton yarn), palm oil, wheat (2022)

**partners:** China 32%, India 17%, Singapore 6%, Malaysia 5%, Indonesia 5% (2022)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

167.2 million (2023 est.)

### Population Growth

0.91% (2023 est.)

### Ethnicity

Bengali at least 99%, other indigenous ethnic groups 1% (2022 est.)

### Language

Bangla 98.8% (official, also known as Bengali), other 1.2% (2011 est.)

### Religion

Muslim 91%, Hindu 8%, other 1% (2022 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 40.5% of total population (2023)

rate of urbanization: 2.88% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)