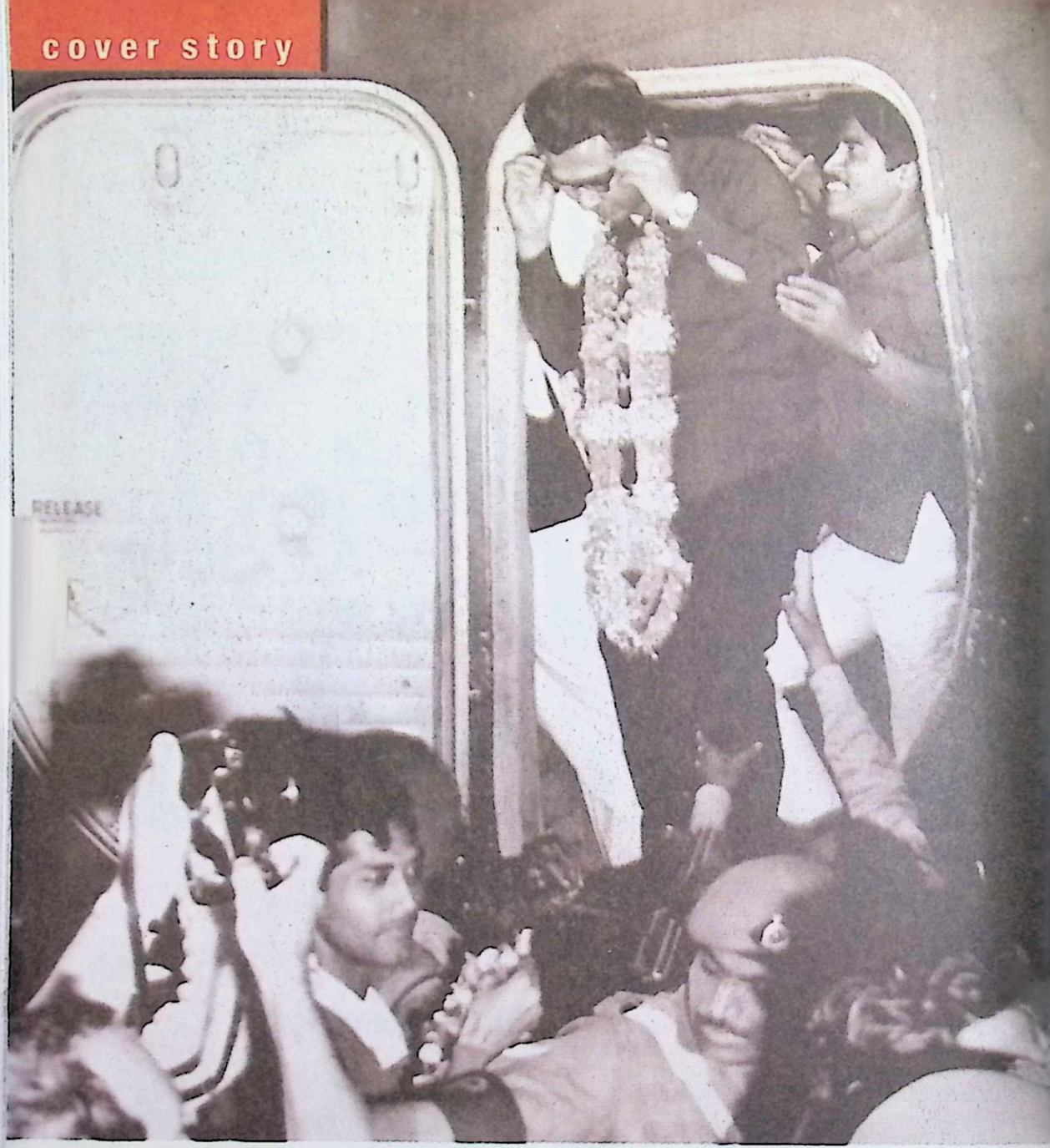


Tajuddin Ahmad returns to the newly born Bangladesh.

On the terrible night of March 25, 1971, when Pakistani military went on a killing rampage in Dhaka, Bangabandhu was adamant about not leaving his house. According to Barrister M Amirul Islam, it was previously planned that both Sheikh Mujib and Tajuddin Ahmad would take shelter in a secret hideout during the night. But Bangabandhu reiterated that if they were found the Pakistani army would destroy all the neighbouring areas of their hiding place, and he wasn't willing to risk the lives of thousands. Failing to get Bangabandhu to leave his house, Tajuddin Ahmad went ahead with the plan, and left for the hideout with Dr Kamal Hossain and Barrister Amirul Islam. Dressed in a *lungi*, Tajuddin carried only a shirt and a gun with him. "Eventually, Dr Kamal Hossain decided to stay back in Dhaka. And so it was just me and Tajuddin Ahmad who followed the original plan. On our way to India, we were surprised to see that people from all walks of life were ready and willing to fight for emancipation," says Barrister Amirul Islam.