



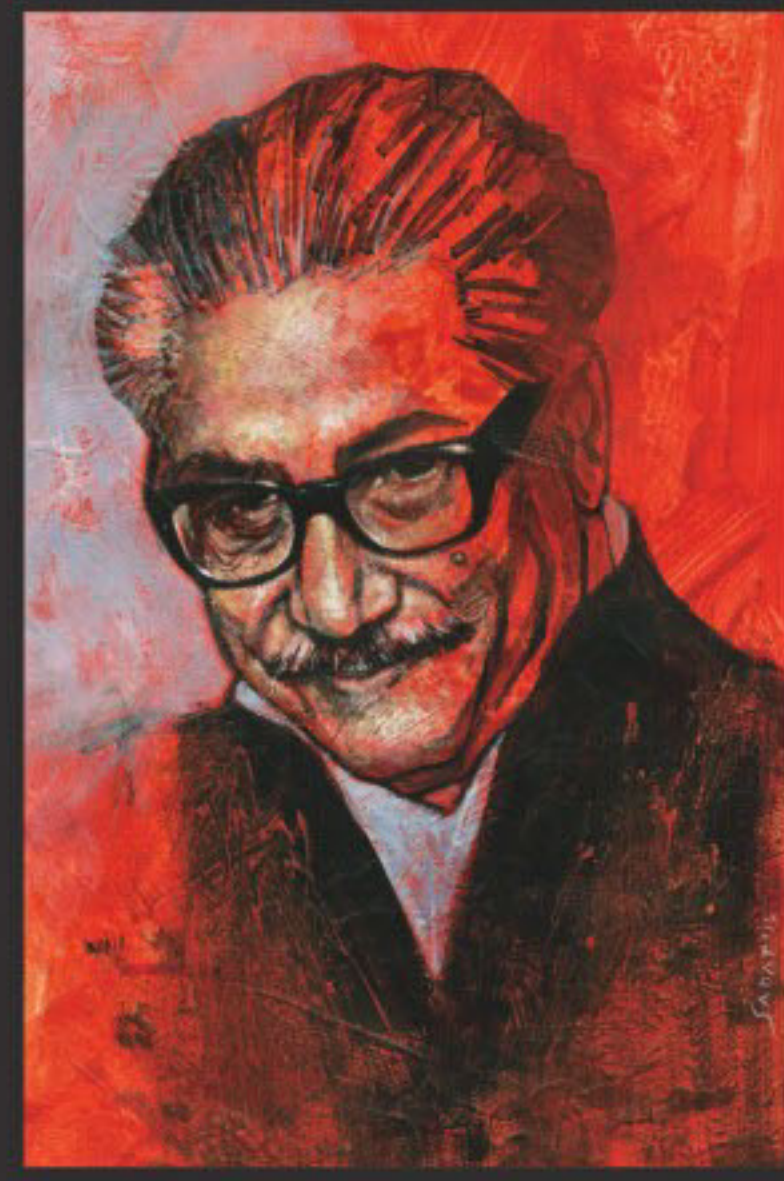
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## TIMELINE

AUG 15

Early in the morning, some disgruntled army officers lead the pre-planned attack to assassinate and overthrow President Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Attackers open fire indiscriminately on his residence at Dhanmondi 32.

Bangabandhu phones army chief General KM Shafiullah and says, "Shafiullah, your forces have attacked my house. Perhaps they have already killed Kamal. Send forces quickly".

Shafiullah rings his deputy General Ziaur Rahman and chiefs of two other services to mobilise troops to help the president. It is to no avail.

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# In MOURNING, In RAGE

**Coup culprits completed bloodbath of Bangabandhu, family to numb the nation 40 years back**

SHAKHAWAT LITON and WASIM BIN HABIB

It was around 11:30pm.

A Dodge car screeched to a halt before the ammunition store of the 2nd Field Artillery in the moonless night of August 14.

Major Rashid and Captain Jahangir got down from the car. Some 10 to 12 soldiers of the artillery and lancers were also with them. Major Rashid ordered the store guards to unlock the store.

