Bangladesh,[a] officially the people’s republic of Bangladesh,[b]is a country in south asia. It is the eight most populous country in the world and seventh most densely populated with a population of 173,562,364 in area of 148,460 square kilometres(57320sq mi). Bangladesh shares land borders with India to the north, west and east and Myanmar to the southeast. To the south, it has a coastline along the Bay of Bangal. To the north, it is separated from Bhutan and Nepal by the Siliguri corridor and from china by the mountainous India state of Sikkim. Dhaka, the capital of largest city, is the nation’s political, financial, and cultural centre. Chittagong is the second largest city and the busiest port. The office language is Bangali, with the Bangladeshi English also used in government. Bangladesh is part of the historic and ethnolinguistic region of Bengal, which was divided during the Partion of British India in 1947 as the eastern enclave of the dominion of Pakishan. The country came into existence in 1971 after declaring independence from Pakistan after a bloody war. The country has a Bangali Muslim majority. Ancient Bangal was known as Gangaridai and was a stronghold of pre-islamic kingdom. The Muslim conquest after 1204 led to the sultanate and Mughal periods, during which an independent Bangla sultanate and wealthy Mughal periods, during which an independent Bangal sultanate and wealthy Mughal Bangal transformed the region into an important centre of regional affairs trade and diplomacy. The Battle of Plassey in 1757 marked the beginning of British rule.