

## Bangladesh



<b>Area</b>	: <i>Total:</i> 144,000 sq km : <i>Land:</i> 133,910 sq km
<b>Population</b>	: 150,448,339 (July 2007 est.)
<b>Population growth rate</b>	: 2.056% (2007 est.)
<b>Languages</b>	: Bangla (official, also known as Bengali), English
<b>Religions</b>	: Muslim 83%, Hindu 16%, other 1% (1998)
<b>Ethnic groups</b>	: Bengali 98%, other 2% (includes tribal groups, non-Bengali Muslims) (1998)
<b>Climate</b>	: tropical; mild winter (October to March); hot, humid summer (March to June); humid, warm rainy monsoon (June to October)
<b>Natural resources</b>	: natural gas, arable land, timber, coal
<b>Literacy rate</b>	: <i>Total population:</i> 43.1% : <i>Male:</i> 53.9% : <i>Female:</i> 31.8% (2003 est.)
<b>Currency</b>	: taka (BDT)

<b>Time difference with Sri Lanka</b>	: Add 30 minutes to SL's time
<b>National day</b>	: Independence Day, 26 March
<b>Main cities</b>	: Dhaka (capital) 11.9 mn Chittagong 3.9 mn Khulna 1.4 mn Rajshahi 727,083 Sylhet 339,368
<b>GDP (PPP)</b>	: \$336.7 billion (2006 est.)
<b>GDP - real growth rate</b>	: 6.6% (2006 est.)
<b>GDP - per capita</b>	: \$2,300 (2006 est.)
<b>GDP – composition by sectors</b>	: <i>Agriculture</i> : 19.9% <i>Industry</i> : 20.6% <i>Services</i> : 59.5% (2006 est.)
<b>Exchange rate</b>	: taka per US dollar - 69.031 (2006)
<b>Major Industries</b>	: cotton textiles, jute, garments, tea processing, paper newsprint, cement, chemical fertilizer, light engineering, and sugar.
<b>Major Exports</b>	: garments, jute and jute goods, leather, frozen fish and seafood
<b>Major Markets</b>	: US 23.6%, Germany 13.5%, UK 9.4%, France 6.4%
<b>Major Imports</b>	: machinery and equipment, chemicals, iron and steel, textiles, foodstuffs, petroleum products, cement
<b>Major Suppliers</b>	: India 14.1%, China 13.5%, Kuwait 8.5%, Singapore 6.2%, Japan 4.1%, Hong Kong 4.1%