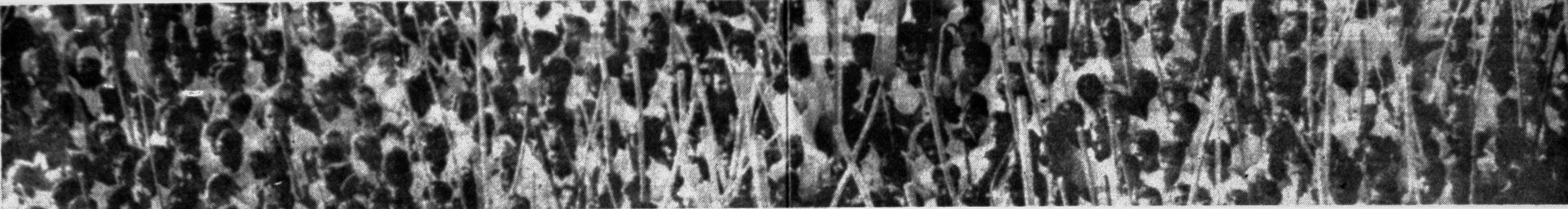


Law and Our Rights



THOUGH unfortunate but it is true that most of us are unaware of the existence and content of a very important legal document depicting the formal declaration of independence. The Proclamation of Independence Order of Bangladesh (Dated the 10th day of April, 1971) narrated the prevailing situation of the then Bangladesh, the atrocities and genocide committed by the Pakistani occupation army and their collaborators. It stated that in due fulfillment of the legitimate right of self determination of people of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the undisputed leader of the

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The unexpected debate regarding the declaration of independence will definitely be removed if any one goes through this legendary document.

The Proclamation of Independence of Bangladesh
Mujibnagar, Bangladesh
Date 10th day of April, 1971.

Whereas free elections were held in Bangladesh from 7th December, 1970 to

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Let the Truth be Unveiled

by Abul Hasnat Monjurul Kabir

Only two states in the world have the formal legal document of the Proclamation of Independence. One is United States of America and the other is Bangladesh. For them who never have heard or informed the name or existence of such document, it may sound unbelievable. But it is true and it is one of the very few legal documents for which the nation can be proud of.

Khan summoned the elected representatives of the people to meet on the 3rd March, 1971 for the purpose of framing a Constitution.

AND
Whereas the Assembly so summoned was arbitrarily and illegally postponed for indefinite period,

AND
Whereas instead of fulfilling their promise and while still conferring with the representatives of the people of Bangladesh, Pakistan authorities declared an unjust and treacherous war,

AND
Whereas in the facts and circumstances of such treacherous conduct Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the undisputed leader of the 75 million people of Bangladesh, in due fulfillment of the legitimate right of self determination of people of Bangladesh, duly made a declaration of independence at Dacca on March 26, 1971, and urged the people of Bangladesh to defend the honour and integrity of Bangladesh,

AND
Whereas in the conduct of a ruthless and savage war the Pakistani authorities committed and are still continuously committing

numerous acts of genocide and unprecedented tortures, amongst other on the civilian and unarmed people of Bangladesh,

AND
Whereas the Government by levying an unjust war and committing genocide and by other repressive measures made it impossible for the elected representatives of the people of Bangladesh to meet and frame a Constitution, and give to themselves a Government,

AND
Whereas the people of Bangladesh by their heroism, bravery and revolutionary fervour have established effective control over the territories of Bangladesh,

We the elected representatives of the people of Bangladesh, as honour bound by the mandate given to us by the people of Bangladesh whose will is supreme duly constituted ourselves into a Constituent Assembly,

having held mutual consultations, and in order to ensure for the people of Bangladesh equality, human dignity and social justice,

declare and constitute Bangladesh to be Sovereign Peoples' Republic and thereby confirm the

declaration of independence already made by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and do hereby affirm and resolve that till such time as a constitution is framed,

