

## FACT SHEET - BANGLADESH

AREA: 143,998 sq. km

POPULATION: 109.5 million

CAPITAL: Dhaka

SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT: Constitutional Republic

HEAD OF STATE:  
Hossain Mohammad Ershad

PRIME MINISTER: Kazi Zafar Ahmed

LANGUAGE: Bangla (Bengali) 98%  
English, Urdu

ETHNIC BACKGROUND: 98% Bengali,  
250,000 Biharis, under 1 mn. tribal

GDP: US\$16.5 bn

PER CAPITA INCOME: US\$151

CURRENCY: C\$1 = Taka 28.41

INFLATION RATE: 11%

UNEMPLOYMENT: 30%('88)

GDP REAL GROWTH: 0.5%('89)

MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS (1988/1989):

Exports (Total: US\$1,363 mn.)

Imports (Total: US\$3,173 mn.)

1. USA	24%
2. Western Europe	22%
3. Middle East	9%
4. Japan	8%
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2. Japan	14%
3. U.S.	8%
4. Middle East	9%
5. Asia	25%

CANADIAN TRADE STATISTICS (in Cdn \$ mn)

	1986	1987	1988	1989
Exports	101	124	127	65
Imports	9	23	30	23
Balance	+92	+101	+97	+42

MAIN SECTORS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR CANADIAN BUSINESS:

1. Grains and Oilseeds
2. Advanced Technology Products and Services
3. Oil and Gas Equipment and Services
4. Power and Energy Equipment and Services
5. Multiple Sectors
6. Possibilities of Joint Venture Investment

RESIDENT CANADIAN BANKS : None

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