

# 50 FACTS ABOUT BANGLADESH

1. CONTINENT: ASIA



2. CAPITAL: DHAKA



3. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: BANGLA

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4. FORMER NAMES: EAST BENGAL, EAST PAKISTAN

5. INDEPENDENCE DECLARED: MARCH 26, 1971



6. LENGTH OF BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR: NINE MONTHS

7. VICTORY DAY: DECEMBER 16, 1971

8. FLAG COLORS: RED AND GREEN

9. POPULATION: 164.6 MILLION

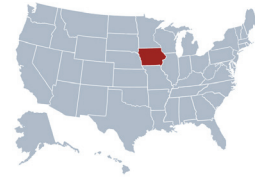


10. RANKING IN WORLD'S MOST POPULOUS COUNTRIES: #8



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11. COUNTRY SIZE: 56,977 SQUARE MILES  
(ABOUT THE SIZE OF  
THE US STATE OF IOWA)



12. SHARES LAND BORDERS WITH INDIA AND MYANMAR

13. CLOSEST OCEAN: BAY OF BENGAL (NORTHEASTERN PART  
OF THE INDIAN OCEAN)

14. HIGHEST PEAK (UNOFFICIAL): SAKA HAPHONG (MOWDOK  
RANGE) AT 3,488 FEET IN BANDARBAN, BANGLADESH NEAR  
IT'S BORDER WITH MYANMAR



15. NATIONAL FISH: ILISH (HILSA)

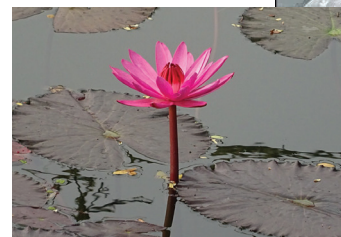
16. NATIONAL BIRD: DOEL (MAGPIE ROBIN)



17. NATIONAL POET: KAZI NAZRUL ISLAM

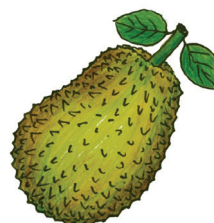


18. NATIONAL FLOWER: WATER LILY (SHAPLA)



19. NATIONAL TREE: MANGO TREE

20. NATIONAL FRUIT: JACKFRUIT



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21. NATIONAL SPORT: KABADDI



22. NATIONAL ANTHEM: AMAR SHONAR BANGLA  
(MY BENGAL OF GOLD)



23. NATIONAL MONUMENT: NATIONAL MARTYRS' MEMORIAL  
(JATIYO SRITI SOUDHO)

24. NATIONAL MOSQUE: BAITUL MUKARRAM  
(DHAKA, BANGLADESH)

25. RELIGIONS: MUSLIM (89%); HINDU (10%);  
CATHOLIC/BUDDHIST/OTHER (0.9%)

26. MAJOR INDIGENOUS ETHNIC GROUPS:  
CHAKMA, MARMA, TRIPURA



27. FIRST NOBEL PRIZE WINNER:  
SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR DR. MUHAMMAD YUNUS (2006)

28. FILM INDUSTRY: DHALLYWOOD



29. FIRST MONTH OF BENGALI NEW YEAR: APRIL (BOISHAKH)

30. NUMBER OF SEASONS: 6





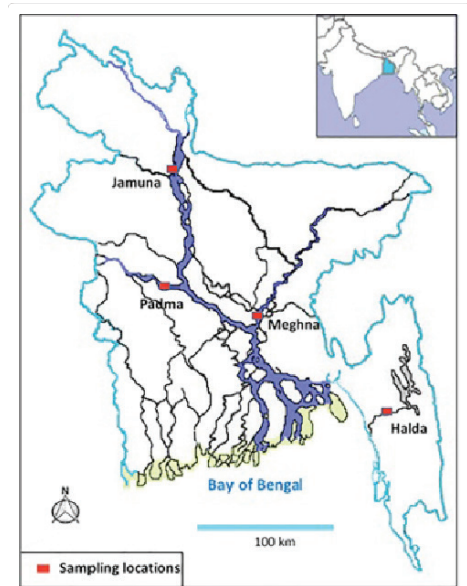
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31. NUMBER OF RIVERS (INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES): 310

32. THREAT LEVEL FROM CLIMATE CHANGE:  
EXTREME RISK

33. PERCENTAGE OF COUNTRY LESS THAN  
5 METERS ABOVE SEA LEVEL: 66%

34. WORLD'S LONGEST NATURAL SEA BEACH:  
COX'S BAZAAR, BANGLADESH

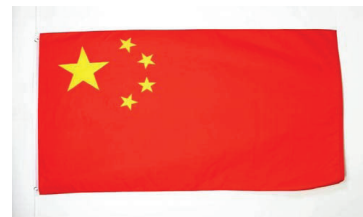


35. WORLD'S LARGEST CONTIGUOUS  
MANGROVE FOREST:  
SUNDERBANS, BANGLADESH  
(FORTY PERCENT OF THE FOREST IS IN  
NEIGHBORING INDIA)



36. RANK AMONG WORLD'S LARGEST CLOTHING EXPORTERS:  
#2 (AFTER CHINA)

37. COUNTRY IT ACCEPTS MOST  
IMPORTED GOODS FROM: CHINA



38. TOP IMPORTS: MILK AND CREAM, SUGAR, RICE, WHEAT

39. COUNTRY IT EXPORTS MOST GOODS TO:  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



40. TOP EXPORTS:  
GARMENTS, FROZEN FISH,  
JUTE, TEA, LEATHER PRODUCTS



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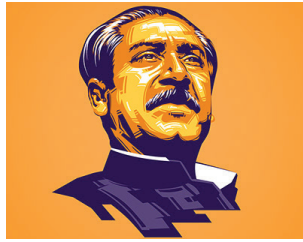
41. CURRENCY NAME: TAKA

42. AVERAGE WORKER EARNINGS:  
ABOUT \$1.65/DAY OR \$50/MONTH



43. PERCENTAGE LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE: 23.2%

44. FOUNDING FATHER:  
SHEIKH MUJIBUR RAHMAN



45. FOUR MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES: BANGLADESH AWAMI LEAGUE, BANGLADESH NATIONALIST PARTY, JATIYA PARTY AND JAMAAT-E-ISLAMI

46. FIRST FEMALE LEADER ELECTED: 1991 (KHALEDA ZIA)

47. CURRENT PRIME MINISTER: SHEIKH HASINA



48. CURRENT PRESIDENT: MD. ABDUL HAMID

49. WORLD'S LARGEST REFUGEE CAMP: KUTUPALONG ROHING-YA REFUGEE CAMP IN COX'S BAZAAR

50. INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY: FEBRUARY 21 (FOLLOWING BANGLADESH'S LEAD, UNESCO MADE IT A GLOBAL DAY IN 1999) (BACKGROUND: IN 1952, CITIZENS OF THEN-EAST PAKISTAN, HELD PROTESTS TO HAVE BANGLA AND NOT URDU RECOGNIZED AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE)

