13 The Massacre Within *(February 25, 2009)*

The brutality unleashed by the rebellious *jawans* of Bangladesh Rifles shocked the world. During the mutiny from February 25 and 26, 72 people including 54 army officers were killed by the mutineers. The bloodiest coup ended after a series of negotiations with the government. The trial started soon after detaining the mutineers. On November 5, 2013 the Dhaka Metropolitan Session court sentenced 152 *jawans* to death, 235 received sentences of between 3 and 10 years, while 277 were acquitted.

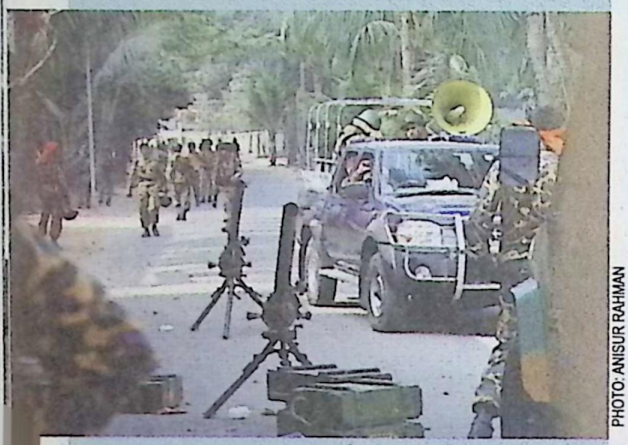


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Rebellious jawans of BDR took position with heavy weapons

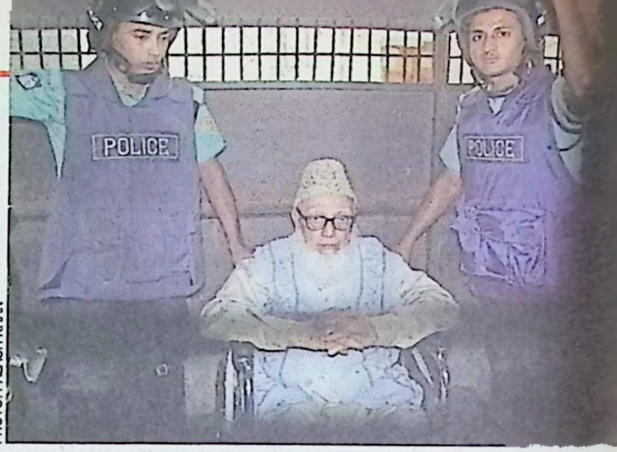


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Professor Ghulam Azam, the lynchpin of Jamaat, during the liberation war was tried by the tribunal and given life imprisonment.

14 The Judgement Began *(March 25, 2009)*

By amending the International Crimes Act (Tribunal), 1973, the journey of the highly discussed international crimes tribunal began with a view to trying the persons responsible for committing crimes against humanity during the war of 1971. The amended law allowed the trial of political parties as well as the individuals that acted against the independence of Bangladesh and also authorised the government to file for appeal if the suspect is acquitted. The tribunal has come under severe criticism regarding the fairness of the process. Despite such controversies, the tribunal has sentenced six Jamaat leaders to death, one of whom has been executed and one sentenced to life imprisonment. The tribunal caused many violent protests and momentous incidents like the rise of the Gonojagoron Mancha and Hefajot-e-Islam.

15 Inviting the World *(February 19, 2011)*

In 2011, Bangladesh (jointly with India and Sri Lanka), organised the Cricket World Cup for the first time. The country achieved the pride of organizing the grand opening ceremony of the tournament in Dhaka. The flamboyant opening ceremony attracted tourists from the entire world and it outshone many previous arrangements of its kind.



The grand opening ceremony of 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup took place in Dhaka.

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