

# Take over: Martial Law proclaimed: Curfew imposed Mushtaque becomes President SITUATION REMAINS CALM

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President Khondker Mushtaque Ahmed in his office

The Armed Forces of Bangladesh took over power in the 'greater national interest' under the leadership of the President, Khondker Mushtaque Ahmed toppling the former President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman early Friday morning, says BSS.

The former President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was killed at his residence during the take-over, it was announced.

Martial Law has been proclaimed and curfew imposed all over the country until further order. The curfew was, however, lifted for one hour and a half after mid-day to facilitate the 'Musallis' in offering their Juma prayer. The people have been asked

to stay at home until further orders. All patriotic and peace-loving citizens of the country have been requested to cooperate with the new Government.

The Bangladesh Rifles, the Rakkhi Bahini and Police personnel have been directed to report to their nearest Army commands. Meanwhile, situation remains calm.

Khondker Mushtaque Ahmed who led the take-over of the Government was sworn in as the Head of the State by the Acting Chief Justice, Syed A.B. Mahmud Hossain at the Bangobhavan in Dacca Friday afternoon. Among others all the three Chiefs of Staff were present.

Later the President appointed Mr. Mohammadullah as the Vice-President and a ten-member Council of Ministers and six Ministers of State. President Khondker Mushtaque Ahmed administered the oath of office to the Ministers

and the Ministers of State at the Bangobhavan Friday evening.

Earlier after the take over the chiefs of the Three Services in separate broadcasts over the Radio declared their allegiance to the new Government headed by President Khondker Mushtaque Ahmed. The Director-General of Bangladesh Rifles the Acting Director-General of the Rakkhi Bahini and the Inspector-General of Police also expressed their allegiance over Radio. They asked the armed personnel to discharge their respective duties under the leadership of President Khondker Mushtaque Ahmed.

In a brief radio broadcast after the take over power the new President Khondker Mushtaque Ahmed appealed to the people to cooperate with the new Government for consolidating the steps with firm determination and discipline to turn Bangladesh into a peaceful and prosperous country.



President Khondker Mushtaque Ahmed administering oath of office to the Vice-President, Mr. Mohammadullah at Bangobhavan on Friday.

## Mushtaque calls for cooperation

The President, Khondker Mushtaque Ahmed Friday morning appealed to the people to extend cooperation with the new Government for consolidating the step with firm determination and discipline for turning Bangladesh into a peaceful and prosperous country, reports BSS.

After taking over power the new President in a brief radio broadcast to the nation said he had

taken over as the head of the Government in the country's greater interest and in view of the historic necessity. The patriotic armed forces have come forward to make this step a success, he added.

President Mushtaque Ahmed also appealed to the members of the Armed Forces, para-military forces, the Police, the Bangladesh Rifles and the Rakkhi Bahini to stand united behind the new Government.



President Khondker Mushtaque Ahmed addressing the nation on radio and television on Friday night.

## Special prayers

Special prayers were offered throughout the country after the Juma prayer for the new Government under the leadership of President, Khondker Mushtaque Ahmed, reports BSS.

There were unprecedented gathering in all the mosques of the city on Friday to offer Juma prayer.

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