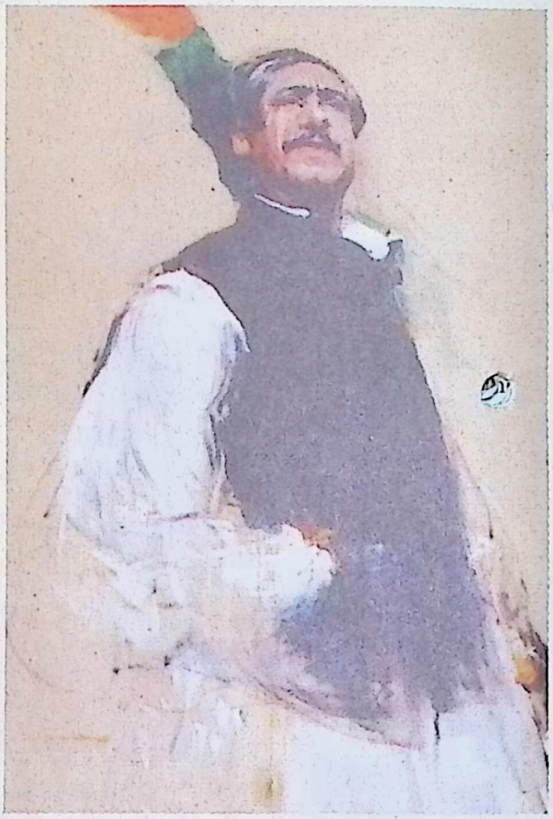


Shahabuddin Ahmed's painting of Bangabandhu.

"If they (Pakistan Army) think they can suppress people's struggle by bullet and force, they simply live in a fool's paradise.

No power on earth can suppress the people when they are prepared to shed blood.

The roads and lanes of Bangla Desh were stained with the blood of martyrs for the cause of the people.

We wanted to resolve the problem peacefully but they want to rule us by force, with the help of weapons.

If necessary we shall give the last drop of our blood to see that our posterity lived happily as a free citizen in a free country." (Morning News, Karachi & Dhaka, 20 March 1971)

Last Words Before Independence

CHINTITO

"This slogan (Joy Bangla) I would utter at the time of death also along with Kalima." (The Dawn, Karachi, 20 March 1971)

"...there must not be any relaxation in the movement until the demands of 75 million people of Bangla Desh are fulfilled. ...movement should be peaceful and disciplined so that the new history which the people of Bangla Desh have now created in the world was not allowed to be stained.

"We will not allow (them) to keep Bangladesh as a colony and a market (of Pakistan) anymore." (Morning News, Karachi & Dhaka, 22 March 1971)

"Ours is the right cause and hence victory is ours. ...the present movement is the struggle for the total emancipation for the seven crore Bangalees. This struggle will continue until the final goal is achieved. ...the people of Bangla Desh could no more be silenced by bullets, guns and bayonets because they are united today." (The Dawn, Karachi, 23 March 1971)

"Every house in Bangla Desh should be turned into a strong fortress of resistance." (Morning News, Karachi & Dhaka, 23 March 1971)

"Let us hope for the best and remain prepared for the worst." (Morning News, Karachi & Dhaka, 25 March 1971)

"Our demands are just and clear and they have to be accepted... We would not bow our heads to any force. We will free the people of Bangla Desh... I do not know whether I shall live to give the order for the intensified struggle... I will never allow the 75 million Bangalees to remain slaves... In case I cannot give you orders, carry on the struggle with greater determination..." (The Dawn, Karachi, 25 March 1971)