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#rethinkbangladesh

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Informationen  
über  
**Bangladesh**



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# 1

Bangladesh belongs to the people:

The official name is

## **The People's Republic of Bangladesh**

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### 2

**Bangladesh's**

**population**

(as of 2020 )

is estimated at

**164,689,383**

according to

UN data.

This makes it

equivalent

to **2.11** % of the total  
world population.

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**Democracy,**  
**nationalism,**  
**socialism** and  
**secularism**

are the  
four principles  
of the  
constitution.

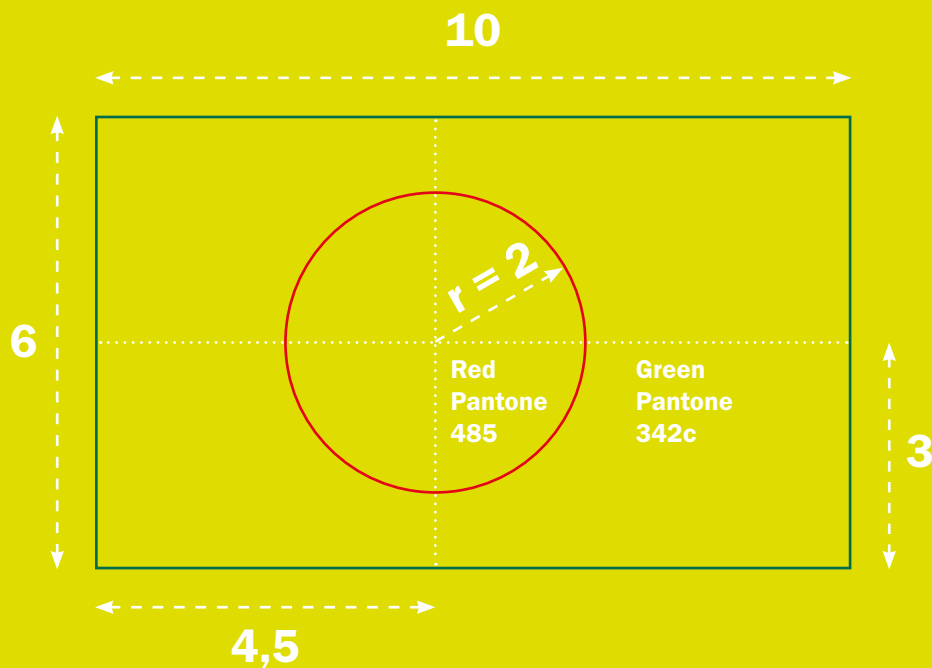
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# 4

**Amar Shonar Bangla** (My Golden Bengal) is the national anthem of Bangladesh. The lyrics and music are by the **Nobel Prize winner for literature Rabindranath Thakur**. The song was officially declared the national anthem on **13 January 1972**.

# 5

**The flag of Bangladesh:**  
**green** stands for hope and the fields of the country,  
**red** for the blood shed in the War of Independence,  
and the **disk** symbolizes the sun.



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**Bangladesh's national emblem, introduced in 1972,**

can be found on all the country's **taka coins**.

The round, golden emblem is symbolic of Golden Bengal.

**The national flower of Bangladesh is the white star water lily,** which is located within a circle.



**7**

**Bangladesh is the only nation in the world to have fought for and won its independence on the basis of preserving the right to speak its own language,**

and this day has a special emotional significance across the country.

**UNESCO later declared 21 February as the International Mother Language Day**

in recognition of the sacrifice made by Bangladeshis for their native language.

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On **Friday 26 March 2021** Bangladesh celebrates its **50th Independence Day**: in 1971 it gained independence from Pakistan. **Victory Day** is celebrated on **16 December**.

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# 9

Bangladesh is categorized as one of the **Least Developed Countries**. Due to its dynamic development, however, Bangladesh will rise to the category of **Moderately Developed Countries**.

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In the fast lane: major consulting companies predict that Bangladesh could be **the 23<sup>rd</sup> largest economy in the world by 2050**.

