

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 125
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025

TACKLING 'GREATER BANGLADESH' PROPAGANDA

*125. SHRI RANDEEP SINGH SURJEWALA

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the emergence of a radical group backed by Turkey in Bangladesh involved in promoting a 'Greater Bangladesh' map that includes parts of Indian territory, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has raised the issue diplomatically with the Government of Bangladesh and/or Turkey, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has assessed the security implications of increased Turkish and Pakistani engagement in Bangladesh, if so, the steps taken in this regard; and
- (d) the measures being taken to counter radical propaganda, secure India's northeastern region, and enhance border surveillance with Bangladesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(DR. SUBRAHMANYAM JAISHANKAR)

(a to d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 125 FOR REPLY ON 31.07.2025 REGARDING TACKLING 'GREATER BANGLADESH' PROPAGANDA ASKED BY SHRI RANDEEP SINGH SURJEWALA

(a) to (d): The Government has taken note of reports that an Islamist group in Dhaka called the 'Saltanat-e-Bangla', backed by a Turkish NGO called the 'Turkish Youth Federation', has put out a map of the so-called 'Greater Bangladesh' that includes parts of India. The map was displayed in the Dhaka University.

The Government of Bangladesh fact-checker platform, 'BanglaFact', claimed that there is no evidence of 'Saltanat-e-Bangla' operating in Bangladesh. It further clarified that the 'map' was displayed at a historical exhibition in reference to the so-called earlier Bengal Sultanate. The exhibition was held at Dhaka University on the occasion of Pohela Boisakh on April 14, 2025. The organizers of the exhibition, however, denied connections with any foreign political entity.

India remains focused in regard to Bangladesh on matters of national interest. The Government of India closely monitors all developments that have implications for India's national security and continues to take all necessary measures to safeguard it.
