



People's Republic of BANGLADESH



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General Information

Capital	: Dhaka	Chief of State:	H.E. President Professor Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed
Area	: 144,000 sq km	Chief Adviser of Caretaker Government:	Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed
Population	: 153,546,896 (July 2008 est.)	National Day	: 26 March
Life expectancy	: 63.21 years (2008 est.)	Victory Day	: 16 December
Literacy	: 41.1% (2003 est.)	Government Type	: Parliamentary
Official language	: Bengal, English is generally understood and widely spoken	Exchange rate	: 1 USD = 68.58BDT
Currency	: Taka (BDT)	HDI Rank**	: 140
FDI**	: 1.3% of GDP (2005)	Internet Domain	: .bd
National Airline	: Biman		

Recent Economic Indicators***

	Units	2004	2005	2006	2007 (a)	2008 (a)
GPD (current prices)	US\$ (bn.)	59.12	61.13	65.20	73.69	83.04
GDP, deflator	Index	135.60	142.56	151.15	162.37	174.50
GDP per capita, current prices	US\$	392.75	398.79	417.66	463.44	512.87
GDP (PPP) valuation of country GDP	Current international dollar (bn.)	158.48	173.64	190.93	208.46	227.98
GDP (PPP) per capita GDP	Current international dollar	1,052.79	1,132.84	1,223.01	1,311.01	1,408.05
GDP (PPP) share of world total	Percent	0.31	0.31	0.32	0.32	0.37
Current account balance	US\$ (bn.)	-0.19	0.01	0.76	0.78	0.80

* (a) IMF Estimate Data

Bangladesh's Global Merchandise Trade Relationships***

Bangladesh's Principal Export destinations, 2006:		Bangladesh's Principal Import Sources, 2006:	
1 United States	25.1%	1 China	17.9%
2 Germany	12.7%	2 India	12.6%
3 United Kingdom	9.9%	3 Kuwait	8.0%

Source: CIA World Fact Book

** Human Development Report 2007-2008-UNPD

*** International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, October 2008