



Country Profile: Bangladesh

Bangladesh is a democratic republic with a parliamentary form of government. Bangladesh remains a developing country with poor infrastructure. Tourist facilities outside major cities and tourist areas are minimal. Read the Department of State [Background Notes on Bangladesh](#) for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Bangladesh
Continent:	Asia
Capital City:	Dhaka
Boundary Countries:	Burma, India
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Apollo Hospital- Dhaka Dhaka Community Hospital, KPJ United Hospital Limited, Monwara Hospital, Shishu Hospital, Stonecrush Hospital
Main Cities:	Dhaka, Barisal, Chittagong, Comilla
Country Size:	144,000 sq km
Population:	141,340,476

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Bangla
Currency:	Taka (BDT)
Predominant Religions:	Muslim 83%, Hindu 16%, other 1%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 26 March (1971)
Economic Status:	The economy has grown 5-6% over the past few years despite inefficient state-owned enterprises, delays in exploiting natural gas resources, insufficient power supplies, and slow implementation of economic reforms. Bangladesh remains a poor, overpopulated, and inefficiently-governed nation. Although more than half of GDP is generated through the service sector, nearly two-thirds of Bangladeshis are employed in the agriculture sector, with rice as the single-most-important product. Garment exports and remittances from Bangladeshis working overseas, mainly in the Middle East and East Asia, fuel economic growth.
Security:	Bangladesh Defense Force: Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Air Force (Bangladesh Biman Bahini, BAF)
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Dhaka Madani Avenue, Baridhara, Dhaka -1212, Bangladesh Tel: (880) (2) 5566-2000

Major Airports:	Airports: 16, Airports with paved runways: 15 Dhaka Airport, Bangladesh, House #11/A, Road #10, Sector #01, Uttara, Dhaka 1230, BANGLADESH Tel: +880 (0)2 896 0825, +880 (0)2 895 4233 Fax: +880 (0)2 891 8589 Email: info@aex-bd.com Chittagong Airport, Bangladesh, Patenga, Chittagong, BANGLADESH Tel: +880 (0)31 500171/1
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