

## BANGLADESH

### SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Apr 74	Notification No. LT-I/3/74 (per Territorial Waters & Maritime Zones Act No. 26)	12nm	Foreign warships must obtain permission before transiting territorial sea.
	Jul 2001	Declaration upon Ratification of 1982 LOS Convention		Reaffirmed prior permission requirement for warships; added permission requirement for nuclear-powered vessels or those carrying dangerous/noxious substances.  <i>The requirement for prior permission is not recognized by the U.S. The U.S. protested requirement in 1982 and in 2001.</i>
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Apr 74	Territorial Waters & Maritime Zones Act No. 26		Enabling legislation for straight baselines.
	Apr 74	Notification No. LT-I/3/74 (per Territorial Waters & Maritime Zones Act No. 26)		Established eight baseline points on 10 fathom contour.  <i>This straight baseline claim is not recognized by the U.S. The U.S. protested claim in 1978 and conducted operational assertions in 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000-2002.</i>
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Apr 74	Territorial Waters & Maritime Zones Act No. 26	18nm	Security zone defined as a zone of the high seas extending 6nm beyond the outer limit of the territorial sea. Claims jurisdiction to enforce laws and regulations relating to security in zone.  <i>This claim is not recognized by the U.S. The U.S. protested this claim in 1982 and conducted operational assertions in 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000 and 2001.</i>
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Apr 74	Territorial Waters & Maritime Zones Act No. 26	CM	"up to the outer limits of continental margin bordering on the ocean basin or abyssal floor."
	Aug 74	Petroleum Act		Government has exclusive right to explore/exploit petroleum.

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FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Apr 74	Notification No. LT-I/3/74	200nm	Established limits of EEZ.
	Jul 2001	Declaration on accession to LOS Convention		Prohibits military exercises or operations, especially weapons/explosives, in EEZ or continental shelf without permission. Prohibits removal of archeological/historical objects from "any maritime zones" without permission.  <i>These prohibitions are not recognized by the U.S. The U.S. protested in 2001.</i>
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION	Apr 74	Territorial Waters & Maritime Zones Act No. 26		Authorized government to take "appropriate measures" to control pollution "in the high seas adjacent to the territorial waters."
	Jul 2001	Declaration on accession to LOS Convention		Claims ships entitled to sovereign immunity must compensate for damage caused by pollution of the marine environment.  <i>This claim is not recognized by the U.S. The U.S. protested in 2001.</i>
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 82			Signed Convention.
	Jul 2001			Ratified Convention, with Declarations stated above. Bound by Part XI Agreement.

### STRAIGHT BASELINE LEGISLATION

Following are extracts from Proclamation No. LT-I/3/74 of the Government of Bangladesh of 13 April 1974.

- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Territorial Waters and Maritime Zones Act, 1974 (Act No. XXVI of 1974), and in super session of any previous declaration on the subject, the Government is pleased to declare that the limits of the sea specified in paragraph 2 beyond the land territory and internal waters of Bangladesh shall be the territorial waters of Bangladesh.
- The limits of the sea referred to in paragraph 1 shall be twelve nautical miles measured seaward and the baselines set out in paragraph 3 so that each point of the outer limit of the sea to the nearest point inward on the baselines is twelve nautical miles.
- The baselines from which territorial waters shall be measured seaward are the straight lines linking successively the baseline points set out below:

**TABLE C1.T21.  
BANGLADESH STRAIGHT BASELINE SYSTEM**

POINT	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE EAST
No. 1	21°12' 00" N.	89°06' 45" E.
No. 2	21°15' 00" N.	89°16' 00" E.
No. 3	21°29' 00" N.	89°36' 00" E.
No. 4	21°21' 00" N.	89°55' 00" E.
No. 5	21°11' 00" N.	90°33' 00" E.

<b>POINT</b>	<b>LATITUDE NORTH</b>	<b>LONGITUDE EAST</b>
No. 6	21°07' 30" N.	91°06' 00" E.
No. 7	21°10' 00" N.	91°56' 00" E.
No. 8	20°21' 45" N.	92°17' 30" E.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Territorial Waters and Maritime Zones Act, 1974 (Act No. XXVI of 1974), the Government is pleased to declare that the Zone of the high seas extending to 200 nautical miles measured from the baselines shall be the economic zone of Bangladesh.