

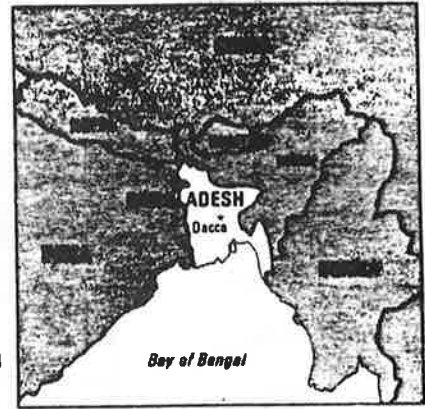
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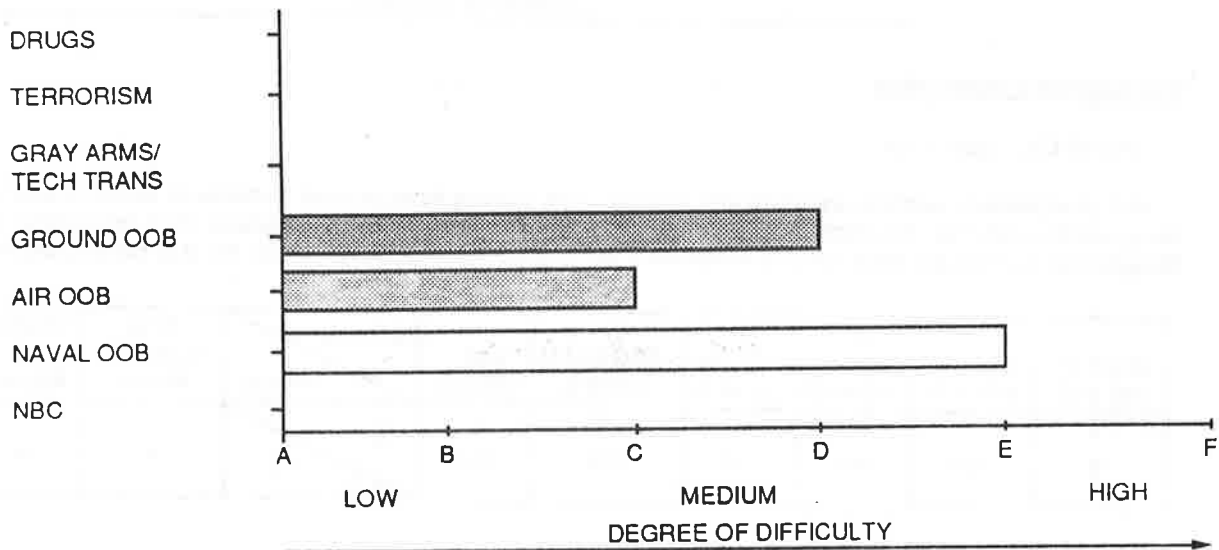


SUMMARY

With a long history of turmoil, disorder, and frequent coups in the Government, **Bangladesh** was declared an Islamic Republic in 1988. Chronic destitution among the densely crowded population has been worsened by the decline of jute, a primary crop, as a major world commodity. **Bangladesh** remains one of the world's poorest countries. While recent **U.S.-Bangladesh** relations are cordial, overall **U.S.** equity in this country is low. The **U.S.** maintains a bilateral trade association with **Bangladesh** and provides the country about \$140 million a year in aid. Over 700 **U.S.** citizens reside there. The ground OOB consists of about 82,000 volunteers modeled and organized along **British** regimental lines. The majority of military equipment is acquired from the **Soviets** and **Chinese**. **Bangladesh** maintains a small air force with two fighter squadrons and one bomber squadron. The navy is limited to three frigates and several coastal patrol craft.

With a culture much different from the **U.S.**, a wet/hot climate, and largely jungle terrain, military operations in **Bangladesh** would be quite difficult. The region is generally unsuited for tracked vehicle movement due to the continually wet alluvial plains, cut by streams and swamps. The thick ground cover and frequent heavy rainfall would limit the average standoff distance for engagement by line of sight weapons (intervisibility) to less than 1,000 meters. Hydrographic conditions would prevent NGF platforms from approaching the coast to provide support for operations ashore. Coverage by 1:50,000 scale maps is not available for **Bangladesh**. Airfields are available to receive C-5 or C-141B aircraft, but there are no ports able to accommodate strategic sealift. There are few key installations in this country. The **Pacific** ARG with its embarked MEU would require between four to six days to reach **Bangladesh**. Due to the over 700 potential evacuees and the 135 nautical miles distance to the most likely evacuation site (**Dhaka**), NEO conducted by a MEU under normal conditions would be very difficult.

