

Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's historic speech on 7th March

My brothers; Today I appear before you with a heavy heart. You know and understand everything. We tried with our lives. But sadly, today the streets of Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi, Rangpur are stained with my brother's blood.



Today the people of Bengal want freedom, the people of Bengal want to live, the people of Bengal want their rights. What did I do wrong, the people of Bangladesh completely voted for me Awami League in the election. Our National Assembly will sit, we will form

a regime there and we will build this country, the people of this country will get economic, political and cultural liberation. But the sad thing is, today we have to say with sadness, the tragic history of twenty-three years is the history of the oppression of Bengal, the history of the blood of the people of Bengal. The history of twenty-three years is the history of the cries of Mumurshu Narnari; The history of Bengal is the history of dyeing the streets with the blood of the people of this country. I gave blood in 1952. Even after winning the elections in 1954, we could not sit on the mattress. In 1958, Ayub Khan enslaved us by issuing martial law for ten years. In 1966, my sons were shot dead on 7th June during the six-point movement. After the fall of Ayub Khan in the movement of 1969, when Yahya Khan Sahib took over the government, he said that he would give governance and democracy in the country. We accepted.

Then a lot of history happened, the election was held. I met President Yahya Khan Sahib. I, as the leader of the majority party not only of Bengal but also of Pakistan, requested him to convene the National Assembly on 15th February. He did not keep my word, he kept Mr. Bhutto's word. He said, the first week will be in March. We said, OK, we will sit in the assembly. I said, I will discuss in the assembly; Even I have said so far, if someone speaks justly, even if we are outnumbered, even if it is just one, we will accept his just words.

Mr. Bhutto sahib came here, discussed. He said that the door of discussion is not closed, there will be more discussion. Then I talked with other leaders, you should sit down, we will discuss and prepare the system of governance. He said, if the members of West Pakistan come here, then the assembly will be a slaughterhouse. He said, whoever goes will be killed. Shops from Peshawar to Karachi will be forcibly closed if anyone comes to the assembly. I said, the assembly will continue. Then suddenly the assembly was closed on the 1st.

Yahya Khan called the assembly as President. I said that I will go. Mr. Bhutto said, he will not go. 35 members came here from West Pakistan. Then it was suddenly

stopped. The people of Bengal were blamed, I was blamed. People protested at gunpoint.

I said, you observe the hartal peacefully. I said, you close the factory. The people responded. People came out on the streets of their own accord. They vowed to continue the struggle peacefully.

What did we get? The one who bought weapons with my money to protect the country from the attack of foreign enemies, today those weapons are being used against the poor and crying people of my country, bullets are being fired on his chest. We are the majority of Pakistan. Whenever we Bengalis have tried to come to power, they have pounced on us. He spoke to me on the phone. I said to him, Mr. Yahya Khan Sahib, you are the President of Pakistan, see how my poor, my people of Bengal have been shot, how my mother's lap has been emptied. You come, see, judge. He said, I have decided to call a round table conference on the 10th.

I said, what meeting will be held, with whom to sit? I will sit with those who took the blood of my human chest? Suddenly, without consulting me, he held a secret meeting for five hours, the speech he gave, he put all the blame on me, on the people of Bengal.

my brothers

The Assembly called on the 25th. Blood stains do not dry. I said on the 10th that Mujibur Rahman cannot join anything by stepping on the blood of that martyr. The assembly called. My demands must be met: First, martial law must be withdrawn, all military personnel must be recalled to barracks, the manner of the killings must be investigated, and power must be transferred to the representatives of the people. Then consider whether we can sit in the assembly or not. We cannot sit in the assembly before that.

Me, I don't want the Prime Ministership. We want the rights of the people of this country. I want to say in clear letters that from today the courts, criminal courts and educational institutions in Bangladesh will be closed for an indefinite period. All the

other things are there so that the poor do not suffer, so that my people do not suffer, their strike will not continue tomorrow. Rickshaws, bullock carts will run, trains will run, launches will run; Only Secretariat, Supreme Court, High Court, Judge Court, semi-government offices, WAPDA nothing will work.

Employees will bring salary on 28th. If after this the pay is not paid, and if a shot is fired, and if my men are slain, I beseech you, - Build forts in every house. You must fight the enemy with all that you have, and all the roads of life that you have, if I cannot command, you will close. We beat rice, we beat water. You are my brothers, you live in the barracks, no one will tell you anything. But don't try to shoot me in the chest anymore. Seven crore people cannot be kept under control. When we learn to die, no one can stop us.

And all those people who have been martyred and injured, we will try to help them as much as we can from Awami League. Those who can will send a little money to my relief committee. And all the labor brothers who have joined this seven-day strike, the owners of every industry will deliver their wages. I tell government employees to obey what I say. Till this country is freed from me, rent-tax has been stopped, no one will give. Remember, the enemy forces have entered, will create conflict among themselves, loot. Those who are Hindu Muslim Bengali non-Bengali in this Bengal are our brothers. It is your responsibility to protect them. Let us not be infamous. Remember radio and television workers, if you don't listen to us on radio, don't go to any Bengali radio station. If television doesn't give us news, Do not go to any Bengali television. Banks will be open for two hours so that people can collect their certificates. But not a single paisa can be sent from East Bengal to West Pakistan. Telephone Telegram will run in East Bengal and send news with foreign countries. But if an attempt is made to exterminate the people of this country, the Bengalis will act knowingly. In every village, in every mahalla, build a Sangam Parishad under the leadership of Awami League and be ready with whatever you have. Remember, when I have given blood, I will give more blood. I will free the people of this country, God willing. This struggle is the struggle for our liberation, this struggle is

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