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman shall be the President of the Republic and that Syed Nazrul Islam shall be the Vice-President of the Republic, and that the President shall

be the Supreme Commander of all the Armed Forces of the Republic,

shall exercise all the executive and legislative powers of the Republic including the power to grant pardon,

shall have the power to appoint a Prime Minister and such other Ministers as he considers necessary,

shall have the power to levy taxes and expend monies,

shall have the power to summon and adjourn the Constituent Assembly, and do all other things that may be necessary to give to the people of Bangladesh an orderly and just Government,

We the elected representatives of the People of Bangladesh do further resolve that in the event of there being no President or the President being unable to enter upon his office or

being unable to exercise his powers and duties due to any reason whatsoever, the Vice-President shall have and exercise all the powers, duties and responsibilities herein conferred on the President,

We further resolve that we undertake to observe and give effect to all duties and obligations that devolve upon us as a member of the family of nations and under the Charter of United Nations.

We further resolve that this proclamation of independence shall be deemed to have come into effect from 26th day of March, 1971.

We further resolve that in order to give effect to this instrument we appoint Prof Yusuf Ali our duly Constituted Potentiary and to give to the President and the Vice-president oaths of office.



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17th January, 1971, to elect representatives for the purpose of framing a constitution,

AND
Whereas at these elections the people of Bangladesh elected 167 out of 169 representatives belonging to the Awami League,

AND
Whereas General Yahya



Acting President of the then Government-in-exile (Mujibnagar Govt) Syed Nazrul Islam, after taking oath took salute of the MuktiBahini and the East Bengal Regiment. Prime Minister Tajuddin Ahmed (left) and the Commander-in-Chief General Osmani (right) is seen beside him.

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Sunday 15th December
(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes.)

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement Al-Quran Programme Summary
3:10 News in Bangla 3:15 Patriotic Songs 3:20 Recitation from the Bible 3:25 Reticast of Drama 4:50 Marami 5:00 News in Bangla 5:25 Sports Programme 6:00pm Getmalhya 6:35 Mayeder Janyic 6:50 Oper University 7:00 The News 7:25 Documentary or Freedom Fighting 8:00 News in Bangla 8:25 Women in Freedom Fighting 9:00 Film Series: Aalbar The Great 10:00 News in English 10:25 Those Days of Freedom Fighting 10:30 Shono Anabar 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Monday's programme 11:40 Close down

BBC

6:00am BBC World News 6:30 India Business Report 7:00 BBC World News 7:25 This Week 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 India Business Report 9:00 BBC World News 9:25 This Week 10:00 BBC World News 10:05 World Focus Horizon 11:00 BBC World News 11:25 India Business Report 12:00noon BBC World News 12:20 Britain in View 1:00 BBC World News 1:20 This Week 2:00 BBC World News 2:05 World Focus Assignment 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Time Out The Cloth Show 4:00 BBC World News 4:05 World Focus Everyman 5:00 BBC World News 5:20 Window On Europe 6:00pm BBC World News 6:05 World Focus: Pole to Pole 7:00 BBC World News 7:05 Breakfast With Frost 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 Time Out Earth Report 9:00 BBC World News 9:05 World Focus: Horizon 10:00 BBC World News 10:20 Earth Report 10:30 Time Out Film '96 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 Time Out Top Gear 12:00pm BBC World News 12:20 On the Record 1:00 BBC World News 1:20 Window On Europe 2:00 BBC World News 2:05 World Focus: War Stories 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Time Out Tommorrows



Launch Pad with Sopiya on Channel (V)

World 4:00 BBC World Report Inc World Business Report/24 Hours

CHANNEL V

6:00am Frame by Frame 7:00 Rewind VJ Sopiya 8:00 Frame by Frame 9:00 Big Bang Weekend VJ Alessandra 11:00 BPL Oye! 12:00 Sansa Mangia Hai 12:30 First Day First Show 1:00 Rewind VJ Sopiya 1:30 Speak Easy 2:00 Videocast Flashback 3:00 Asian Top 20 VJ Trey 5:00 The Vibe Weekend 7:00 Fashion Police 7:30 Soul Curry 8:00 The Indian Top 10 9:00 The 1996 Billboard Music Awards 10:00 The 1996

