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Chapter-1. Money and People

Now let me present you the facts, nothing but facts, in support of my analytical report. Without bump and fair, let us quietly sneak into the world of struggle for existence in Bangladesh and Myanmar *aka* Burma. Keep your mind open, but still be on a look out since a tricky journey lies ahead of us.

Please take time to view the details of the tables and figures in the coming pages. The sources of the information are given and the International System of Units¹ (SI) are used in the interest of global readers.

Today focus is on Bangladesh and Myanmar, the two time-bombs, which are rapidly approaching the zero hour. The base maps are from Uncle Sam's CIA web site². The pasted maps are not to the original scale.



Facts and Figures. I will present the facts of Bangladesh and Myanmar in tables and figures with relevant legends. The main objective is to show how overpopulated and poor Bangladesh is in contrast to Myanmar, which is equally poor but not yet overpopulated. Seven other countries namely, Thailand, India, China, Australia, Japan, Mexico, and USA are included as the comparative references.

Notes.

1. Brownridge SI Material from <http://lamr.colostate.edu/~hillger/brownridge.html>.
2. <http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>.

1.1. Instance of a Ferryboat. What happens when a ferryboat is over loaded with passengers? It can capsize; it can sink. Right? Well? (1) It depends on how much overcrowded it is in the given size and condition of the boat. (2) It will also depend on the weather and the sea condition. (3) It will also depend on the skill of her crew and captain. (4) It will as well depend upon the discipline of the passengers. These four factors determine the condition. Please keep these in your mind for I will be discussing their pros and cons. I see Bangladesh as a overcrowded ferry boat that is sailing in a stormy ocean of poverty and Islamic fundamentalism.

What will happen when the ferryboat sinks?

Chapter 1 contains 18 figures, 25 tables, 2 maps, 4 charts, 5 illustrations incorporated under the following subheadings. Preview of tables and figures are also given below.

- 1.2. How big are Bangladesh and Myanmar?
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- 1.12. Will Bangladesh be able to produce the needed rice in 2015 and 2025?
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Table 1.7c. Rice production

Countries	Rice Production in million Metric Tons (Mt) from 1994 to 2003										Average of 10 years
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	
Australia	1.04	1.02	0.97	1.26	1.33	1.39	1.10	1.76	1.29	0.39	1.15
Bangladesh	25.12	26.40	28.18	28.15	29.71	34.43	37.63	36.27	37.85	38.06	32.18
China	177.99	187.30	197.03	202.77	200.57	200.40	189.81	179.31	176.34	166.42	187.80
India	122.64	115.44	122.50	123.70	129.06	134.50	127.47	140.01	107.60	132.01	125.49
Japan	14.98	13.44	12.93	12.53	11.20	11.47	11.86	11.32	11.11	9.74	12.06
Mexico	0.37	0.37	0.39	0.47	0.46	0.39	0.35	0.23	0.23	0.19	0.35
Myanmar	18.20	17.96	17.68	16.65	17.08	20.13	21.32	21.91	22.78	24.64	19.83
Thailand	21.11	22.02	22.33	23.58	23.45	24.17	25.84	26.52	26.06	27.00	24.21
United States	8.97	7.89	7.78	8.30	8.36	9.34	8.66	9.76	9.57	9.03	8.77

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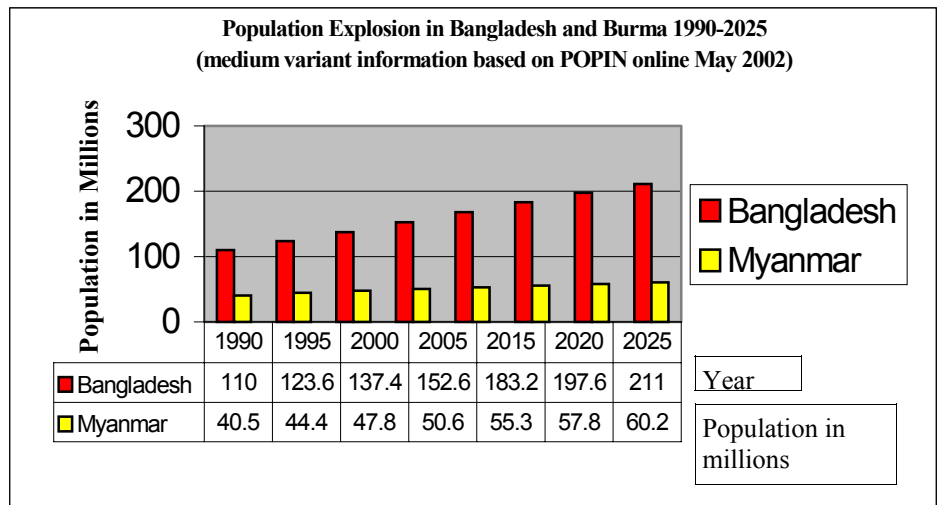


Figure 1.2c. Population explosion at medium fertility variant in Bangladesh and Myanmar with projection up to 2025