Survey Findings

27th August 2023

The State of Bangladesh's Political, Governance, Development and Society: According to Its Citizens

A Survey of the Bangladeshi People
- 10,240 respondents surveyed
- 50-50 adult Male to female ratio
- 64% Rural and 36% Urban population
- Population based on the 2011 census
- 160 respondents from each district
- The divisional sample was assigned based on the number of districts in a division.
- Data collection: November 2022 – January 2023

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<th>Divisions</th>
<th># of districts</th>
<th>Total Sample</th>
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<td>Chattogram</td>
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<td>Dhaka</td>
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Summary of response to what direction the country is heading.

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<td>Right direction (%)</td>
<td>77.0</td>
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<td>Wrong direction (%)</td>
<td>21.9</td>
<td>38.7</td>
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* The table doesn't include “no response “and “don't know” responses
DYNAMICS OF BANGLADESH’S SOCIETY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMY

Right direction responses by income group

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<td>10001-20000</td>
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<td>40001-50000</td>
<td>-15</td>
<td>-14</td>
<td>-31</td>
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Major problems in Bangladesh

- Increase in price of essential goods: 33% (2019), 44% (2022)
- Economic / business downturn: 11% (2019), 11% (2022)
- Unemployment/Livelihood: 10% (2019), 18% (2022)
- Political instability and intolerance: 8% (2019), 11% (2022)
- Corruption: 3% (2019), 11% (2022)
- Population growth: 5% (2019), 5% (2022)
- Others: 18% (2019), 18% (2022)
- Don't know: 4% (2019), 5% (2022)
Did recent commodity price hike affect your life?

Percentage of responses:
- Don't know: 0
- Not affected at all: 2
- Not very affected: 1
- Somewhat affected: 13
- Severely: 84
Democratic practices in Bangladesh

At present one can observe a dominant role of one party in politics/governance. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
Democratic practices in Bangladesh

Dominant party’s impact on politics

- Completely negative: 11 (2019), 31 (2022)
- Negative: 14 (2019), 27 (2022)
- Somewhat positive: 17 (2019), 17 (2022)
- Positive: 19 (2019), 45 (2022)
- No response: 1 (2019)
- Don't know: 2 (2019), 5 (2022)
- No impact: 4 (2019)
Will you welcome Rohingya refugees to live in your community?

- **2018**: 65 Yes, 34 No, 1 Don't know/ no response
- **2019**: 86 Yes, 15 No, 0 Don't know/ no response
- **2022**: 85 Yes, 13 No, 2 Don't know/ no response
Do you think the Bangladesh government is doing enough to support the Rohingya refugees or not?

- Bangladesh Government is doing a lot: 34 in 2019, 41 in 2022
- Bangladesh Government is doing enough: 59 in 2019, 44 in 2022
- Bangladesh Government is not doing enough: 3 in 2019, 5 in 2022
- Don't know: 4 in 2019, 9 in 2022
Opening of Padma bridge for public

Considering all the major things that have happened in Bangladesh in the past several years, how would you describe the opening of Padma bridge for public use?

Don't Know: 1
Has a lot of concern compared to benefit: 3
A success but has concerns about its cost/implementation: 4
An important positive event: 20
The most important success: 72

Percentage of responses
Who deserves the most credit for building the bridge?

- Bangladesh Government: 28%
- Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina: 47%
- Awami league: 1%
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges: 1%
- People: 20%
- Other (specify): 1%
- Don't Know: 3%