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The Tajuddin Ahmad persona: TALES OF A LIBERATION WAR LEADER

Without him, the history of the birth of Bangladesh would be incomplete. After all, Tajuddin Ahmad was the prime minister during the wartime Mujibnagar Government, leading and navigating through the numerous harrowing challenges the Liberation War threw during those fateful months of 1971.

Much has been said about this national leader -- his glorious political career, uncompromising patriotism, integrity, and the bond he shared with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. But how much do you know him as a person, the man behind the institution?

That's another chapter, a more intimate one, and a fascinating one at that, as Tajuddin's persona, his habits and thoughts, and approach towards work are very inspiring. And hence, it is this chapter we present you today, in celebration of the upcoming Independence Day.



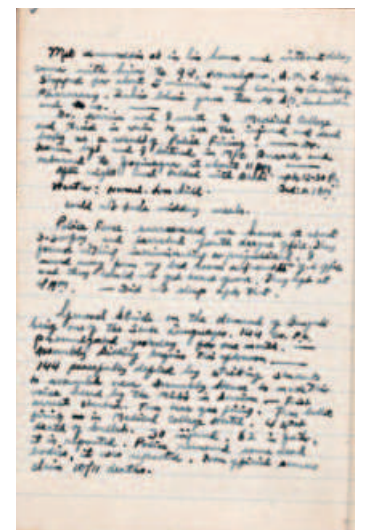
"Where is Tajuddin?" the Pakistani soldiers demanded when raiding his home in the horrifying night of 25 March, 1971

Dhaka was burning. Gunfire and chaos took over the city as the military unleashed its monstrosity over the Bengali people. But by the time the soldiers went to his house, Tajuddin, a key Bengali leader, had fled in a rush.

A chit handed to his wife later, read something like this: As I left so quickly, I could not properly bid farewell to you all. I am leaving. Blend in with the 75 million people. I do not know when we will meet again — AFTER LIBERATION.

'Muktir por,' or 'after liberation,' were written in big, bold letters; a mark of determination and passion, perhaps.

The chit was written by 'Dolonchapa' -- none other than Tajuddin himself -- a secret pseudonym he sometimes used when writing to his wife.



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