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National Parliament, Dhaka

POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

The Awami League (AL) government stepped down on July 13, 2001, on completion of its five-year term. Elections were held on October 1 and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) won a majority of seats in Parliament. The new government has committed itself to implementing business and law and order reform. To a large extent, all major political parties publicly support pro-private sector economic reforms.

There are no major bilateral or international political issues that affect the business climate in BGD. On the domestic political landscape, political demonstrations and general strikes (hartals) have regularly disrupted business operations over the past few years. There were 27 days of nationwide general strikes in 1999, and 13 full or part days of general strikes in 2000. In 2001, there were 22 days of nationwide strikes during the build-up to the October parliamentary elections. While business has partially adjusted to the hartal culture prevalent in the country, the disruptions inflict a severe cost on the economy and on individual businesses.