The Flag Unfurled

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The month of March brings back to memory many significant events from our history. One of them is achieving a flag for the nation. It was March 2 of 1971 when the flag of Bangladesh was first hoisted. It was the day when the people of Bangladesh conveyed their nationalistic aspiration by hoisting their flag of independence.

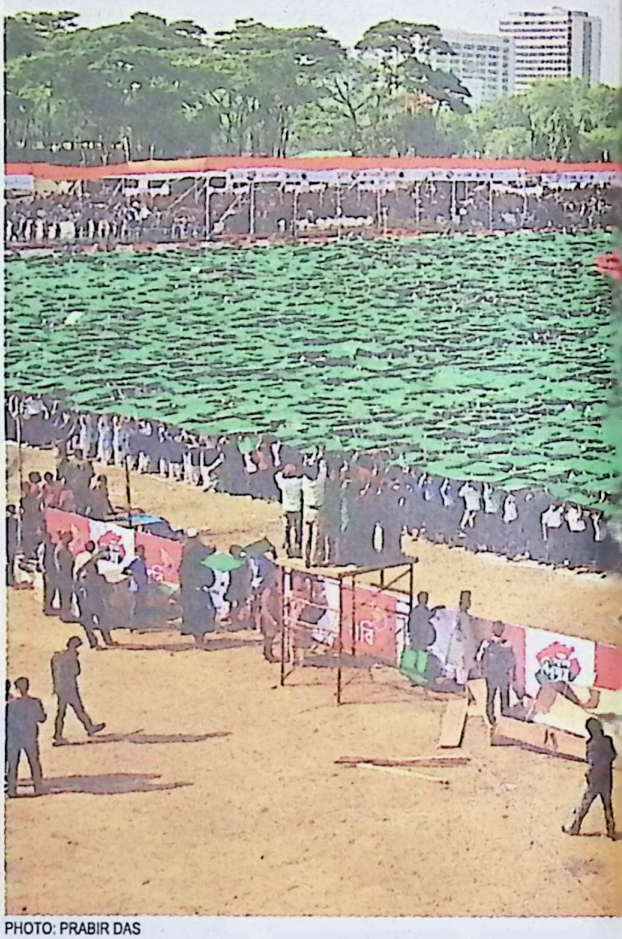
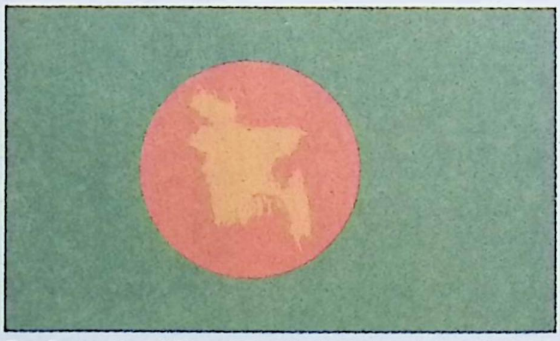


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The first flag of Bangladesh hoisted by the students of Dhaka University.



The first national Flag of Bangladesh, was in use from March 2, 1971 - January 17, 1972.

June, 1970. The students of Dhaka University were leading the movement for the self determination of Bangladesh. The West Pakistani rulers were replying to their legitimate demands with iron fist. In response to the torture and oppression an the student leaders took the fierce and uncompromising steps that culminated in the liberation of the country.

On the night of June 6, some prominent student leaders gathered in the middle of the night at room number 118 of the then Iqbal Hall of Dhaka University (now Shahid Sergeant Jahurul Huq Hall). ASM Abdur Rob, Shibnarayan Das, AFM Mahbubul Huq, Shahjahan Siraj, Kazi Aref Ahmed, Manirul Islam (Marshal Moni), Swapan Kumar Choudhury, Quamrul Alam Khan were present in the room. They were the members of a secret group struggling for the liberation called *Shadhin Bangla Biplobi Parishad* (Revolutionary Committee for Free Bengal). The code name of the team was Nucleus.

On that night their plan was to design a flag for