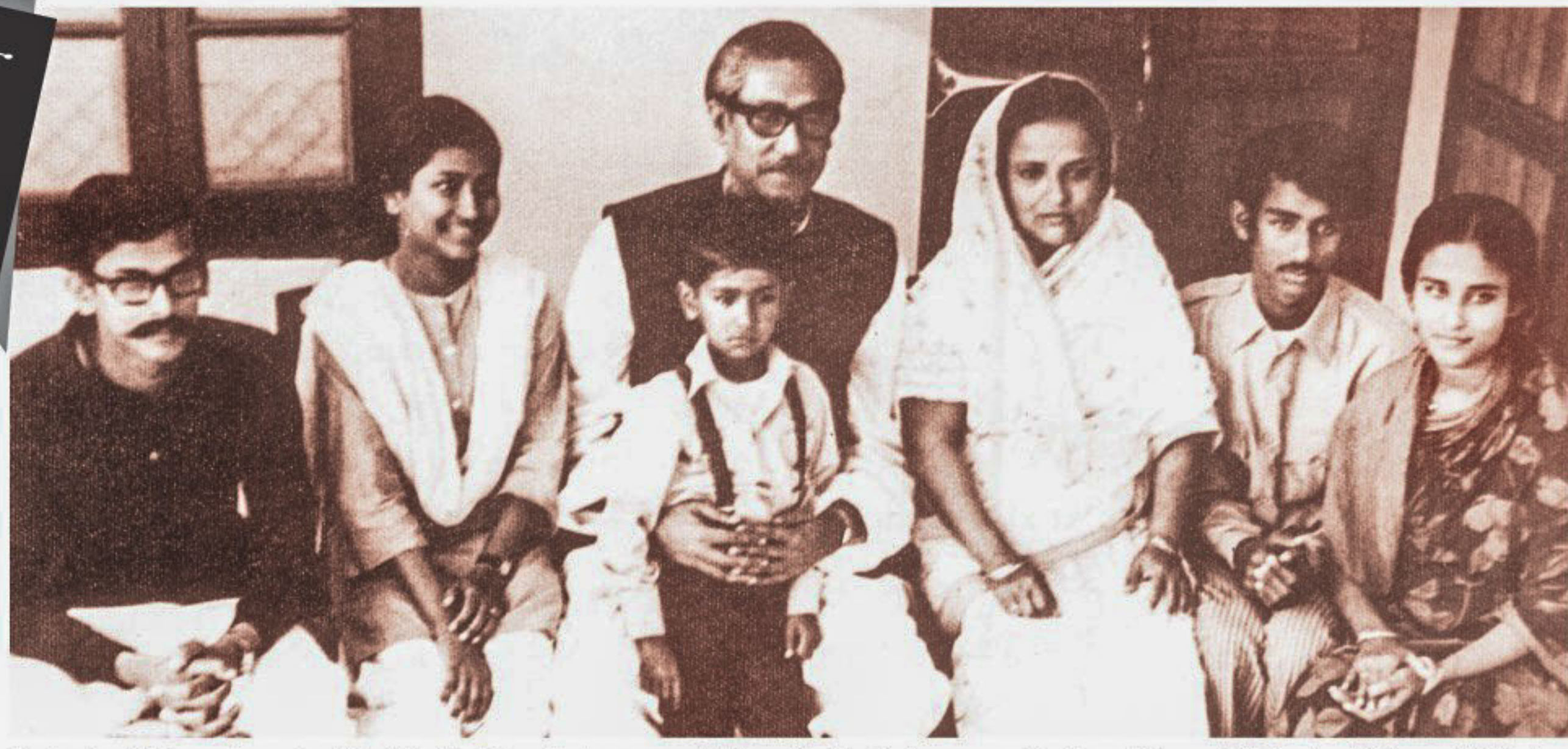
The soldiers immediately swung into action, taking rifles, cannon rounds, Sten guns, submachine guns, light machine guns, pistols and revolvers out of the store in large numbers. Then the store was locked again on orders of the Major.

"You stay here. We might need more ammunition," Rashid told Nayek Jamrul, who was in charge of the store that night.

Rashid then hurriedly left the place on his fateful mission that was

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A photo of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his wife Fazilatunnesa Mujib, sitting with their children. All but Sheikh Hasina and Sheikh Rehana were brutally murdered on August 15, 1975.

PHOTO: ARCHIVE

## 3 OTHER CASES Justice kept in long wait

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER and ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Justice is yet to be delivered in the cases filed in connection with the murders of Sheikh Fazlul Haque Moni and Abdur Rab Serniabat, and a mortar attack in Mohammadpur on August 15, 1975, the night Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur

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## Shock, surprise unfolded

Killer majors dictated terms for then army chief Shafiullah, his deputy Zia found it amusing

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Accompanied by a dozen armed soldiers Major Dalim had stormed into the office of Gen Shafiullah, the then chief of army, in the morning of August 15, 1975.

Shafiullah and some senior army officers had gathered there after the news broke that a band of army personnel led by some majors had brutally murdered Bangabandhu and

overthrown his government.

"Where is the chief?" shouted Dalim, who was in army uniform though he had been dismissed from the army for violation of discipline.

