



Bangladesh on the Brink: Mapping the Evolving Social Geography of Political Violence

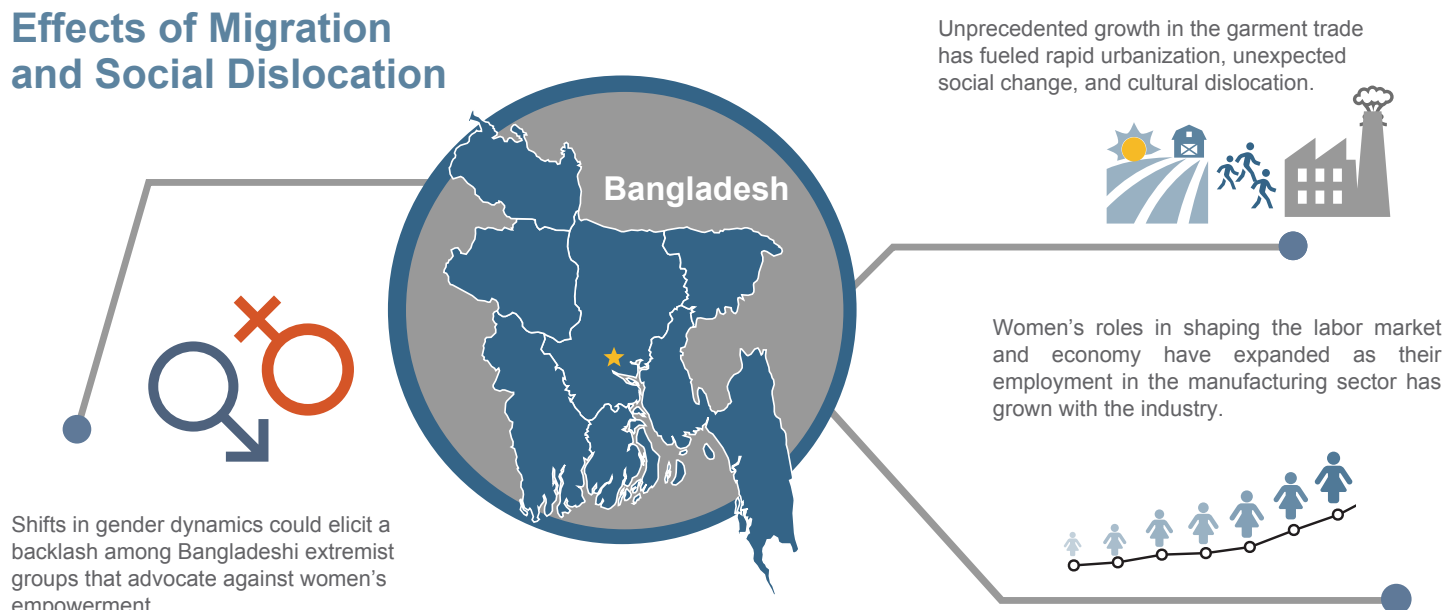
This fact sheet provides a snapshot of findings from the first RESOLVE Network mapping effort from RESOLVE's 2016-2017 Bangladesh Research Initiative. Findings from the study map emergent trends in political violence in Bangladesh and provide insight into the sharp rise of violent extremism in the country. The findings are supported by desk research and findings from three expert workshops hosted by the RESOLVE Network in Bangladesh and Washington, DC from November 2016 to April 2017. Discussions with stakeholders in Bangladesh and a desk review of the literature revealed critical gaps in current research, particularly with respect to the link between domestic dynamics and the wider international trends that have catalyzed a surge in politically motivated violence targeting civilians around the world.

To learn more about the research methodology and longer form findings, please refer to this fact sheet's companion RESOLVE Research Report: *Bangladesh on the Brink: Mapping the Evolving Social Geography of Political Violence*.

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Bangladesh appears to be entering a new phase of potential instability. The historical background, as well as the political and economic contexts in which these dynamics occurring, require careful consideration.

Effects of Migration and Social Dislocation



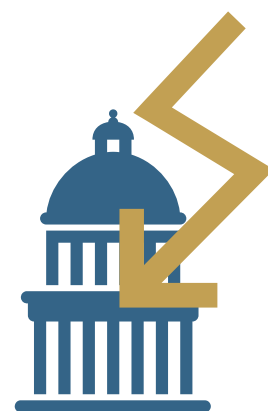
Crafting a Response



Excessive use of deadly force by police against alleged violent extremists risks undermining the legitimacy of the state.



Bangladesh's long tradition of constitutional secularism appears, to some, to be fraying. This process could invoke negative perceptions of the government and its ability to uphold equal and fair treatment for all of its citizens.



Closing Information Gaps

Following the July 2016 attack and an escalation in political violence, the imperative to better understand and address the challenges posed by the evolving social geography of political identity at home and violent social movements abroad is of increasing significance. Further research is needed to better understand the continued evolution of political and social dynamics and their relationship to violent extremism in Bangladesh.

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The RESOLVE Network is a global consortium of researchers and research organizations committed to delivering fresh insight into the drivers of violent extremism around the world. The Network provides access to open-source data, tools, and curated research to ensure policy responses to violent extremism are evidence based.

RESOLVE's four key themes of focus arose from our text mining literature review of over 3000 articles related to the study of CVE and political violence. For more on our themes of focus, the Network, our partners and how to get involved visit our website, www.resolvenet.org, and follow us on Twitter: @resolvenet.



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