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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 Mulibur Rahman was killed at his residence during the take-ever, it was announced.

Martial Law has been pro-claimed and curfew imposed elaimed and currew imposed all over the country until further order. The currew was, however, lifted for one hour and a half after mid-day to facilitate the 'Musallis' in offering their Juma prayer.
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Special : prayers'

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

There were unprecedented gathering in all the mosques of the city on Friday to offer Juma to stay at home until further orders. All patriotic and peaceloving citizens of the country have been requested to co-operate with the new Govern-

The Bangladesh Rifles, the Rakkhi Bahini and Police personnel have been directed to report to their nearest Army

Meanwhile, situation remains

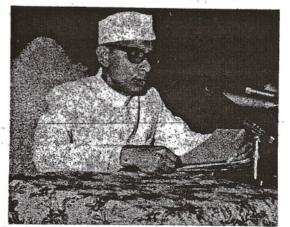
Khondker Mushtaque Ahmed who led the take-over of the Government was sworn in as the Head of the State by the Acting Chief Justices Syed A.B. Mahmud Hossain at the Bangobhavan in Dacca Friday afternoon. Among others all the three Chiefs of Staff were present.

Later the President appoint-ed Mr. Mohammadullah as the Vice-President and a ten-member Council of Ministers and six Ministers of State. President Knohdker Mushtaque Ahmed administered the of office to the Ministers

and the Ministers of State at the Bangobhavan Friday even-

Earlier after the take over the chiefs of the Three Services in separate broadcasts over the Radio declared their alle-giance to the new Government headed by President Khondker Mushtaque Ahmed. The Director-General of Bangladesh Rifles the Acting Director-General of the Rakkhi Bahim and the Inspector General of Police also expressed their allegiance over Radio. They asked the armed personnel to discharge their respective du-ties under the leadership of President Khondker Mushta-que 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 deter-mination and discipline to turn Bangladesh into a peaceful and prosperous country.



President Khondker Mushtaque Ahmed addressing the



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Mushtaque calls for cooperation

The President, Khondker Mushtague Ahmed Friday morning appealed to the people to extend cooperation with the new Government 'for consolidating the step with firm determination and dist pline 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 Government

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

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