BANGLADESH

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Abdul HAMID
Head of Government
Prime Minister Sheikh HASINA
Government Type
parliamentary republic
Capital
Dhaka
Legislature
unicameral House of the Nation or Jatiya Sangsad (350 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court of Bangladesh (organized into the Appellate Division with 7 justices and the High Court Division with 99 justices)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Mohammad ZIAUDDIN
US Ambassador
Ambassador Earl Robert MILLER

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
the economy has grown strongly since 2005 despite periods of political instability, poor infrastructure, corruption, insufficient power supplies, and lagging economic reforms
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$690.3 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$4,200 (2017 est.)
Exports
$35.3 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Germany 12.9%, US 12.2%, UK 8.7%, Spain 5.3%, France 5.1%, Italy 4.1% (2017)
Imports
$47.56 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 21.9%, India 15.3%, Singapore 5.7% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
159.5 million (July 2018 est.)
Population Growth
1.02% (2018 est.)
Ethnicity
Bengali at least 98%, indigenous ethnic groups 1.1% (2011 est.)
Language
Bangla 98.8% (official, also known as Bengali), other 1.2% (2011 est.)
Religion
Muslim 89.1%, Hindu 10%, other 0.9% (includes Buddhist, Christian) (2013 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 36.6% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 3.17% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
72.9% (2017 est.)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 148,460 sq km
Land: 130,170 sq km
Water: 18,290 sq km
Climate
tropical; mild winter (October to March); hot, humid summer (March to June); humid, warm rainy monsoon (June to October)
Natural Resources
natural gas, arable land, timber, coal

as of February 2019