

Research Article

The Rise of an Orphan as “The Iron Lady of Asia” from the political instability after the gruesome assassination of – “Bangabandhu – The Father of the Nation

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ABSTRACT: She was born, grew up and raised with the full flavor of political atmosphere that why it did not take long to devote her life in the political world. She began her leadership role with the “Vice President” position at Intermediate Girl’s College, afterwards she took membership of student league at DU, moving forward to become Secretary of Rokeya Hall and finally she became chief of Student Union of Eden Girls College. She has learnt all about politics directly from her father.

The almighty was very kind to the nation she kept Desh Ratna – H E Sheikh Hasina. It was almighty’s will that he decided to punish the Killers of Bangabandhu and the War Criminals by a leader who carries Bangabandhu’s blood. She carried out the trial in a very transparent way with the aid of international judicial system. She took all the time that was required to complete the trial giving all the opportunity to the killers and war criminals to defend themselves.

With her saintly determination she did not bow down to any external pressure like her father as both of them did not have the word fear in their dictionary otherwise the trial could not have been finished. Bangabandhu had the greatest soul and H E Sheikh Hasina is the part of that soul. The successful completion of the trial and the subsequent execution was the most difficult task of the world as she was dealing with the richest war criminals of the world who had high level connection with the entire world including the world’s most powerful countries, organizations and Islamic world. With their (war criminals) economic might they have bought the support of all the above mentioned groups.

The groups (killers of Bangabandhu and war criminals) have organized more than 20 deadly missions to kill “The Iron Lady of Asia” and the deadliest attempt was the grenade attack on 21 August 2004. It was a miracle that she survived that attack with minor injury many prominent leaders including Mrs. Ivy Rahman was killed and hundreds were injured and became disabled for life. God kept her alive to prove it to the world that a crime never goes unpunished, does not matter how powerful those criminals are and she had the courage, gut and determination to showcase the world that no one in the world can stop her from conducting the trials simply because she is carrying Bangabandhu’s blood and she has inherited his character.

Her revolutionary economic management has transformed Henry Kissinger’s bottomless basket to a solid basket full of USD and put the economy on a very solid foundation. By virtue of that economic strength the nation can build projects like “The Padma Bridge” with its own resources worth multi-billion dollars.

During the post Bangabandhu era the country used to import basic food to feed 8 crore (80 million) people but with H E Sheikh Hasina’s far-reaching agricultural policy and Matia Chowdhury’s management the country is now not only feeding 170 million (8 crore) people but exporting foods of all kinds earning millions of USD. It was all possible because she loves the country like her own child and she has dedicated her life towards the cause of the country just like Bangabandhu did.

The writer urges everyone to love their country the way Bangabandhu did and the way “The Iron Lady of Asia” is loving - the only way to build “Sonar Bangla”.

KEY WORDS: Hasu, Tungipara, First Sibling of Bangabandhu, Desh Ratna, H E Sheikh Hasina, Honorable Prime Minister, Visionary Economic Manager, Implementing Bangabandhu’s Dream and The Iron Lady of Aisa.

1. Introduction.

Very recently H E Sheikh Hasina has said in a meeting/ press briefing that Almighty send everyone in this world with some specific purpose and until they are done they have to remain alive by some way or other. Bangabandhu came to this world to give us a free country and H E Sheikh Hasina is here to fulfill Bangabandhu unfinished tasks. Gradually she is materializing Bangabandhu’s dream slowly but surely and she will keep doing it until the Sonar Bangla is created in every sense.

The aim is to extract as much information as possible about Hasu-Sheikh Hasina-Desh Ratna-H E Prime Minister of

Bangladesh. How she passed her childhood, her adolescence, youth, how she came into politics. Being the eldest child of Bangabandhu how she nurtured her father political Philosophy, political style, her style of loving common people and natural beauty and above all how she is promoting Bangabandhu’s tourism dream.

The purpose is to depict how she overcome all her personal tragedy and political obstacles through her visionary journey to reach the pinnacle of her success. She made it all possible through her courage, political will, love for the country, adhering to the rule of justice and above all her determination

to fulfill her father’s dream to build Sonar Bangla (Golden Bengal). Systematically, methodically and one after another she is fulfilling Bangabandhu unfinished work. She knew that her father has a great passion for tourism industry and she declared 2016 as the year of tourism.

2. The Rise and Rise of Bangabandhu’s Orphan Baby.

2.1. Childhood of Hasu – Sheikh Hasina.

Bangabandhu and Bangamata were blessed with five children and the nick name of the eldest child is Hasu (Fig-1). That little girl is now our honorable Prime Minister - Desh Ratna - H E Sheikh Hasina who has been made an orphan by the black sheep of Awami League and longtime companion Mr. Mostaq and his team. The author wishes to honour her with another very appropriate award which is long overdue as she has accomplished the mission impossible which will be explained later.

The eldest child always gets the lion share of love and affection and if the eldest child is a girl then she gets preponderance in everything. She was very close and she was very precious to Bangabandhu the pictures (Fig - 2) says it all. Bangabandhu took her everywhere possible and gave her all about political lessons through his physical presence, his techniques of dealing with common people, how to love them and above all how to deal with party people. As she grew up in a completely surrounded by political environment it did not take long to learn Bangabandhu’s political philosophy, his desire, his aspiration and his ultimate goal.