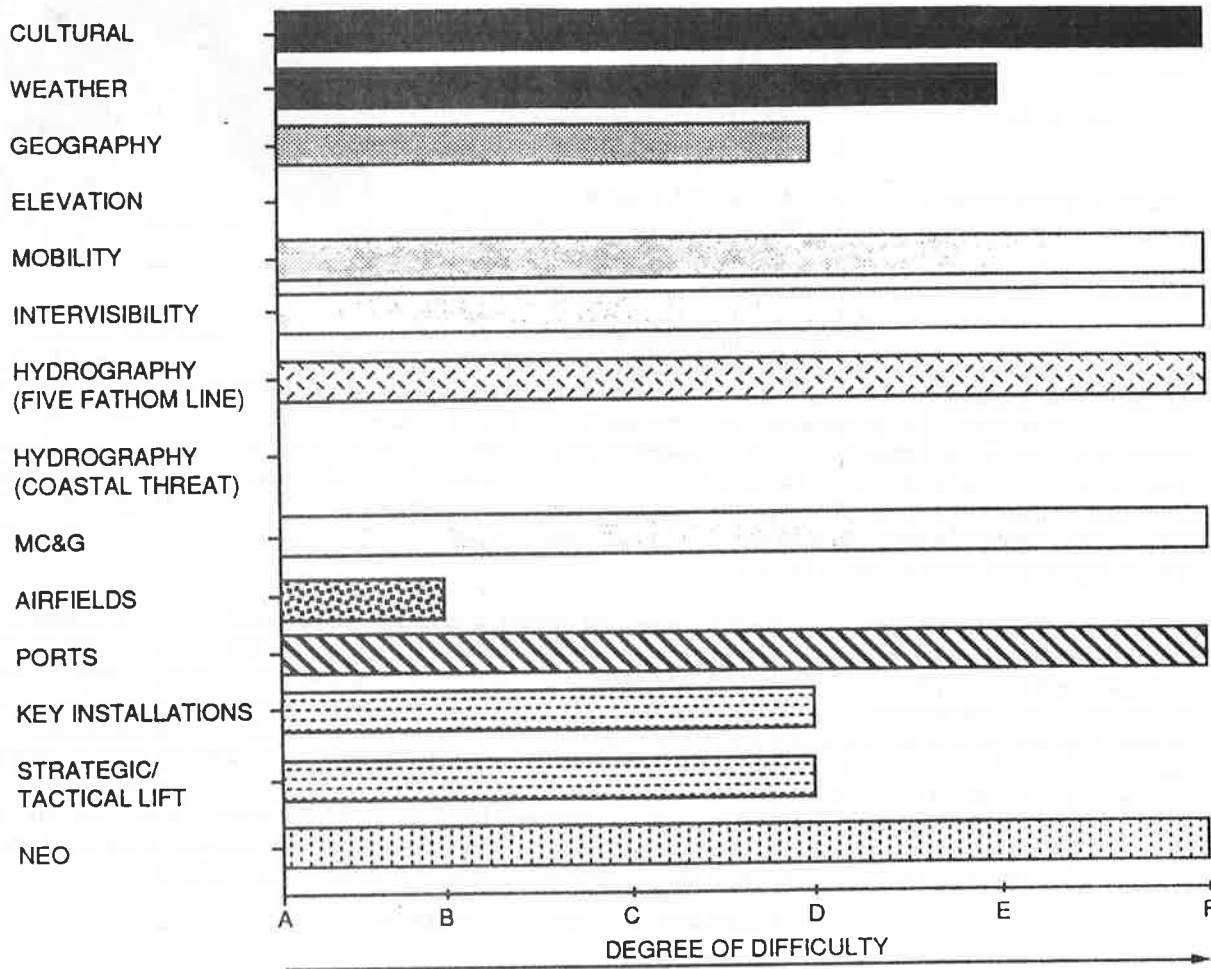
BANGLADESH - THREAT SUMMARY



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BANGLADESH - TERRAIN AND LOGISTICS SUMMARY



U.S. Equities in Bangladesh

- Overall **U.S.** equity is low.

U.S.-Bangladesh relations are warm and positive. **U.S.** policies have focused primarily on efforts to promote **Bangladesh** economic development and political stability. The **U.S.** maintains a bilateral trade association with **Bangladesh** and has averaged about \$140 million in aid to this country annually. About 700 **U.S.** citizens live there.

Direct Inv (Mil of \$)	Exports (Mil of \$)	Imports (Mil of \$)	U.S. Aid (Mil of \$)	Total Equity (Mil of \$)	U.S. Citizens	\$ Rating Rating	Total Numerical Rating	Overall U.S. Equity
2	193	419	140	754	709	2 2	4	Low

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General Ground OOB

Infantry	Tank OOB	Artillery	Army Size (Thousands)	Quality	Total Capability Value	Rating
Reg/Exp	T-54	Howitzers	82	8	160	D

Ground OOB consists mainly of 81,800 volunteers. Most training takes place entirely within the country. China may provide some training assistance as a counter to India or Soviet expansion in this area. The army has gained some experience fighting insurgent guerrillas. Tanks: T-54, T-55, Type 59; Artillery: D-30, M-56 pack howitzer, M-101, Type 54.