Billboard Music Awards 11:30 Rewind 12:00am Big Bang VJ Alessandra 1:00 The Ride 2:00 BU Demand VJ Trey 3:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 4:30 Launchpad VJ Samira 5:30 VJ Alessandra

STAR PLUS

6:00am Nanny and the Professor 6:30 Volttron 7:00 Aerobics Oz Style 7:30 Aalap 8:30 Tara Rum Pum 9:30 Chandrakanta 10:30 Tu Tu Main Main 11:00 Kalaidoscope 11:30 Amul India Show 12:00noon The Road Show 12:30 India Business Week 1:30 Star Trek 2:30 Hindi Classic Film: Devidas 6:00pm Batman 6:00 Chances Angels 7:30 the

STAR SPORTS

6:30am Futbol Munda 8:00 World Wrestling Federation Blast Off 9:00 LIVE NBA Game Of The Week Houston 11:30 1996 Omega Tour Omega PGA Championship Final Day From Hong Kong 2:30 Asia Sport Show 3:00 England vs Argentina From Twickenham 4:30 Compaq Grand Slam Cup 1996 Finals From Munich, Germany 6:00 Spanish Fball League 6:30 Live 1996 Asian Cup Championships Quarter Finals Team Features 'TBC's Venue Abu Dhabi 11:30 NBA Game Of The Week Houston Seattle Out To 1:30 Same Day Delay National Football League 1996-1997 Match Feed Times & Host Broadcaster TBC-RX 3:30 Compaq Grand Slam Cup 1996 Finals From Munich, Germany 6:00 World Windsurfing HL-12

ZEE TV

5:30am Surtal 6:00 The News 6:30 Jagran 7:00 Suno Bha Sadho 7:30 Maa 8:00 Mythological Hindi Film 10:30 Aap Ki Adalat 11:00 Syarams Cine Magic 11:30 Lakme Khoobsurat 12:00 Mr Menko/Ex Nazir 12:30 Bournvita Quiz Contest 1:00 Health Cement Aashiana 1:30 Asian Sky Show 2:30 Amul Utterly Butterly Films 5:00 Dhad Dhad Apna Ghar 5:30 Hum Honge Karyaab 6:00 Pakeezah 6:30 Adarshya Pradhan Mantri 7:00 Game Anjane 7:30 Insaaf 8:00 Casper Kya Scene Hai 8:30 Shuno Suno Tring Tring 9:00 Nimra Aahaa 9:30 Malabar Hill 10:00 The Zee Horror Show 10:30 News 11:00 Index 11:30 Philips Top Ten 12:30 Hi Zindagi Bye Zindagi 1:00 Yeh Kahan As Gaye Hum 1:30 Gravita Ki Umeed 2:00 Gilbert's Jugal Bandhi 2:30 TMM 4:00 Dastan 4:30 Goomta Ana 5:00 Jagran

STAR MOVIES

7:30am Family: The Making Of The Return of Tommy Tricker (PG) (Hindi Subtitles) 10:30 Family: The Return of Tommy Tricker PG (Hindi Subtitles) 11:30 Family: Asterix And Cleopatra G (Hindi Subtitles) 12:30 Family: The Sound Of Music G (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Sunday Show Time Pee-Wee's Playhouse

(PG) 4:30 Sunday Show Time

The Directors Norman Jewison 5:30 Sunday Family Lucky Luke Ballad Of The Daltons (Hindi Subtitles) 7:30 Sunday Family Double Feature The Three Amigos 12 Hindi Subtitles 9:00 Film '96 9:30 Gold Josh And Sam 11:30 True Story The Amityville Horror 12:10 Film Married To The Mob (Arabic Subtitles) 3:30 Action: Fire Power 18 (Hindi Subtitles) 5:30 Comedy: Folks 12 Arabic Subtitles