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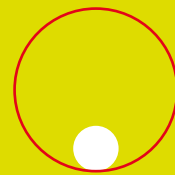
## National territory by comparison



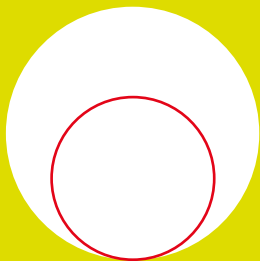
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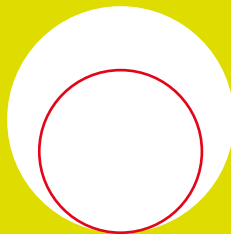
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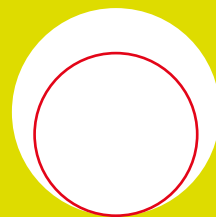
Qatar



Germany



Italy



United Kingdom

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Bangladesh ranks  
**number 8**  
among the most  
populous countries  
(and dependencies)  
in the world.

**13**

Life expectancy is  
**73 years,**  
which makes it  
higher than  
the global average.

**14**

The average number  
of births per  
Bangladeshi woman is  
**2.3 children** – a  
low rate by South Asian  
standards.

**15**

Success in  
school education:  
the school enroll-  
ment rate is around  
**95 %.**

**16**

Dhaka has been added  
to the **Guinness Book**  
of World Records as the  
city with the most  
**cycle rickshaws**  
(over  
**a million).**

**17**

Over  
**160 million**  
people use  
mobile phones  
to manage their  
payment transactions  
and social life.

# 18

In the World Development Indicators, Bangladesh has outranked India and Pakistan in **gross savings, infant mortality rate, safe childhood, primary school enrollment, fertility rate, life expectancy and military expenditure.** Bangladesh is the **second biggest contributor** of military and police to **UN peacekeeping.**

# 19

**Bangladesh – powerhouse of the Asian economy:**  
With a growth in gross domestic product **(GDP) of over 7 %** in the last few years, it's the economic spearhead of the South Asian region.

# 20

**Megacity Dhaka:**  
The capital is one of the fastest growing metropolises in the world. The metro area population of Dhaka in 2020 was **21,006,000.**

**21**

More than  
**10**  
million  
Bangladeshis work  
abroad,  
sending home  
almost  
**20**  
billion US dollars from  
**160**  
countries.

**22**

Bangladesh –  
country of water:  
its **rivers** comprise  
a total length of  
**24,140 km** –  
longer than the  
**road network**  
of the entire country  
**(21,118 km).**

**23**

In  
**Cox's Bazar,**  
**Bangladesh**  
has  
**one**  
of  
the  
**longest**  
**natural**  
**sand**  
**beaches**  
in  
the  
**world.**

**24**

Did you know  
that the Sundarbans  
form the  
**largest**  
**contiguous**  
**mangrove**  
**forest**  
on earth?



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**Bangladesh is still young.**

Demographic change is on the way.

50 % < 25



67 % < 40

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**Per capita income:**

the IMF predicts that **this year Bangladesh will overtake India.**

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**Bangladesh – refugee destination:**

the country has taken in over

**1.3 million Rohingya**

who have fled since 2017.

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The factors primarily responsible for economic growth are

**agriculture, the textile industry, migration, pharmaceuticals, leather production and the service sector.**

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Bangladesh has a

**low risk of terrorism**

due to effective prevention measures.

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Bangladesh is the **second largest** exporter of textiles in the world after China.

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Bangladesh is going green:

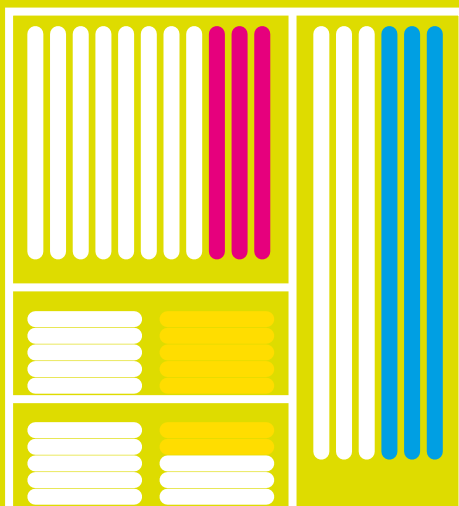
**seven** of the ten most eco-friendly textile factories in the world are in Bangladesh.

