

PART I

THE REPUBLIC

1. *Bangladesh is a unitary, independent, sovereign republic to be known as the People's Republic of Bangladesh.* *The Republic.*
2. *The territory of the Republic shall comprise—* *The territory of the Republic.*
(a) *the territories which immediately before the proclamation of independence on the 26th day of March 1971 constituted East Pakistan; and*
(b) *such other territories as may become included in Bangladesh.*
3. *The state language of the Republic is Bengali.* *The state language.*
4. (1) *The national anthem of the Republic is the first ten lines of "Amar Sonar Bangla".* *National anthem, flag and emblem.*
(2) *The national flag of the Republic shall consist of a circle, coloured red throughout its area, resting on a green background.*
(3) *The national emblem of the Republic is the national flower Shapla (nymphaea nouchali) resting on water, having on each side an ear of paddy and being surmounted by three connected leaves of jute with two stars on each side of the leaves.*
(4) *Subject to the foregoing clauses, provisions relating to the national anthem, flag and emblem shall be made by law.*
5. (1) *The capital of the Republic is Dacca.* *The capital.*
(2) *The boundaries of the capital shall be determined by law.*
6. *Citizenship of Bangladesh shall be determined and regulated by law; citizens of Bangladesh shall be known as Bangalees.* *Citizenship.*

7. (1) *All powers in the Republic belong to the people, and their exercise on behalf of the people shall be effected only under, and by the authority of, this Constitution.*

Supremacy of the Constitution.

(2) *This Constitution is, as the solemn expression of the will of the people, the supreme law of the Republic, and if any other law is inconsistent with this Constitution that other law shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be void.*

