

Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh (PRI)

cordially invites you to a Discussion on

“Bangladesh's Economic Geography: Some Patterns and Policy Issues”

*to be held on Wednesday, 17th October 2018 at 3:00 pm in the Conference Room of PRI,
Express House (4th Floor), Plot No. 16, Road 10/A, Block-H, Banani,
(Next to Sajna Restaurant), Dhaka-1213*

Chief Guest: Dr. Akbar Ali Khan

Former Advisor to the Caretaker Government

Keynote Presentation: Dr. Ahmad Ahsan

Director, PRI

Your kind presence and active participation will surely add substance to the program

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PROGRAMME

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3:00 pm – 3:05 pm

Opening Remarks

Dr. Zaidi Sattar

Chairman, PRI

Keynote Presentation:

3:05 pm – 3:35 pm

**Bangladesh's Economic Geography: Some Patterns and
Policy Issues**

Dr. Ahmad Ahsan

Director, PRI

Although not widely appreciated, economic geography – the location of economic activity - is already a critical issue for Bangladesh. It is possible to argue that due to excessive concentration, Dhaka is sinking of its own weight and dragging the rest of the country with it. This introductory discussion on the topic will present patterns in economic activity across districts and upazilas, suggest that urban development is inadequately supporting growth and poverty reduction, and explore policy approaches towards a more efficient locational distribution of economic activity. The discussion will also lay out a research program to dive further into these issues.

Discussion by Distinguished Panelists:

3:35 pm – 4:05 pm

Dr. Mohammad Tareque

Director

*Bangladesh Institute of Governance and
Management (BIGM)*

Dr. Binayak Sen

Research Director, (BIDS)

Dr. M. A. Razzaque

Research Director

Policy Research Institute (PRI)

4:05 pm – 4:45 pm

Open floor Discussion

4:45 pm – 4:55 pm

Remarks by Chief Guest

4:55 pm – 5:00 pm

Summing up Vote of Thanks by the Chair

5:00 pm

Refreshment