

THE JEWEL OF OUR HISTORY

Tajuddin Ahmad was the key architect of Bangladesh's independence. He was committed to achieving a free nation in the absence of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. This week *the Star* takes a look at the life of a leader whose determination helped us to win the war against Pakistan.

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"Tajuddin came much before his time and we are not yet ready to understand him properly."

Professor Sardar Fazlul Karim's famous words aptly describe the key architect of Bangladesh's liberation war. In the physical absence of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Tajuddin Ahmad was the key actor, who led the war with remarkable diplomacy to achieve freedom from the Pakistani colonial occupation.

Tajuddin Ahmad was born on July 23, 1925, to a traditional conservative family in the village of