General Air OOB

Air OOB	Close Air	AAW (IAD)	Air Force Size (Thousands)	Quality	Total Capability Value	Rating
Bloc	Day Jet Atk	None	3	8	81	C

Fighter Aircraft: MiG-21, Shenyang J-6 (MiG-19); Close Air: Magister (light attack); Air Defense: none.

General Naval OOB

Naval OOB	S/S Missiles	Patrol Craft	Navy Size (Thousands)	Quality	Total Capability Value	Rating
ASUW/Air/ASW	Bloc	Bloc	8	8	146	E

Ships: 3 Frigates (Ex-U.K.) with guns, antisubmarine mortars, countermeasures, fire control, and radars; SSMs: SS-N-2 Styx; Patrol Craft: 4 Fast Attack Craft-Missile (Chinese) with SSMs, guns, and radars; Fast Attack Craft-Gun (Ex-Chinese); 4 Fast Attack Craft-Torpedo (Chinese); 8 Fast Attack Craft-Patrol (Chinese); 7 Large Patrol Craft; 1 Coastal Patrol Craft; 5 River Patrol Craft.

Culture (Language and Religion)

Primary language - Bengali (English)
Primary religion - Islam

There is a large cultural difference between Bangladesh and the U.S.

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Weather

Average Temperature (Degrees Fahrenheit)	Average Relative Humidity (Percent)	Average Annual Rainfall (Inches)	Rating
45-90	High	85	Wet/Hot

Located on the Tropic of Cancer, **Bangladesh** has a semitropical monsoonal climate, with one of the world's highest annual rainfalls.

General Geographic Conditions

URBAN	DESERT	JUNGLE	MOUNTAINOUS
		X	

Operational Elevation

<2,000 FT	<4,000 FT	<6,000 FT	>6,000 FT	>9,000 FT	>12,000 FT
X					

Bangladesh is a low-lying, riverine country with a marshy, jungle coastline. The land is mainly a flat alluvial plain, with hills in the north.

General Cross-Country Mobility

- **Bangladesh** is generally unsuited for cross-country movement of tracked vehicles.

The region is generally unsuited for tracked movement due to the poor draining of the alluvial plains, cut by numerous streams and coastal swamps.

Intervisibility (Line of Sight)

- Poor, with line of sight distances limited to less than 1,000 meters.

Bangladesh is a low-lying riverine country with a marshy, jungle coastline. The terrain for most of the year is covered with lush green vegetation dotted with palms and flowering trees. Although the terrain is predominately flat, line of sight distances throughout the country would be less than 1,000 meters due to the heavy ground cover.

Hydrography (Five Fathom Line)

- Hydrographic conditions prevent NGF platforms from approaching the coast to provide support for operations ashore.

DMA Chart #	5 Fathom Line from Shore (Meters)	NFG Rating
63330	24,150	Unsatisfactory

Hydrography (Coastal Threat)

- Limited coastal threat.

Maximum Capability Coastal Defense Weapon	Maximum Range of Weapon (Meters)	Rating (Compared with 5"/54-cal)
122 mm D-30	15,300	U.S. NGF Advantage

MC&G Shortfalls

- 1:50,000 scale map coverage is not available.

1:50 New	1:50 Old	Some 1:50	MSI Avail	1:250 New	None
			X		

Airfields

- Accessible by air, with one airfield that can handle C-5 aircraft.

Number of Airfields	Type Aircraft (C-5, C-141B, C-130) Accommodated	Airfield Utility (Unconstrained/Constrained)	Rating
5	1 C-5 2 C-141B 1 C-130 1 None	3/2	1/C-5

Airfields	Type Aircraft	Comments
Chittagong	C-141B, C-130	-
Dhaka/Tezgaon	C-141B, C-130	-
Jessore	C-130	Low runway WBC.
Osmany/Sylhet	None	-
Zia International/Dhaka	C-5, C-141B, C-130	-

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Ports

- **Bangladesh** has no ports that can accommodate strategic sealift.

Key Installations

Communications and transportation facilities are adequate. Railroad service is limited. Road transport is crowded but available to most major cities. River transport is extensive.

U.S. Embassy	Communications	Highways	Railroads	Major Ports	Primary Airfields	Pipeline	Oil Field	NBC
Dhaka	- Adequate International/fair domestic telecomm - 15 Radio stations - 11 TV stations - 2 Satellite stations	7,240 km	2,892 km	0	5	- Natural gas	None	None

Strategic and Tactical Lift

The **Pacific ARG** with its embarked MEU would require between four to six days to reach **Bangladesh**. The **AAF/ACB** can arrive within 24 hours but these elements do not possess a forcible entry capability.

NEO

Due to the large number of potential evacuees (over 700) and the 135 nautical miles distance to the most likely evacuation site (**Dhaka**), NEO conducted by a MEU under normal conditions in **Bangladesh** would be very difficult.

Embassy Staff	Evacuees	Inland Objective (nm)	Rating
83	709	135 (Dhaka)	F

Note: In **Bangladesh** the following factors are of little significance:

- Drugs
- Terrorism
- Gray Arms/Technology Transfer
- NBC