

Contribution of Tripura in Liberation War of Bangladesh | | Salam Azad

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Salam Azad is a controversial writer only because he highlights about the bare and unpleasant truth through his writings. He even challenges the orthodox section of populace about their unjust orthodox attitudes to many social issues. No doubt he is loved by free thinking people and loathed by the orthodox people. This is not a new thing for Bangladesh. In his latest book “Contribution of Tripura in Liberation War of Bangladesh” he elaborately wrote about the Liberation War of Bangladesh and the contribution made by the people of Tripura. The book has been divided into following eight sections:

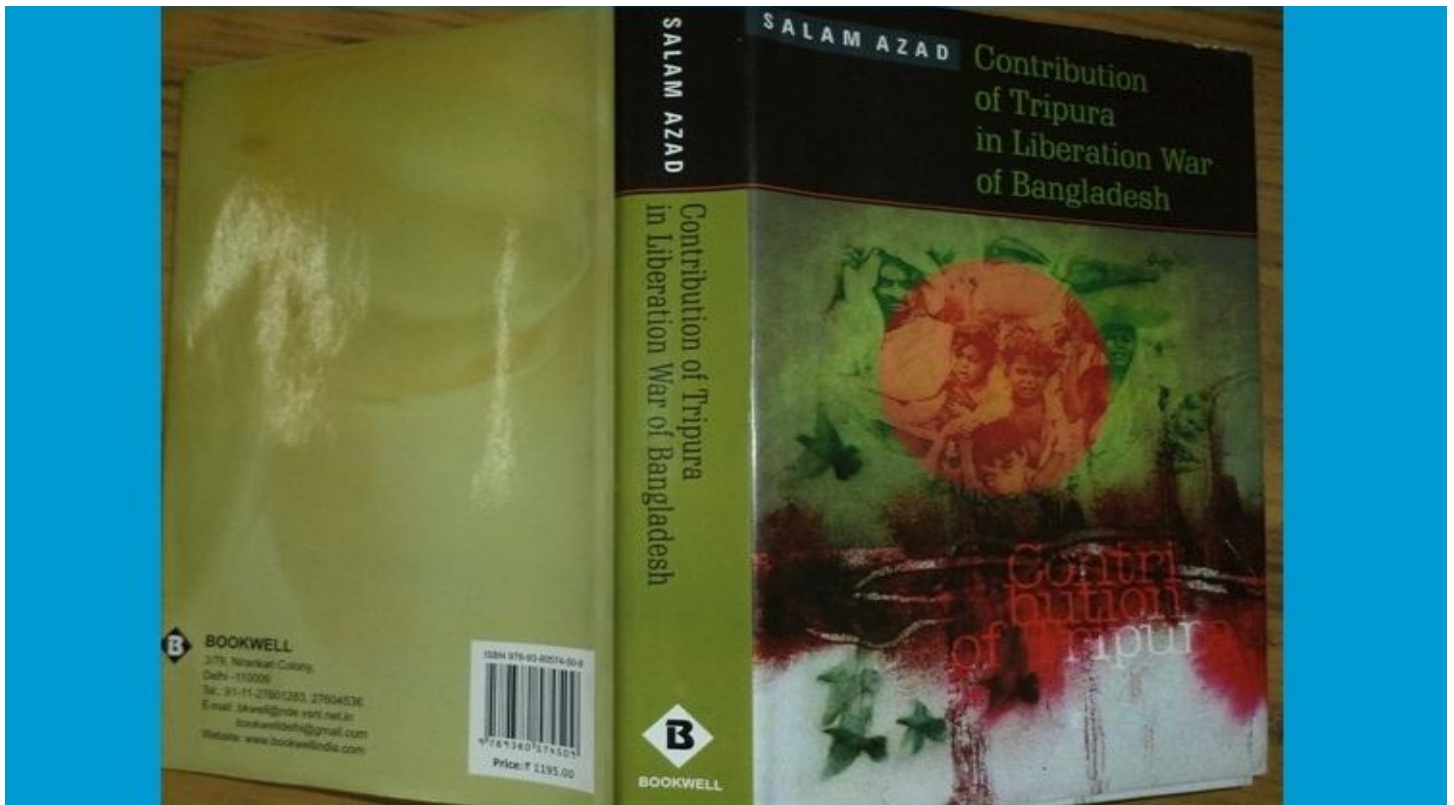
- i) Election in Bangladesh: 1970
- ii) Political Impasse
- iii) War of Liberation
- iv) Eye Witness Accounts
- v) Role of Tripura
- vi) Role of political parties in India
- vii) Refugee from Bangladesh
- viii) Recognition

Salam Azad done through research before writing on the subject. This is the continuation of his two previous book “Contribution of India in the War of Liberation of Bangladesh” and “Role of Indian people in Liberation War of Bangladesh”. He took the help of newspaper reporting, periodicals, other historical books, eye witness to write this voluminous book on one of the most heroic war fought by the civilian people to free their country from the hand of dictator. The war was a result of spontaneous outburst of emotion against the tyrannical Dictatorship of Agha Khan. Every pages of the book is full of anecdotes of great deed of the ordinary people who did everything to fight back against the enemy of people. Tripura during the war of Bangladesh was a less populated state of India. But the war of Bangladesh had changed the fate of the state forever. Brutal killing by Pakistani Army forced innocent and helpless people of East Pakistan to cross the border of Bangladesh to take shelter in Tripura. Tripura had a population of only 15 lakhs in the year 1971 AD. But the war has changed the population dynamics of the whole state. More than 15 laks

refugee took shelter in Tripura with empty hand . This additional population had tremendous pressure on the state of Tripura. But the people of Tripura had shown the broadness of their heart by embracing all the helpless people of East Pakistan. Salam Azad in his book tells the brave tales of thousands of people who extend all sorts of help to the war victims of Liberation war of Bangladesh in countless anecdotes.

In the section Role of Tripura the writer has added articles written by people of Tripura who were involved directly and indirectly with the Liberation War of Bangladesh. This list includes- Sachindra Lal Singh (the then CM of Tripura), Himangshu Mohan Chowdhury (IAS,SDO Sonamura) , Anil Bhattacharjee(Journalist), Shubash Roy Bhowmik (former DSP) ,Satyabrata Sarkar (SDO,Sabroom) ,Prithwis Chandra Bhattacharjee(Treasury Officer , Sonamura), Gautam Das (leader of Communist party of India, Marxist and Journalist) ,Swapan Bhattacharjee (Journalist and activist) , Kalyan Broto Chowdhury (cultural activist), Arun Kumar Bhattacharjee(Corp. supervisor) , Ajit Choudhury(SI, Police), Soraj Chandra (CPI leader) and Shuvashis Talapatra (poet and Journalist) . This section has added different dimension to the book.

The Liberation War of Bangladesh started in 26th March, 1971 and end with its independence in 16th December, 1971.Despite narrating historical events during this period the writer has frankly expressed his views about the tendency of a section of people to undermine the contribution of India at large and Tripura in particular in the Liberation War of Bangladesh. This is a must read book for the free thinking people who wants to know about the making of Bangladesh.



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