

February 21st, 1952

a day to remember ...



Question

- How much do you pay to speak in your mother language?
 - but... we paid lives...



Back to 1947



Major Languages:

■ West Pakistan:

■ Urdu

■ East Pakistan:

■ Bangla

The declaration



M. A. Jinnah,
(Father of the nation)

‘Urdu and Urdu alone- shall be, will be and must be the state language of Pakistan’.

March, 1948



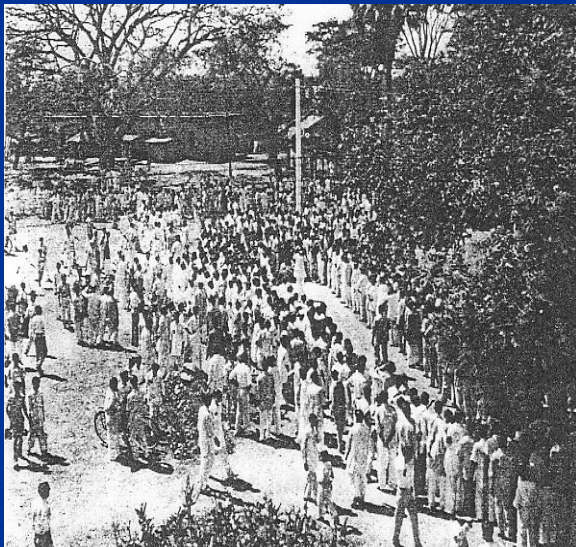
L. A. Khan,
(Prime minister)

‘Provincial language could be decided by the province, but Urdu will be the state language of Pakistan’

Paltan, Jan, 1952

The protest

- Protests began every where



Mass People



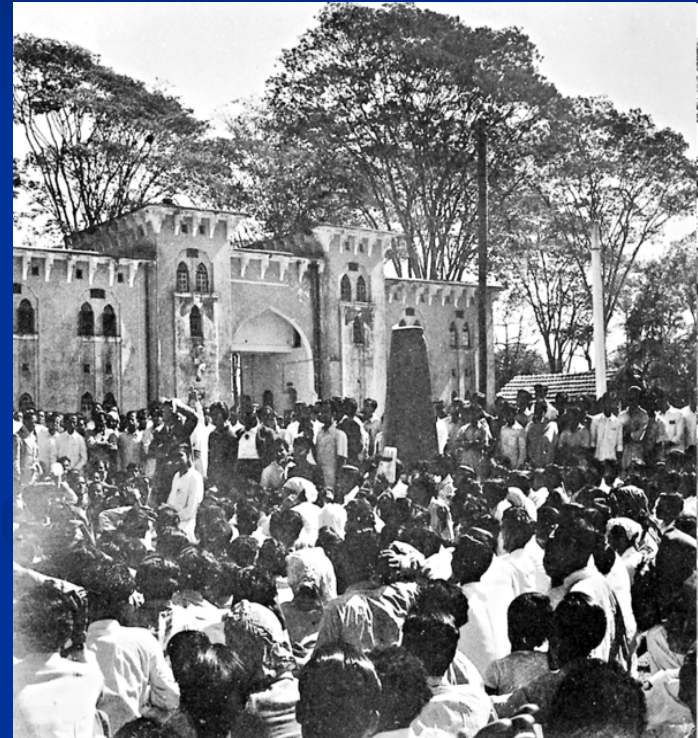
Political Parties



Students

The protest

- Curfew on Feb 21st
- Students decided to break the curfew.



The killing

- Police shot gun fires at the student procession.
- A number of students were killed by the police including Rafiq, Shafiq, Salam, Barkat and more.



The Achievement

- Bangla was recognized as one of the state languages of Pakistan.



The Achievement

- In 1971, we became independent as **Bangladesh.**



National Flag of Bangladesh

Recent

- In 1999 UNESCO proclaimed 21st February as International Mother Language Day.



Central Shaheed Minar

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