"He is sitting in front of you," replied Col Nasim, who was to become chief of army later. "Can't you see him?" Nasim said.

Dalim pointed his Sten gun at

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Major Dalim

## One killer safe in US with political asylum

Another in Canada; no info about 4 others

STAR REPORT

Despite repeated requests from Bangladesh to send him back, the United States granted political asylum to one of the six absconding killers of Bangabandhu a few years ago.

US Ambassador Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat on Thursday officially informed Dhaka that fugitive Rashed Chowdhury was staying in the US after securing political asylum.

A highly placed source at the foreign ministry yesterday told The Daily Star that the government has decided to appeal to Washington to cancel

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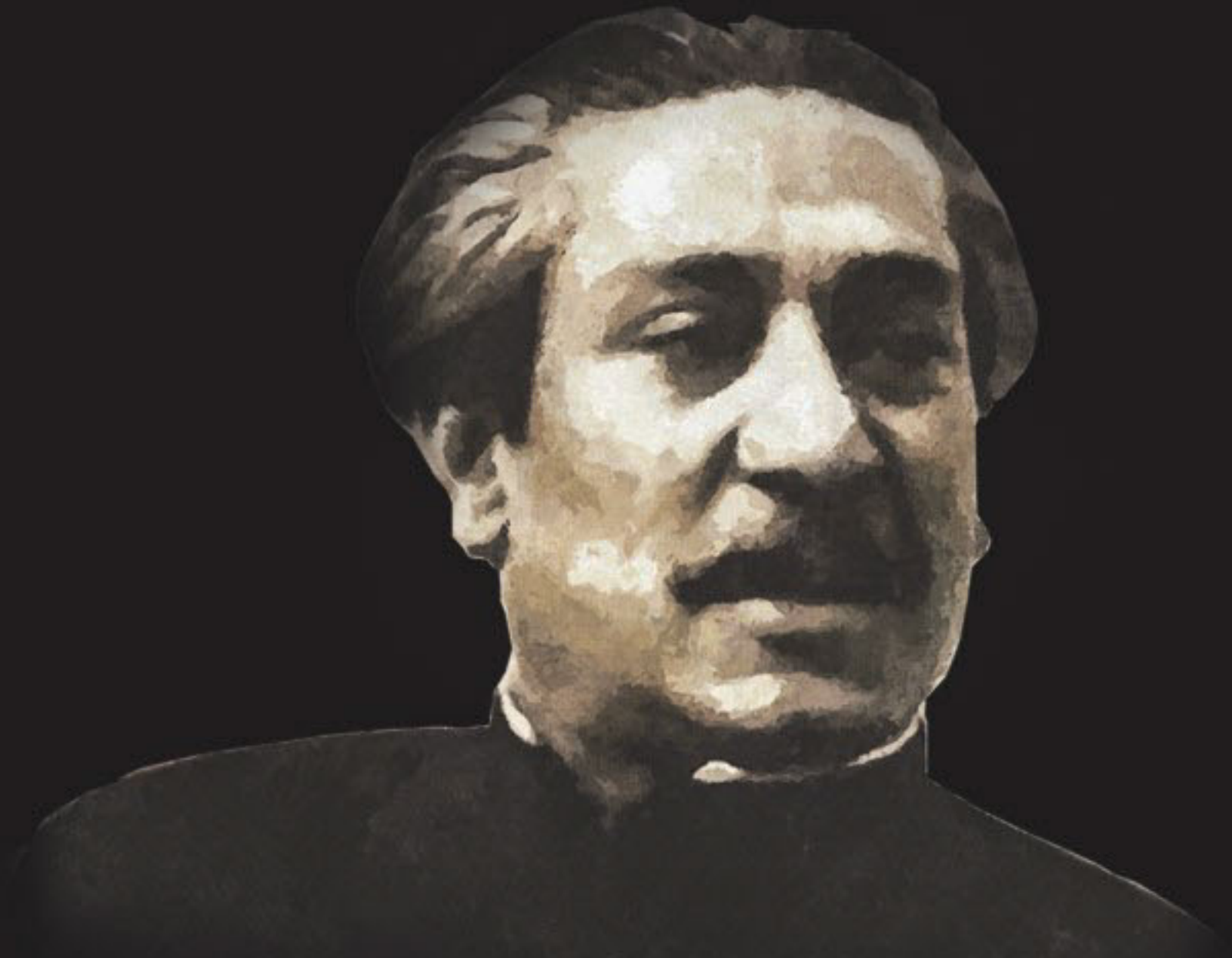
With deep homage and humble gratitude, we fondly remember the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on the National Mourning Day.

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