

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

Capital: Dhaka

GEODATA

Area

143,998 km²

Population

125.15 million (1994)

Population growth

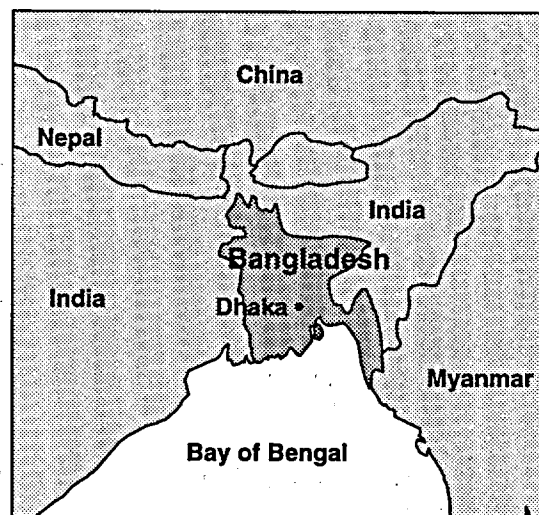
3% (1994)

Major languages

Bengali (official), English

Major religions

Muslim (85%), Hindu (14%), other (1%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of Government

Republic

Leaders

President Abdur Rahman Biswas

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia

Foreign Minister

Lt. Col. A.S.M. Mustafizur Rahman (retired)

Democratic Institutions

Unicameral parliament, multiparty

UN Human Development Index

Bangladesh ranks 146th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$25.89 billion US (1994)

GDP growth rate

4.6% (1994)

GDP per capita

\$179 US (1992)

Main Exports

Ready-made garments and accessories, jute and jute goods, fish, leather and leather goods, and textiles

Main Imports

Foodstuffs, machinery and transport equipment, fuels, and chemicals

Main Exports to Canada

\$74.2 million (1994), including accessories (apparel), vegetables, textiles, fibres, fish and other seafood, toys, games and sporting goods, footwear and clothing

Main Imports from Canada

\$77.2 million (1994), including cereals, tobacco, machinery, paper, pulp, iron and steel

Canadian bilateral assistance

\$122.30 million (1993-1994)