

People's Republic of Bangladesh



Capital City:

Dhaka

Area:

147,570 sq km/56,977 sq mi

Population:

138,448,210 (2003 estimate)

GDP:

\$47 billion (2001)

Form of Government:

Republic

Official Language[s]:

Bengali

Monetary unit:

1 *taka* (Tk), consisting of 100 *paisa*

Religion[s]:

islam 88%; Hindu 10%; Other 2%

Major Cities:

Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi, Narayanganj, Rangpur, Barisal, Jessore, Comilla, Sylhet, Saidpur

Industries:


Jute manufacturing, cotton textiles, food processing, steel, fertilizer, petroleum products, wine and spirits, tobacco products

Agriculture:

One of the world's largest exporters of jute; commercial products—jute, rice, wheat, tea, sugarcane, potatoes, beef, milk, poultry; shortages include wheat, vegetable oils, cotton.

Natural Resources:

Natural gas, arable land, timber, marine salt, limestone

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