

EXPLORING COUNTRIES

Bangladesh





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Blastoff! Readers are carefully developed by literacy experts and combine standards-based content with developmentally appropriate text.

Level 1 provides the most support through repetition of high-frequency words, light text, predictable sentence patterns, and strong visual support.

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Whichever book is right for your reader, Blastoff! Readers are the perfect books to build confidence and encourage a love of reading that will last a lifetime!

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Where Is Bangladesh?



India

Jamuna
River

Bangladesh

Dhaka

Ganges
River

Meghna
River

Bay of Bengal



Myanmar
(Burma)

Bangladesh is a small, **tropical** country in South Asia. It covers 57,321 square miles (148,460 square kilometers). India surrounds most of the country. Myanmar, also called Burma, borders the southeastern side. The Bay of Bengal lies to the south. Bangladesh's capital city, Dhaka, sits in the center of the country.

Many rivers and waterways flow through the land. The Ganges, the Jamuna, and the Meghna are the largest rivers. The three rivers join together in the center of the country. They flow southward into the Bay of Bengal.



Much of Bangladesh is a **delta**. Low-lying land near the “Mouths of the Ganges” area forms most of the country’s solid ground. In this area, many of the country’s rivers flow into the Bay of Bengal. River **silt** piles up on banks and becomes **fertile** land.

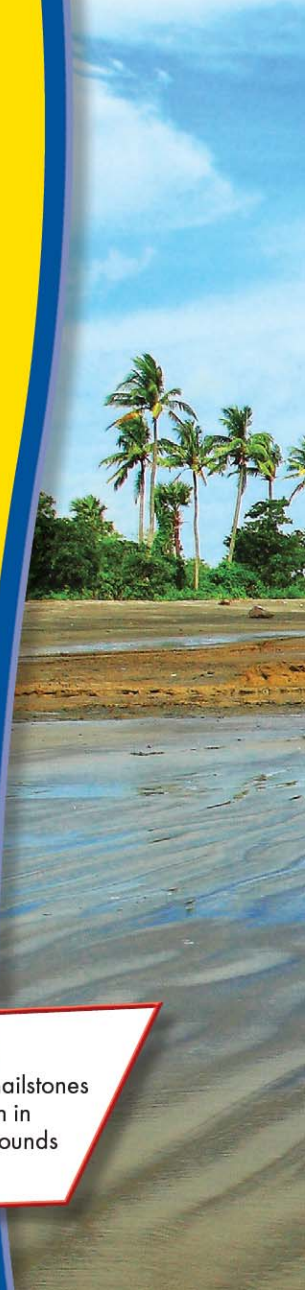
Bangladesh is mainly flat. One of its highest mountains, Keokradong, only rises about 4,000 feet (1,200 meters). Small hills blanketed in evergreen forests rise in the southeast.

Mangrove forests grow in the southwest. Boro rice and other crops cover much of the land in the north and west. Bangladesh’s tropical weather includes a rainy **monsoon** season. These rains often bring heavy flooding to the country. Sometimes they also bring **cyclones**.



fun fact

One of the heaviest hailstones ever fell in Bangladesh in 1986. It weighed 2.2 pounds (1 kilogram)!



Bay of Bengal



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