She was born in Tungipara on 28 September, 1947. She began her schooling at Gopalhanj, later she moved to Dhaka in 1954 finished her SSc from Azimpur Girl’s School, HSC from



Fig-1. Hasu as a child (source: <https://www.google.com.bd/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=images+of++baby+sheikh+hasina>).

Intermediate Girl’s College, finished her graduation in Bangla from Dhaka University in 1973. Later in life she finished her higher education from Boston University, USA. The author had the rare opportunity to meet Bangabandhu at his residence and that was possible because of Mr. Sheikh Kamal (Fig-) who was one of most prominent leader

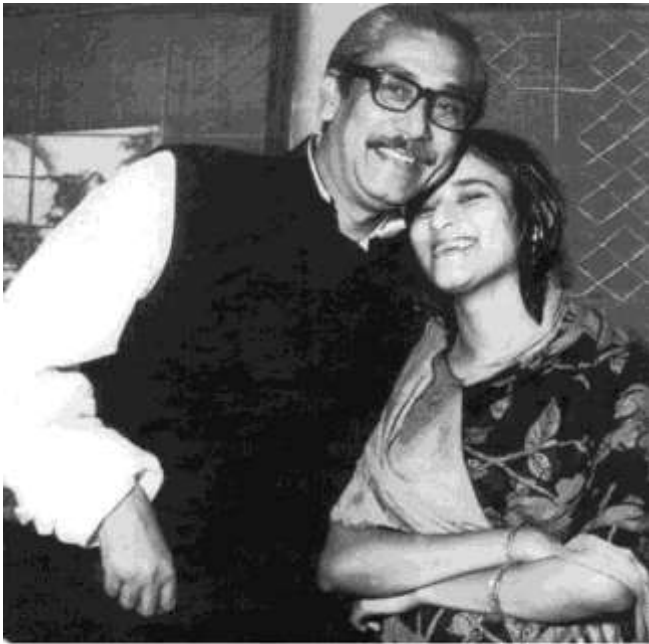


Fig-2. Complete family of Sheikh Hasina (source: <https://www.google.com.bd/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=images+of++bangabandhu+family>).

Of Satra League. Special tribute goes to him for creating the opportunity for the author to meet Bangabandhu. An special memory and event the author will cherish and will remain grateful to Mr. Sheikh Kamal.

2.2. Beginning of her Political Career.

She was very lucky in the sense that she did not have to attend any institution to learn politics because the Encyclopedia Britanica of politics was her own father the architect of our country and the “Father of the Nation”. Hence she did not have to wait long to dedicate herself in the leadership ladder. Her entry into professional politics began with the position of “Vice President” at Intermediate Girls College, from there she progressed to become Chief of Students Union at Eden Girls College and finally she became an official member of “Student’s League” of Dhaka University (DU). Bangabandhu’s residence was like a political Institute and all Awami League leaders was his disciples and Sheikh Hasina and Sheikh Kamal with their own interest automatically became his followers in politics. H E Sheikh Hasina had all the opportunity to know Bangabandhu in every angle, his political philosophy and his love for the country and his style of loving the the countrymen. She was so close to Bangabandhu that she knew what is going on inside his mind and what is going to be his next move about some problems and course of action to solve those problems. Bangabandhu shared everything about politics and his **personal life to** Sheikh Hasina as she was the eldest of all of his five children.



কন্যা শেখ হাসিনার সঙ্গে বিশেষ মুহুর্তে জাতির জনক বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান।

Fig-3. Bangabandhu’s way of transferring love and his political Philosophy to Sheikh Hasina (source: <https://www.google.com.bd/search?q=images+of+sheikh+hasina+with+bangabandhu>).

3. Volatile Political Landscape Changes (1975-1996).

3.1. Killing of Bangabandhu – The Worst Global Political Atrocities.

Bangabandhu - Sheikh Mujibur Rahman – the Architect and the “Father of the Nation” once said his love for the people was his greatest strength and loving them too much was also his greatest weakness. Based on a secret report Indira Gandhi – the then Indian Prime Minister warned him that some army officers are conspiring to kill him and he was also aware about the controversial role Mostaq played during and after liberation but he never believed that anyone has the guts to do any harm to him forget about killing.

The furious defeated Pakistani Army never stopped from conspiring to kill Bangabandhu and they have successfully recruited his long time political companion Traitors Mostaq (The Black Sheep in the Awami League) and his team carried out the killing mission. Their mission was not only to kill Bangabandhu but to wipe out the entire Sheikh family to bury the war of independence forever and were under the illusion of reuniting Pakistan.

The author’s heart was broken, became speechless, shattered, very upset and saddened after the killing and decided to leave the country for good as he I could not bear the sudden loss of the “Father of the Nation”. By virtue of outstanding results in every stages got the most prestigious commonwealth scholarship and left the country for good after resigning from his teaching position from Dhaka University.

The self confessed traitor Mostaq and the army officers quickly became friends of Pakistan and their allies. The country kept passing its days in great turmoil. One killing gave rise a series of killing, there were no law and order. One after another president were assassinated until it came to a halt with General Ershad who was forced to organize election and transfer the power to an elected government under enormous pressure from political parties and people from all walks of life.

