



Protests in Bangladesh

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Bangladesh has been going through a significant crisis as **student protests against government job quotas** have resulted in the deaths of at least 130 people.

- The current wave of protests erupted after the **High Court division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh** reinstated the civil service quota system, nullifying the Prime Minister's executive order that abolished it.
 - The appellate division of the Supreme Court's subsequent order to halt the High Court's decision has added to the uncertainty, with students demanding a more inclusive and merit-based quota system.
 - The protests come at a particularly challenging time for Bangladesh as it is already grappling with **high inflation and unemployment**.
- Initially established to **benefit descendants of freedom fighters, women, underrepresented areas**, and ethnic minorities, Bangladesh's government job quotas have **faced criticism** over the years for **being outdated and susceptible to misuse**.
- Due to the current crisis, the **trade between India and Bangladesh via land ports has come to a standstill**. The [Border Security Force \(BSF\)](#) has also increased vigilance along the India-Bangladesh border in response to concerns over potential spillover effects from the unrest in Bangladesh.
- India has been actively involved in **building capacity in Bangladesh's civil services**.
 - Recently, the [National Centre for Good Governance \(NCGG\)](#) conducted a **special capacity-building program** for 16 Deputy Commissioners of Bangladesh.



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