Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Notification

Date, 04 November, 2015

S.R.O. No. 328-Law/2015/MOFA/UNCLOS/113/2/15—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 and section 5 of the Territorial Waters and Maritime Zones Act, 1974 (Act No. XXVI of 1974), the Government is pleased to declare the Baseline, Territorial sea, and Exclusive Economic Zone of People's Republic of Bangladesh as follows,—

1. Baseline

   (A) The list of geographical points described below shall be the baseline for the people's Republic of Bangladesh.

   (B) This baseline consists of straight and normal baselines that join the outermost points of the lowest low water line, islands and reefs along the coast as marked on the large scale charts published or, as the case may be, notified from time to time by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

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The baseline from which the breadth of the Territorial Sea, Contiguous Zone, and Exclusive Economic Zone shall be measured seaward are the straight lines linking successively the baseline points 1 to 4 as shown below in the table:

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<tr>
<th>Baseline Points</th>
<th>Baseline Point identifier</th>
<th>Latitude in WGS84</th>
<th>Longitude in WGS84</th>
<th>Outer Limit</th>
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<tr>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>Land Boundary Terminus (LBT)</td>
<td>21-38-40.2N</td>
<td>89-09-20.0E</td>
<td>TS, CZ</td>
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<td>2. Putney Island</td>
<td>21-36-39.2N</td>
<td>89-22-14.0E</td>
<td>TS, CZ, EEZ</td>
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<td>3. Dakhin Bhasan Char</td>
<td>21-38-16.0N</td>
<td>90-47-16.5E</td>
<td>TS, CZ</td>
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<td>4. Cox’s Bazar</td>
<td>21-25-51.0N</td>
<td>91-57-42.0E</td>
<td>TS, CZ</td>
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<td>5. Southern end of St. Martin’s Island</td>
<td>Low water line</td>
<td>TS, CZ, EEZ</td>
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From baseline point 4 the base line shall follow the low water line up to Teknaf point and St. Martin’s Island.

Explanation: Internal Waters

The water comprised within the baselines established in this notification are part of the internal waters of the people’s Republic of Bangladesh.

2. Territorial Sea

The limits of the Territorial Sea shall be twelve (12) nautical miles measured seaward from the baselines set out in this document so that each point of the outer limit of the sea to the nearest point inward on the baselines is twelve nautical miles.

3. Exclusive Economic Zone (Economic Zone)

The outer limit of the Exclusive Economic Zone of Bangladesh is traced in such a manner that every point of the mentioned outer limit is at a distance of two hundred nautical miles from the nearest baseline point.

Explanation:

a. Geodetic Framework: In this notification points defined by geographic coordinates are determined by reference to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Points are connected by geodesic lines realised in the WGS 84.
b. **Illustrative Chart:** The chart in Annex I attached herewith, provides a general illustration of the baseline and territorial sea limit of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh.

4. (1) The notification no. LT-1/3/74 dated 13 April 1974 issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is hereby repealed;

   (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the notification mentioned in clause (1), shall be deemed to have been done or taken shall remain valid.

5. This notification shall be deemed to have come into effect on 08th August 2015.

By the order of the President,

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