3.2. Mr. Khondaker Mostaq Ahmed (15 August – 6 November 1975).

The cynical ploy of Mostaq and his team in 1975 took Bngabandhu and his entire family, was catastrophic for the country and very damaging for the Awami League party itself as Mostaq was one of the leading figure of Awami League and a longtime companion of Bangabandhu. He replaced K M Shafiullah by Ziaur Rahman as Chief of Bangladesh Army unfairly by-passing many other patriotic senior generals like Khaled Mosharraf and others. He proclaimed the indemnity ordinance (that gave immunity to the killers of Bangabandhu from trial), which was maintained by President Ziaur Rahman and President Ershad, finally incorporated as an act as 5th amendments to the constitution. Zia also unfairly favored and chose General Ershad as his Deputy Chief of Staff ignoring many eligible freedom fighters who were more qualified than General Ershad. After the assassination of Mostaq, General Zia took over the power.

3.3. General Ziaur Rahman(1977-1981).

Zia chose Justice Abu Sadat Mohammad Sayem as President and he became self declared Chief martial Law administrator. Justice Sayem resigned on April 21, 1977. After his resignation General Zia took over as president and chose Justice Sattar as his Vice President. Zia organized a controversial referendum to legalize his Presidency which was criticized on the ground of rampant corruption. In April, 1978 General Zia announced election and election took place in February, 1979. Soon after he formed Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and became civilian president. Like before this election was also



Fig-4. President Zia with his adviser Mr. A K A Firoze Noon, 1979

(source:[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A. K. A. Firoze Noon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A._K._A._Firoze_Noon)).

marred by corruption. His intention was to Remain in power by any means. Mr. A K A Firoze Noon who was the VP of East Pakistan Student League (1966-1967) was the brain behind the formation of BNP and a founding member of BNP. He was the founder Principle of BNP’s political training center and political adviser of Begum Khaleda Zia (1991-1996) during her presidency.

President Zia’s Government has systematically undermined the spirit of independence and took actions one after another to humiliate war of independence and destroying political system and framework while repatriating Pakistani friends. Some of the controversial decision taken by the Zia governments were: 1). The government instructed all types of media that Bangabandhu’s name can’t be mentioned in any form under any circumstances; 2). The so called Zia group of intellectuals have distorted the true history of independence which were taught in schools and colleges where “Father of the Nation” was missing. He allowed banned Jamaat-e-islam to run for office under the name of “Islamic Democratic League” (IDM); 3). He welcomed Golam Azam (the mastermind of atrocities to civilian and intellectual during war of independence) to come to Bangladesh from exile with Pakistani passport; 3). He gave ultimate promotion to “Mr. Shah Azizur Rahman” as Prime Minister of Bangladesh; and 5) Major Dalim, Major Rasjid, Major Faruk were rewarded with promoted in the Foreign Ministry.

During Zia’s tenure a number of unsuccessful coups took place at Dhaka and Bogra which culminated and ended with his successful assassination in 30 May 1981 in Chittagong Circuit House that was masterminded by General Monjur, who was the Chief of Staff at Chittagong Cantonment at that time. Honorable MP Mahjabeen Khaled has made the following comment on General Zia “His plan was to kill all these leaders and activists to make the pro-Liberation War force weak and

turn independent Bangladesh into a minion of Pakistan” (Mahjabeen Khaled, 2016).

President Zia did not allow Sheikh Hasina to return to Bangladesh. But he was unable to stop her return when she was elected as the leader of the Awami League Party in February 1981 and she arrived at Dhaka on 17 May 1981. Between 1975 – 1981 the late honorable President Mr. Zillur Rahman played a very important role to keep Awami League united which was a very challenging and difficult task for him but he did it very skillfully. I respectfully recognize his contribution for the party.

3.4. General Hussain Mohammad Ershad (1981-1990).

As Chief of Army Staff General Ershad remained loyal to Zia, killed Monjur took over power. General Ershad became the beneficiary of Zia’s death and after a bloodless coup he



Fig-5. General Hussain Mohammad Ershad President of Bangladesh (<https://www.google.com.bd/search?q=images+of+ershad+president+of+bangladesh+ershad+president+bangladesh&espv=2&biw=1366&bih=677&tbn=isch&imgil=>).

captured power and declared martial law. Slowly and gradually the very calm and shrewd General began to consolidate his power through autocratic rule. He did not repel any of General Zia’s decisions and program. On 24 March 1982, General Ershad took over state power by removing the then constitutionally elected President Justice Abdus Sattar.

General Ershad declared himself as the Chief Martial Law Administrator (CMLA), suspended the Constitution and dissolved the Jatiya Sangsad and the council of ministers appointed by President Sattar. He also proclaimed himself as commander-in-chief of the armed forces; a constitutional post held by the elected President. Sheikh Hasina was punished by multiple detentions throughout the 1980s. In February and again in November on 1984 she was put under house arrest. In March 1985 she was put under house arrest for three month.

In 1984 President Ershad restructured the local government system and gave them new names as upazila parishads and he successfully completed the upazilla parishads election in 1985. In the meantime he formed a new political party with the name of “Jatiya Party” headed by him. He organized an election in October 1986 and became president for a five year term. The controversial election was boycotted by some party. Rampant corruption continued during his time and under united opposition pressure General Ershad bows down. The widespread protests and strikes continued and created unmanageable unrest many lives were lost and Ershad was forced to hand over power to vice president justice Shahabuddin in December 1990.

