



People's Republic of BANGLADESH



General Information

Capital:	Dhaka	Head of State:	H.E. President Professor Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed
Area :	147,570 sq.km.	Head of Government	H.E. Prime Minister Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed
Population:*	147,365,352 (July 2006 est.)	National Day :	26 March
Life expectancy: *	62.46 years (July 2006 est.)	Government Type:	Parliamentary form of government, headed by the Prime Minister
Literacy: *	62.66% (2003)		
Official language:	Bangla , English is generally understood and widely spoken		
Currency :	Taka (Tk.)		
Exchange rate:	1 USD = 69 Tk.		

Selected Economic Indicators

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
GDP (Bn US \$) (current price)	47.2	49.6	54.2	58.5	60.8	63.0
GDP PPP (Bn US \$)	225.6	240.7	259.7	282.0	305.6	330.6
GDP per capita (US \$)	335.0	345.0	370.0	392.0	400.0	407.0
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (d)	1,601.0	1,673.0	1,773.0	1,890.0	2,011.0	2,136.0
Real GDP growth (% change YOY)	4.8	4.8	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.2
Current account balance (Mn US \$)	-391.0	157.0	126.0	-191.0	-328.0	-188.0
Current account balance (% GDP)	-0.8	0.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.3
Exports (Mn \$) **	5,736.0	5,443.0	6,229.0	7,586.0	8,988.0	
Imports (Mn \$) **	9,012.0	7,848.0	9,835.0	11,590.0	14,291.0	
Goods & services exports (%GDP)	14.5	14.0	14.9	15.8	17.2	16.1
Inflation (% change YOY) :	1.5	3.8	5.4	6.1	7.0	6.8

Major Bangladesh's exports 2004 (Bn Taka) **

Fish	22,837.0
Leather	14,408.0
Jute manufactures	12,714.0
Raw Jute and mesta	4,535.0
Tea	949.0

Major Bangladesh's imports 2004 (Bn Taka)**

Textiles amd textile articles	133,076.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances	75,705.0
Mineral products	52,335.0
Vegetable products	47,376.0
Chemical products	41,976.0

Bangladesh's principal export destination, 2005: Mn US \$ **

Exports,Total	8,988.0
1.United States	2,171.0
2.Germany	1,190.0
3.United Kingdom	950.0
4. France	540.0
5.Italy	338.0

Bangladesh's principal import sources, 2005: Mn US \$**

Imports,Total	14,291.0
1. India	2,103.0
2.China,People's Republic of	2,081.0
3.Singapore	854.0
4.Japan	623.0
5.Hong Kong,China	585.0

Source: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia

*CIA World Fact Book

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