The flag which was recorded in Guinness World Records as the world's largest human national flag.

Bangladesh, keeping in mind the nature of Bangladesh's land and its people. The green in the flag symbolises the lushness of Bangladesh's landscape and the red circle represents the sun of sovereignty rising over the country. It also symbolises the blood of the martyrs who sacrificed their lives during the war of liberation. At that time there was a golden map of Bangladesh in the centre of the red circle. Artist Shib Naryan Das designed the map in golden colour to show the richness of Bangladesh. The map was hoisted at the night of June 6 and was later brought down on June 7.

Then the fateful election of 1970 came. Despite the landslide victory in the election, the West Pakistani leaders refused to hand over power to Sheikh Mujibor Rahman. Due to undemocratic and fascist approach taken by the power hungry West Pakistani rulers, the people of Bangladesh realised that there was no alternative but to liberate their country.



PHOTO: COURTESY

United Nations stamps with the flag of Bangladesh.

The struggle for liberation took a new turn. Now the student leaders had made it very clear that they had no intention to compromise with the Pakistani rulers. So on March 2, 1971 the initial version of the national flag of Bangladesh was publicly hoisted in Dhaka University. The then Vice President of Dhaka University Students' Union ASM Abdur Rob unfurled the flag from the rooftop of the western porch of the Arts Faculty of Dhaka University.

The flag of Bangladesh was very different from that of Pakistan. The crescent and star of Pakistani flag was excluded. Rather the red circle bearing the



PHOTO: COURTESY