3.5. Prime Minister Khaleda Zia (1991-96) & (2001-06).

Banganadhu used to call her as his daughter. He loved her very dearly after independence. In return she used to celebrate her birthday by regularly cutting a cake on 15th August, the blackest day on the history of the nation the day Bangabandhu was killed with his family and extended family (it is officially declared as National Mourning Day of Bangladesh). What an ungrateful gesture by an ex- Prime Minister to the “Father of the Nation”.

There is a great controversy about her birth day. Her SSC certificate says 9 August 1945 is her birth date; her marriage certificate says her birth date is 5 September 1945; her passport indicates a birth date of 19 August 1945; none of her government issued any documents showing her birth date as 15 August.



Fig-6. Begum Zia with her late husband General Ziaur Rahman (source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khaleda_Zia#/media/File:Mr_and_Mrs_Zia_1979.jpg).

The acting President Shahabuddin Ahmed effectively gave her all the power and BNP government formally restored Parliamentary System. On 6 January 1991 Khaleda Zia formed a four party alliance with Jatiyo Party, Jamaat-e-Islam and islami Oikya Jot. She won the election and promoted Jamaat-

e-Islami leaders to influential Ministerial Position who carried out the brutal genocide during war of independence and who dared to fly Bangladesh flag in front of their official cars.

During her tenure she began to complete the unfinished job of Ziaur Rahman. She along with her eldest son (Tareq Rahman) set up Hawa Bhaban (the political office of Chairperson of BNP). The Hawa Bhaban was effectively run by Tareq Rahman and he was more powerful than Khaleda Zia. During her time Lutfozzaman Babar a notorious criminal was given the portfolio of State Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs. He was a close friend of Tareq Rahman. During her time Bangladesh government become the most corrupted country in the world. No wonder when a criminal becomes a home minister.

3.6. H E Sheikh Hasina Became Prime Minister (1996-2001).

In June 1996 The Awami league won election under the leadership of H E Sheikh Hasina held under the caretaker government of Chief Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman. International and national observer found the election was free and fair. During the later part of her government achieved laudable success in all sector but most notable ones are: 1). Signing of the historic 30 year Ganges Water Sharing Treaty with India; 2). Signing of historic peace Accord on Chittagong Hill Tracts; 3). Inauguration of the Bangabandhu Bridge on the river Jamuna; 4). Under UN General Assembly for the first time adopted a resolution on micro-credit that was led by Sheikh Hasina. For the sake of country’s peace and prosperity she accepted President Jimmy Carter mediation that she will respect the result of the forthcoming election in October 2001, will join parliament, win or lose. Awami League lost the election and accepted the results.

As Prime Minister during 1996-01 period she managed to bring the party under solid foundation and she made remarkable progress for the country. She did not rush to take any revenge of her father and family’s killing against any person or any groups rather she left it to the legal system to organize a fair trial that would be acceptable to the world community. The party think tank and the senior party policy makers completely failed to understand the strategy taken by the opposition and were defeated in the election in 2001 which they were supposed to win.

During her tenure honorable Prime Minister has been awarded with a numerous awards (some of them are: UNESCO Peace Award in 1998; Mother Teresa Award in 1998; MK Gandhi Award in 1998; FAO Award in 1999). She has been honored with a number of Honorary Doctorate Degrees (some of them are: Doctor of Law by Boston University USA in 1987; Doctor of Law by the Waseda University Japan in 1997; Honorary DLit. Degree by Viswa Varati University India in 1999).

3.7. Sheikh Hasina as Opposition Leader Between (2001-2008).

The seven (7) years as opposition leader she has faced her most challenging period of her entire life in terms of politically as well as her personal safety and security. More than 20 attempts have been made to kill her through terrorists attack but the deadliest of all was the grenade attack on 21 August, 2004 which was designed to kill Sheikh Hasina and other prominent leaders of Awami League to make the Awami League leaderless.

3.8. Care Taker Government of Moinuddin and Fakhruddin (2006 – 2008).

In the face of uncontrollable political unrest, unprecedented protest and frequent strikes in which hundreds of people were killed. Virtually the government became paralyzed and during these crisis the army with the leadership of Moinuddin ceases the power and creates a caretaker government that helped to quell the unrest initially. But they very cleverly kept making excuses to longer their stay in power instead of three months. In the absence of any sign of organizing election and their attempt to consolidate powers made all the political party, alliances, as well as the civilians made very angry. In the face of unprecedented unrest, protest and pressure created by the political parties they were forced to organize an election on 29 December 2008 in which Awami League lead Grand Alliance won the election with a landslide victory.

4. Return of Sheikh Hasina as Prime Minister after 2008 Election.

”In 2000 six crore thirty lac (63 million) peopled lived below poverty line but the figure



Fig-8. Honorable Prime Minister-DeshRatna-Sheikh Hasina (source:



Fig-7. Desh Ratna – H E Sheikh Hasina with British Prime Minister David Cameron in London January 2011 (source:

sharply came down to four crore thirty lac (43 million) in 2010. Prime Minister is determined to pull out all the remaining out of poverty and build a hunger free and poverty free Bangladesh by 2018). In those days the country used to import food to feed the millions and now the country has a population of more than 160 million. Thanks to H E Sheikh hasina’s revolutionary Agricultural policy and the country is producing excess food to export them overseas after feeding 160 million people of the country.

