




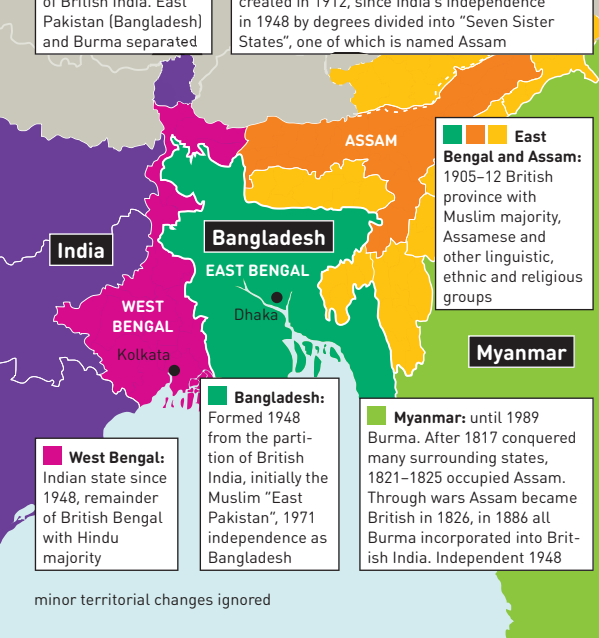
BENGAL AND ASSAM IN HISTORY


Political maps and changes in jurisdiction


 **Presidency**, later the **Bengal Province**: covered large parts of northern and eastern India, 1905 division of the smaller Bengali-speaking area along religious lines into "West Bengal" and "East Bengal and Assam". Revised 1912 after protests, until 1948


 **India**: Formed in 1948 out of British India. East Pakistan (Bangladesh) and Burma separated


 **Assam**: Initially a British colonial umbrella term for northeastern India, separate province created in 1912, since India's independence in 1948 by degrees divided into "Seven Sister States", one of which is named Assam



 **East Bengal and Assam**: 1905–12 British province with Muslim majority, Assamese and other linguistic, ethnic and religious groups

 **West Bengal**: Indian state since 1948, remainder of British Bengal with Hindu majority

 **Bangladesh**: Formed 1948 from the partition of British India, initially the Muslim "East Pakistan", 1971 independence as Bangladesh

 **Myanmar**: until 1989 Burma. After 1817 conquered many surrounding states, 1821–1825 occupied Assam. Through wars Assam became British in 1826, in 1886 all Burma incorporated into British India. Independent 1948

minor territorial changes ignored