

**THE BANGLADESH NATIONAL LIBERATION  
STRUGGLE (INDEMNITY) ORDER, 1973**

PRESIDENT'S ORDER NO. 16 OF 1973

[28<sup>th</sup> February, 1973]

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for indemnity to persons in the service of the Republic and to other persons in respect of act done in connection with the national liberation struggle, the maintenance or restoration of order;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of paragraph 3 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make the following Order:-

**1.** (1) This Order may be called the Bangladesh National Liberation Struggle (Indemnity) Order, 1973.

(2) It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of the March, 1972.

**2.** No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie in any Court against any person for or on account of or in respect of any act done during the period from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1971 to the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1971, in connection with the struggle for national liberation or for maintenance or restoration of order up to the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1972.

**3.** A public prosecutor shall, upon the Government certifying that a case against any person in the service of the Republic or against any other person for or on account of or in respect of any act done by him during the period from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1971, and the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1972, is an act done in connection with national liberation struggle or for maintenance or restoration of order, apply to the court and upon submission of such application the court shall not proceed further with the case, which shall be deemed to be withdrawn, and the accused person shall forthwith be discharged.

**4.** The Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Order.

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