THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT OF BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR

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In 1971, the world’s third largest nation, Bangladesh, declared its independence from Pakistan. But the Asian world, and the world in general, was quite disparate for the expected event. The whole world expected that Pakistan would crush Bangladesh with support from the major powers, and would not face any difficulties whatsoever.

The National Liberation War of Bangladesh began in March 1971. The Bengali people of East Pakistan, led by the Bengali Nationalist leaders, declared the establishment of a sovereign, independent and democratic People’s Republic of Bangladesh.

The annexation of Pakistan, in 1971, was a turning point in East Pakistan and Bangladesh. The annexation of Pakistan indicated that it was not going to be a part of Pakistan. This created a sense of insecurity among the Bengali people of East Pakistan.

The War against East Pakistan

In the beginning, the war was going well for Pakistan. But the war turned against Pakistan in 1971. The Bengalis of East Pakistan began to take the war to the streets.

The Bengalis began to organize armed resistance against Pakistan. This led to a civil war in East Pakistan. The Bengalis began to fight against Pakistan’s armed forces.

The International Recognition of Bangladesh

Bangladesh began to receive international recognition in 1972. The United Nations recognized Bangladesh as an independent state on 10 September 1972.

The War for Independence

The war for independence of Bangladesh lasted for 9 months. The war ended with the defeat of Pakistan on 16 December 1971.

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