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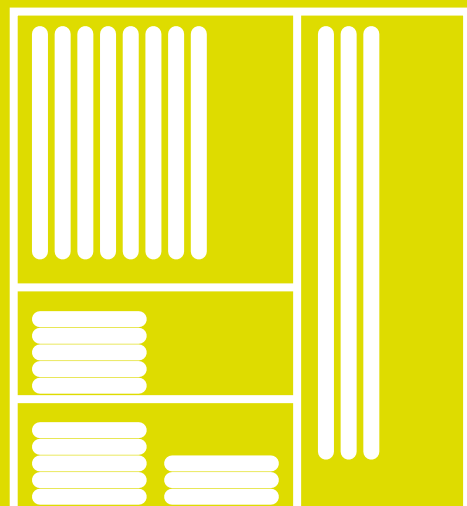
A clothing store with no products from Bangladesh? Almost unimaginable.

**30 % to 40 %** of the clothes you can buy in Europe come from Bangladesh.

**Your closet with...**



**and without products from Bangladesh**



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# 33

Bangladesh is busy weaving: almost  
**12 million spindles of yarn**

are used in textile production.

This requires cotton,  
which the country imports.

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# 34

***Made in Bangladesh:***

Almost every clothing chain purchases goods  
from Bangladesh, but

**only around 30 %**

of those garments carry the label  
*Made in Bangladesh.*

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Since the Rana Plaza disaster,  
**great attention is paid to  
workplace conditions.**

Bangladesh is one of the most inspected  
countries in the clothing sector.

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## Where do your jeans come from?

Bangladesh is the second largest manufacturer of denim products in the world after China.

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According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), there are **no longer any children employed directly** in the **clothing sector** in Bangladesh.

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Textile industry = number 1 employer in Bangladesh.

**4.5 million** work directly in the textile sector;  
**45 million** depend on it indirectly.

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**Machines are replacing seamstresses.**

Automation is on the rise.

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**Women are the backbone of the country.**

In society, business and politics they hold positions of responsibility; in the textile industry they make up **80 % of the workforce.**

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# 41

Bangladesh –  
country of  
entrepreneurs:  
**private  
entrepreneurs**  
account for

# 80 %

**of the national  
economy.**

# 42

# Tea

and

Bangladesh – a  
special relationship.  
Bangladesh not only

**exports**

tea, but also

**imports**

it because of the  
high demand.

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# 43

Bangladesh enjoys duty-free status.

**Except for weapons, all products  
can be exported to the EU  
duty-free.**

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The Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee **BRAC** has been ranked the **world's number one non-governmental organization (NGO)** by NGO Advisor, an independent Geneva-based media organization.

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It's highly likely that **every European and American citizen owns at least one product from Bangladesh**, such as a shirt, T-shirt, socks, jeans, a jacket, underwear, a towel, curtains, jute bags and leather products...

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## 46

UNESCO has recognized **three World Heritage Sites** in Bangladesh:  
the historic Mosque City of **Bagerhat** (popularly known as Khan Jahan Ali Mosque),  
the ruins of the Buddhist **Vihara at Paharpur**,  
and the **Sundarbans**.

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# 47

Bangladesh has one of the world's largest domestic **solar energy** programs. Small-scale solar home systems now provide electricity to **more than 4 million households** accommodating **about 20 million people** in rural areas – roughly one-eighth of the country's population.

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## **Click factory: freelancing**

has become a popular career option for many Bangladeshis, offering a new and flexible source of income that suits their lifestyles. There are **about 600,000 active freelancers** working regularly in Bangladesh.

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# 49

Bangladesh is recognized throughout the world as a **cricket crazy nation.**

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**THE PEOPLE OF  
BANGLADESH ARE THE  
FRIENDLIEST, MOST  
HOSPITABLE IN THE  
WORLD.**