5. Author Chose Sydney Australia as Permanent Home.

In September 1985 author left the country for good as he lost all the interest to stay in a country where Bangabandhu was not allowed live. He went to England to complete his postgraduate degrees through Commonwealth Scholarship by virtue of outstanding result. This achievement is also the fruit of Bangabandhu’s advice to author. After the completion of PhD and after working for few years in London the author travelled around the world to find a suitable place and Sydney was the best of all to accept as the permanent place of residence (It is like the heaven on earth) where author can settle, begin family life and produce kids. I now believe it was the second best decision of my life. By the my first best decision was to attend the historic 7th March, 1971 speech of Bangabandhu as a student of class eight (8). The author and his wife were blessed with two beautiful kids (the elder one is boy and the younger one is girl) who were born and brought up in Sydney. My son now 23 years old told me on several occasions by embracing me to his chest (like I was embraced by Bangabandhu in 1971 at his residence and thanks to Sheikh Kamal who took me with group) “thank you dad you decided to come to Sydney and I got the opportunity to become an Australian citizen by birth it the best gift one could get from their parents”. Those two occasions were totally different but very emotional to the author and in both occasions tears of joy and happiness came down from my eyes.

6. The Return of Bangabandhu.

There is famous quote in English that “Man proposes but God disposes”. They wanted to wipe out the Sheikh clan but God kept Sheikh Hasina and Sheikh Rehana alive to salvage the country from darkness. Bangabandhu’s death took the country backward for nearly 25 years instead of progress and prosperity. The Pakistani favorite governments ruled the country for more than two decades with their oppressive rules, misrule, rampant corruption. They have systematically closed all the door to put the killers of Bangabandhu on trial. Rather than punishing the successive governments rewarded, promoted and protected these self-confessed killers. Their activities prove that they were indirectly involved in Bangabandhu killing mission.

In the face of peoples opposition both the military rule and the Pakistani favorite government bow down and handed the peoples power to Sheikh Hasina to lead the country on the path of progress and prosperity. She is like a true replica of Bangabandhu and she is systematically fulfilling Bangabandhu’s unfinished job one after another. Like Bangabandhu her eyes are everywhere and apparently nothing can be solved without her mediation. Knowing all these she is solving the most difficult problems very amicably keeping every party happy one after another. That made her very special not only nationally but it has catches international attention.

The author very humbly takes the privilege to mention here H E Sheikh Hasina’s recent famous quote “God send everyone in this world with a purpose and with some specific functions to be completed until that is completed god keeps themselves alive in some way or other otherwise she should not have survived the 21st August 2004 grenade attack on her at Paltan moidan”. She is here to solve the unthinkable, punish the killers of Bangabandhu and his extended family and to complete the Trials of the most powerful and the richest War Criminals among many other difficult issues.

The author wishes and pray to Almighty that she survives all evils attempts to complete Bangabandhu’s mandate until she finds a safe pair of hands to transfer the power and the popular choice is Sajeeb Wazed Joy.

7. Desh Ratna authors Inspiration to Comeback to Bangladesh in 2011.

When Desh Ratna Sheikh Hasina came to power in her first term I began to feel that Bangabandhu has come back to Bangladesh. The decision came from author’s heart that time has come to go back to Bangladesh to take part in nation building activities to materialize Bangabandhu’s dream under Sheikh Hasina leadership. Slowly and gradually the author began to wind up all his involvement in Sydney to come back to Bangladesh permanently and here he is contributing as university Professor since March, 2011, firstly, with the “Dhaka School of Economics (DScE)” as “Director Research”

as Head, Division of Environment, Water and Climate Change and currently as Adviser, The People’s University of Bangladesh (PUB) and “Chairman” Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management (THM), The People’s University of Bangladesh (PUB).

The author is a multi-skilled professional and expert by virtue of multiple overseas postgraduate degrees and extensive 30+ years of global experience in three (3) different fields: 1). Groundwater resources management; 2). Environmental Engineering and climate Change Management; and 3).Travel, Tourism and Airline Management.

It is author’s desire and is committed to contribute the rest of his life in materializing Bangabandhu’s dream of building “Sonar Bangla” under the leadership of Desh Ratna in the field of tourism which was always on Bangabandhu’s priority list.

8. How the Title “Desh Ratna” was originated.

Nagrik Committee honored the visionary leader H E Sheikh Hasina with the title Desh



Fig-8. Sabbachachi writer presenting the title “Desh Ratna” to Sheikh Hasina (source: <http://www.risingbd.com/english/Nagrik-Committee-gives-Desh-Ratna-title-to-Hasina/25238hha5>).

Ratna (Jewel of the Country) on 29 May 2015. The crest of honour was presented by the famous “Sabbachachi Writer” and distinguished poet Mr. Syed Shassu Haque and he pronounced that from this date everyone must use the title before her name.

