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BANGLADESH



Bangladesh is a small country next to India that is filled with kindhearted and hospitable people. It is more of a poor country, but the people; men and women alike, are very hard working people that strive for their dreams. The national

language of Bangladesh is Bengali and most of the people there follow the religion of Islam. Bangladesh, however, observes all the religious holidays of Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, as well as Islam and teaches the religions in their educational systems. The cultures and religion in between Pakistan led to the Independence of Bangladesh won from the Bangladesh Liberation War.

Bangladesh has a very special kind of culture. They people there play Baniprodhan, which is a lyric like tradition. The folk music is played by the ektara, which only has one string. Some more are dotara, dhol, flute, and tabla. Bangladesh makes approximately eighty films each year. Fish and rice are the foods the Bengalis love the most. In terms of clothing, women wear saris or salwar kameez, while men wear Panjabi's and/or lungis. Also, cricket and soccer are the most favorite games known to the Bangladesh populace and in the World Cup of 2007, the Bangladesh team has had record breaking excellence.



Map of Bangladesh

Being near the equator, Bangladesh has a hot climate. It is located in the Ganges Delta. It has a very tropical climate and a warm winter and a hot summer. There is also a humid monsoon that hits from summer to fall and gives the country most of its rainfall. There are also floods, cyclones, tornadoes, and tidal bores annually with deforestation, soil degradation and erosion. The beach of Cox's Bazar is more than 120 kilometers long and is the longest unbroken natural beach in the entire Earth.

Another important thing to know about Bangladesh is its government and politics. The country is a democracy and the Prime Minister is the head. In



Bangladesh, at the conclusion of the term of government, the power is given to the civil society for three months. The prime minister is chosen by the president and has to be a member of the parliament. The cabinet is selected by the Prime Minister. In 1972, Bangladesh wrote its Constitution of Bangladesh and it has fourteen amendments. There are three big parties in Bangladesh: the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, the Bangladesh Awami League, and the Jatiya Party.



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Finally, one last thing an individual should know about Bangladesh is its economy. It's an undeveloped and overpopulated nation, but they have made progress with more literacy, gender parity, and less population growth. Most of the Bangladeshi's export earnings come from the garment industry. Also, Muhammad Yunus was given the Nobel Peace Prize (a big contribution to Bangladesh) through the Grameen Bank. ■

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