PTV

8:00am Tilawat Aur Tarjuma Hamd Naal 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabraan 8:45 Fun

Peoples Club

5:30 Men Marzi 6:00 Yumkeez Mast Mast Show 6:30 Dear EL 7:00 Snowcem Kal Bh: Aai Bh: 7:30 Teri Bh: Chup Men Bh: Chup 8:00 Athinethi 8:20 Kneti: Prde Hasen Pal 8:30 Bhangras The Real Southan 9:00 Pratlul V: 9:30 Shatan 10:00 Acor Ru Ba Ru 10:30 Stand by Me 10:40 Hollywood Se Bollywood 11:00 News 11:30 Manarajar 12:00 Knetic Prde Hasen Pal 12:10 Kati

Time 9:05 TV Encyclopedia

9:25 Khat Farmaish 9:40 Sports Clinic 10:05 PTV Gold 10:30 English Film: Darkwing Duck 10:55 Mast Mast Sanyo 11:00 Khabraan 11:10 Sports Hour 12:05pm Bistop 15-Gami: Hahan 12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Basmillah 1:15 Aai Di Kanara 1:40 Aai Di Shaam 2:00 Kanara Ep-53 (Drama Serial) 2:55 Ghost Writer 3:55 Karabar 4:15 Education 5:25 Riaz for 9th 5:55 Zameen Per Zindagi (Drama Serial) 6:25 Arou Courses 7:00 English News 7:30 English Film: Star Trek Deep Space Nine 8:20 Hawwa Ki Naam 9:00 Break for Headlines: News 9:20 Sur: Tasver (Pakistani Film 1947-95)

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DD 7

9:00 Jannudin 9:05 Geetmalhya 9:30 Move Club Film 12:30 Surer Asar 1:00 Dhtang Dhtang Gole 1:30 Move Club Film 3:30 Geet Sangeet 4:30 Bengali Feature Film 5:30 News 7:20 Banoon 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Shreeshi Serial 8:25 Geet Sangeet 9:30 Drama 10:00 Dance Prog 10:30 News/Bengali Sambad 11:00 Closed

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SONY ET

8:30am Ja-Bir Hanuman 9:00 Yaadon Ki Baarat 9:30 Gaane Jaane Maane 10:30 Ja-Bir Hanuman 10:30 Budha 11:00 Taj Mahal Tak Dina Dhn 11:30 Sunday Ki Sunday 12:00 Harse Barker Koun 12:30 Penhi Mujakat 1:00 Good Shot 1:30 Pahchan 2:00 Hum Se Barker Gong 2:30 RAVEN 3:30 Gaane Jaane Maane 4:00 Dekh Tamasa Dekh 4:30 O'Mara 5:00 Jane Kaha Mera Jigar Gaya Ji 5:30 Ghaav 6:00 Dekh Tamasa Dekh 6:30 Aahat 7:00 Bindass Bol 8:00 Cine Classics - Hindi Feature Film 11:00 The Young And The

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ZEE CINEMA

6:30 Songs 8:00 CID 9:09(B/W) 10:45 Off Screen 11:25 Baraag (Dilip Kumar, Sara Banu 2:00 Film Chakkar 2:30 Ghar Sansar (Jeetendra, Sridevi) 5:15 Songs 6:00 Apradh (Feroz Khan, Mumtaz) 9:00 Ikk Pe Ikk 9:30 Jadugar (Amrta B. Jaya Prada) 12:15 Trailers 12:30 Pyar Ka Sava (Rahul Roy Sheeba 3:15 Songs 3:45 Phir Ten Kahan Yaad Aye (Rahul Roy, Poorna Bhat)

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RESTLESS

12:00 Ghaav 12:30 Aahat 1:00 Faslee 1:30 Surt-Wheel Of Fortune 2:00 Premier 2:30 Closed

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Nirma Aashaa on Zee at 9:00 pm