9. The Iron Lady of Asia.

9.1. Completion of Bangabandhu Killers Trial.

The author believes in his heart that Bangabandhu was the bravest of all souls the world has ever produced. The way he loved the country, countrymen and nature cannot be matched by any other global leaders. Out of 24 years of Pakistani rules he spent 12+ years in jail and he has come back safely twice from gallows of the Pakistani Ruler. But the traitor Mostaq and his team not only killed him and his entire family but also boasted in public in front of the national and international news media that they have carried out the assassination. But

they forgot Newton law that “Every action has an equal and opposite reaction”. H E Sheikh Hasina is the reaction of Newton’s Law. Almighty carries out his justice in a very mysterious way and that is why she was kept alive to punish the killers through his own blood.

Prime Minister - Desh Ratna – H E Sheikh Hasina with her alliance government managed to amend the constitution so that the killers of Bangabandhu, the war criminals and their collaborators and traitors during the war of independence in 1971, the August Grenade attackers on Sheikh Hasina and other senior leaders can be put on trial. It took about 40 years to punish the killers of Bangabandhu. She gave all the opportunities to the killers to defend themselves. She has carried out the trial very systematically, methodically and in a very transparent ways so that no question arises that justice has not been done. Like Bangabandhu she also did not know what fear is, nothing can intimidate her from achieve her goals. With the exception of India and few other country, the entire world including super powers, EU, the UN and the Islamic world relentlessly tried to stop the execution but every attempt failed in front of her rock solid determination. One after another she completed a fair trial and they were executed. There she acted as an Iron lady.

9.2. Completion of the Trial of War Criminals.

After the landslide victory of Awami League lead “Grand Alliance” quickly responded to fulfill long standing call to put the war criminals on a “International Crimes Tribunal”. The government moved very quickly with the assistance of UNDP and international war criminal experts formed the “International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) Bangladesh”. The “War Crimes Fact Finding Committee” was formed in 2009 amending the 1973 act through the parliament that authorized such a tribunal. Till to date (September 2016) six prominent war criminals has been tried and punished. Sheikh Hasina’s famous quote “Allah send everyone in this world with some specific task and until those tasks are completed somehow god keeps them alive, otherwise it was impossible to escape the grenade attack that was designed to kill her and the senior leaders of the party on 21 August Grenade attack 2004. It was a miracle that she escaped the attack with minor injury.

The beginning of the trial of the War Criminals were the most challenging task for her by any standard. The war criminals were very rich and maintained high level connection worldwide. They have spent hundreds of millions of dollars to influence the entire world including the world bodies, superpowers, EU and the Islamic World. All these countries, groups, organizations fiercely opposed the trial and to carry out the verdict but everything went in vein because - Desh Ratna - H E Sheikh Hasina carries the blood of Bangabandhu. She remained state fast with her courage, rock solid determination and she never deviated from her mission and hanged them one after another. She acted like an Iron Lady.

9.3. Padma Bridge Saga.

The war criminals were awfully rich (by virtue of corrupt money), very well organized, well connected with world super powers, strategic organizations and Islamic world. They have spent multi-million dollars to win anyone and every ones support. The most classic example is the World Banks withdrawal from their commitment to finance the multi-billion dollars Padma Bridge Projects with the excuse of corruption. Our honorable Prime Minister was furious and challenged the most powerful organization after lots of drama they have been forced to withdraw their claims of corruption. Desh Ratna – H E Sheikh Hasina took the most challenging decision of her life to build the Padma Bridge with country’s own resources. After surprising the entire world that dream is very close to become a reality nearly half of the construction works is completed and the progress of construction is now ahead of schedule. People are working day and night to complete the project ahead of schedule. This is the blood of Bangabandhu who never backed out of any promise and she has proved it again. This is yet another Iron solid determination.

9.4. Fight against Terrorism and Fundamentalism.

The second half of 2013 was engulfed by the act of terrorism and fundamentalists destructive activities, loss of many innocent life, highly explosive, most volatile, dangerously violent environment supported and sponsored by some major political parties to over through the government and to stop the election. But Desh Ratna – H E Sheikh Hasina has faced them with great wisdom, handled them so skillfully and quell them for good and crushed them for good with zero tolerance policy like an Iron lady.

After the landslide victory of 5 January 2014 election she managed to quell them completely. Since then with her farsighted economic management the country’s development has sky rocket in every sector and the country is enjoying a 7+% GDP and this rate will go even higher to reach double figure after the completion of the construction of Padma bridge.

9.5. Free Education for Girls.

Her innovative education policy has brought revolution in the child education particularly girls education which has long been neglected since the killing of Bangabandhu. She has made girls education compulsory and she has also made their education free of charge. She did not stop there she is giving free lunch for poor children and financial incentives to the very poor kids so that there is no excuse for their parents not to send their kids at school particularly girls students. The country is already reaping the benefit for theses education revolution.

PM was invited to attend the first ever Girls Summit in London in 2014. British Prime Minister David Cameron has profusely praised for her achievement in economic

development and protecting the freedom and rights of women (AKM Shamim Chowdhury, PMs press secretary).

The world Bank has also reported that infant mortality rate has come down, literacy rate increased significantly, and 98% of girls are now at primary school. Desh Ratna – H E Sheikh Hasina has received global awards for outstanding contribution for girl’s education, fight for hunger, good governance and many other awards.

