# **Country Snapshot**

#### The Economic Department



# Bangladesh

Prime Minister - Sheikh Hasina

#### **General Information**

Capital: Dhaka Global Competitiveness Index Ranking (Out of 140): 103 Population (m): Corruption Perceptions Index Ranking: (Out of 180): 143 165 Local Currency: Ease of Doing Busniess Ranking (Out of 190): 176 Bangladeshi taka Exchange Rate (LCU:US\$): Economic Freedom Ranking (Out of 180): 128 80.4 Head of State: President - Abdul Hamid 123 Enabling Trade Ranking (Out of 136):

Recent Economic Indicators	2016	2017	2018	2019
Real GDP Growth (% change YOY)	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.1
GDP (Bn\$) (market prices)	236	262	286	314
GDP per capita (\$) (PPP)	3,905	4,230	4,598	4,978
Export of Goods (Bn\$)	34	35	38	41
Import of Goods (Bn\$)	40	48	54	55
Unemployment Rate (% yearly)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
Inflation (Av)	6	6	6	6

#### **Principal Export Destinations**

Germany 12.9%, US 12.2%, UK 8.7%, Spain 5.3%, France 5.1%, Italy 4.1%

#### **Principal Export Commodities**

garments, knitwear, agricultural products, frozen food (fish and seafood), jute and jute goods, leather

#### **Principal Import Destinations**

China 21.9%, India 15.3%, Singapore 5.7%

### **Principal Import Commodities**

cotton, machinery and equipment, chemicals, iron and steel, foodstuffs

## The most problematic factors for exporting to Bangladesh

- 1 Tariffs and non-tariff barriers
- 2 Burdensome import procedures
- 3 Corruption at the border
- 4 High cost or delays caused by domestic transportation

No export to Bangladesh

5 Crime and theft

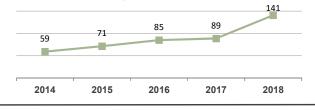
### Israel's Goods Trade Relations with Banglades \*\*

M\$ % Change

Export

**Import** 141 59%

## Israel's Import from 3angladesh



The Main Sectors of Goods Trade between Israel and Bangladesh \*\*

		<u>Import</u>		
	Sector	M\$	% Share	% Change
No export to Bangladesh	Apparel, Knit Or Crochet	86	61%	78%
	Apparel, Not Knit	49	35%	52%
	Footwear	3	2%	-46%
	Textile Art	1	1%	108%
	Carpets	0	0%	184%

<sup>\*</sup> World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Excluding Diamonds