9.6. Empowering Women Right.

Bangabandhu raised her with the ideology that man and women should be treated equally and fairly and she nurtured that vision all through her political career. Her philosophy of sustainable future of planet is a shared responsibility of men and women, her dream is to create world where women rights would be respected by all, her Millennium Development Goal (MDG) of gender equality by implementing the convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (CEDAW) has been praised and awarded by world multiple world body. Her national policy for women development 2011 were aimed at : 1. Combating violence against women: 2. Ending child marriages; 3. Engaging more



Fig-9. World ‘s recognizes H E Sheikh Hasina for Empowering Women (source: <https://www.google.com.bd/search?q=how+sheikh+hasina+empowered+women&espv=>).

Women in politics, administration and security; 4. WIP (women in parliament for women empowerment; 4. Guaranteed equal opportunities and entitlements for women regardless of of race, religion, caste or creed to have full control over property, health, education, training, information, inheritance, credit, technology and opportunity. Through her innovative and revolutionary policies Bangladesh has received the following awards: 1). the “Global Forum” award in 2015; 2). Master recognized women advancement award; 3). World Economic Forum (WEF) for lands Bangladesh Gender Success; 4). UNESCO recognises PM for promoting Female in every sphere in Sep 2014; WHO recognized Bangladesh for two major success: a). most promising for improved maternal health; and 2). Safe Mother Index (SMI) for further improvement. These are all brain child of Desh Ratna H E Sheikh Hasina.

9.7. The title “The Iron Lady of Asia” is most appropriate and Long Overdue.

The author wishes to take the privilege and grabbed the opportunity to award her with the most appropriate title “The Iron Lady of Asia”. She can only be compared with baroness Mrs. Margaret Thatcher – the longest serving prime minister of UK and “The Iron Lady of Europe”. She never compromised with her beliefs and ideologies. Whatever she believed is good for the country she never surrounded to her opposition. When she retired from politics the Queen gave her the honorary title of Baroness of UK.

10. “The Iron Lady’s” Diplomatic Victory in Global Politics.

Once portrayed as “Bottomless Basket” by Henry Kissinger that scenario is completely changed under the brilliant economic management of H E Sheikh Hasina. The Basket has not only amended permanently it is now full of UDS and the country’s economy is now standing on solid footing.

The world has now realized that they have no option but to cooperate with her government.

Friendship with Ban Ki-moon.

Although he opposed the execution of War Criminals but Ban Ki Moon is a true friend of Sheikh Hasina and a well wisher of Bangladesh. Ban Ki-moon offer her to be in UN panel over telephone in February, 2016.



Fig-10. Reflection of true friendship with Ban Ki-moon (source:

<https://www.google.com.bd/search?q=sheikh+hasina+with+un+secretary+general&espv=2&biw=1366&bih=672&tbm=>).

Barrack Obama Consider Sheikh Hasina as a Talented Leader.

The US president Barrack Obama in several occasion has praised the progress of Bangladesh under the leadership of Desh Ratna – H E Sheikh Hsina and advised many countries to take Bangladesh as a role model.



Fig-11. US President Praised Sheikh Hasina Leadership and Contribution without any reservations. (source: <https://www.albd.org/index.php/en/updates/news/2945-pm-sheikh-hasina-to-co-chair-with-barack-obama>).

John Kerry US Secretary of State’s.



Fig-12. US Secretary of State’s came all the to praise Sheikh Hasina leadership

And her achievement (source: <http://bdnews24.com/bangladesh/2016/08/29/us-secretary-of-state-john-kerry-arrives-in-dhaka>).

Xi Jinping.

His arrival in Bangladesh is like an angel has visited the country to elevate the status of the country even further beyond any imagination. He has completed the biggest ever business deal with Bangladesh which nobody could have imagined.



Fig-13. Chinese President Xi Jinping completed the biggest ever

business deal with Sheikh Hasina to dumbfound the world (source:

<https://www.google.com.bd/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=xi+jinping+came+to+bangladesh>).

World Bank President – Jom Yong Kim) Visits Dhaka.



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11. Conclusions.

A country that was completely destroyed by Pakistani Army in 1971 was once humiliated by the then US Foreign Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger as “Bottomless Basket” is now recognized as one of world’s fastest economy with a GDP of 7+ percent. Even the “Goldman Sachs” has accepted Bangladesh as one of the “Next 11” fastest growing economy of the world. Experts believe that once the “Padma Bridge” is completed the GDP will shoot up to double figure as it will bring revolution in Business, Infrastructure Development, Transport and Construction, Tourism and virtually in every sector and these are all gifts of “The Iron Lady” to her country – she loves more than her life.

Textile and Garment Industry is now the second largest in the world after China. Our emerging Ship Building and Pharmaceutical Industry will soon become other largest exporters and the last but not the least the “Tourism Industry” has endless opportunity to earn billions of dollars and it has all the ingredients and potential to supersede all other sectors to earn foreign currencies. All that is needed is to define the road map of tourism development by the industry experts.

Our economy is now sitting on a robust foundation and massive development is now taking place in every sector to bring revolutionary changes in people’s life which is already visible. Our foreign currency reserve has now exceeded US \$30 billion and will keep growing. All these great events are happening because Bangabandhu has come back through Sheikh Hasina.

The Iron Lady has brought revolution in reducing child mortality, increasing child education and particularly she has brought far-reaching success in girl’s education for which she has been acknowledged and awarded by UN and many world organizations.

The Iron Lady of Asia has claimed the biggest global political victory of all time. Her iron fist administration, saintly determination to uphold justice, accomplishing everything she believed is right even when most of the world was against her decision. The world has realized that there is no other option but to cooperate with her and be friend to her. That action has been reflected in the praising words of US President Barak Obama, followed by the visit of US Secretary of States, followed by the biggest Business deal in the history of Bangladesh by the Chinese President Si Jinping and finally the visit of the President of The World Bank, the organization that gave her a very hard time in the saga of “Padma Bridge”. The president has unreservedly praised her as the most successful leader of Asia.

12. Few Suggestions if I May.

I beg your (“The Iron Lady of Asia”) forgiveness in advance to put forward the following suggestions:

Your (Sheikh Hasina) leadership has brought me back and possibly many others. The nation including the entire world have witnessed the trial and punishment of Bangabandhu Killers and War Criminals in the face of worldwide opposition but nothing could stop you to complete the trial and execution of the killers and criminals. You have brought fame and prestige for the nation. Your presence is therefore required more than ever as Prime Minister for life to materialize Bangabandhu’s dream and to make this country as a heaven for the global tourist, an agenda was always on Bangabandhu’s priority lists. Please prepare your talented son to take charge for the country when you want to retire.

Previously 20+ attempts were made to harm you and to kill you but almighty has save you through his miracle and your survival from 21 August 2004 grenade attack was the most miracle survival in the history of the world. The very recent two sabotage acts using aircraft shows how desperate they are to kill you at the earliest possible opportunity. The first one is the presence of lethal splinters scattered on the runway when your plane is due to land at Dhaka airport; and the second one is the more dangerous intentional criminal act by the enemy of the country by loosening the screws to drop the fuel pressure in one of the engine on your way to Hungary. Thanks to the Captain and his team that they have successfully shutdown the engine and made emergency landing at Turkmenistan. My request to you for any future travel please do not use Bangladesh Biman they are now openly engaged to kill you.

Please minimize your travel to its absolute minimum. Please do not travel unless you have to. I appreciate your recent style of opening of Payra Deep Sea Port and the Four Lane Express Highway between Dhaka and Chittagong using video conferencing technology. From now on please do not travels to the spot anymore rather do all the opening of ceremony or laid down the foundation of all major infrastructural or any major national developmental works via the video conferencing system sitting at your Gonobhaban Office. You are very precious to all of us and there is nobody else to lead the country at present. We have lost Bangabandhu but we don’t want to lose you.

I feel that you have created the environment for the educated people to come back in politics again. But the educated people do not have money I would therefore expect your direct intervention to recruit more educated people so that they do not need to spend any money to secure their nomination in the forth coming election. All MP nominees must have at least graduation degree although additional postgraduate degrees are more desirable. High profile business people should be avoided from selecting MP nominees because of the conflict of interest.

Any person who does not accept Bangabandhu as our “Father of the Nation” they should not be considered as Bangladeshi Citizen therefore they do not have any right to engage in political activities in this country. Similarly any party that does not unconditionally accept Bangabandhu as our “Father of the Nation” the registration of those parties’ should be cancelled so that they can’t take part in the forth coming election.

Being an Australian Citizen the author could have spent the rest of his life in the best country of the world with best possible environment, food, comfort and with the best amenities of life. But the author strongly believes that he has some debt and a social responsibility to his country of birth where he grew up with tax payer’s money to complete his education at Dhaka University. With that responsible feeling he has come back to `Bangladesh in 2011 and working since only because of the fact he has rediscovered Bangabandhu through “The Iron Lady” who has dedicated her life to accomplish Bangabandhu’s unfinished tasks. It is author’s desire to make little contribution in that campaign to make a tourism friendly Bangladesh.

It is the demand of the time that a separate Ministry is required to expedite the unlimited prosperity of the Tourism and Hospitality sector of the country. The name of the Ministry could be “Ministry of Tourism and Hospitality affairs” or it could be “Ministry of Tourism and Culture” or H E Sheikh Hasina might choose a better one. The Minister should be an expert on Tourism Industry, the Secretary should also become expert of the Tourism Industry and every policy should be

developed and designed by tourism industry experts. This Ministry will only be accountable to Prime Minister only.

The author is an Australian Citizen as well as a proud Citizen of Bangladesh. Although a dual citizen can cast their vote but they have no right to become an MP. The author ask your Excellency to open the door for thousands of educated, qualified, sincere and honest dual citizens who wants to join with your mainstream politics. Please allow them to run for the office and give them the opportunity to contribute to build Bangabandhu’s Golden Bengal (Sonar Bangla) following your vision.

I am in complete agreement with our honourable minister Mr. Anisul Huq MP, Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, that a commission be established that will investigate, find and punish the real mastermind behind the killing of Bangabandhu, 21 August, 2004 grenade attack and other important political killings. If that can be done then nobody will ever even dare to think to commit such a heinous crime once again. This will open up the environment for uncorrupt politics and will produce uncorrupt politician.

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