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1. Title and date of effect:

- (a) These Rules shall be known as the People's Republic of Bangladesh Flag Rules. 1972.
- (b) They shall come into effect immediately.

2. Definitions:

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires-

1. 'Flag' means the 'National Flag' of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

3. Description and size of the 'Flag':

The 'National Flag' will be in bottle green and rectangular in size in the proportion of length to width 10: 6 bearing a red circle on the body of the green. The red circle will have a radius of one-fifth of the length of the flag. Its center will be placed on the intersecting point of the perpendicular drawn from the nine-twentieth part of the length of the flag and the horizontal line drawn through the middle of its width.

I. Colour-

- (a) The green base of the flag will be of Procion Brilliant Green H-2RS 50 parts per 1000.
- (b) The red circular part will be of Procion Brilliant Orange H-2RS 60 parts per 1000.

II. Size of the 'Flag' for Building-

- (a) 10'×6'
- (b) 5'×3'
- (c) 2½'×1½'

[Depending on the size of the Building and in case of necessity, a flag of bigger size maintaining the proportion of length and width may be allowed by the Government to be flown.]

III. Size of the 'Flag' for Car-

- (a) 15"×9".....For big cars.
- (b) 10"×6".....For small and medium size cars.

IV. Size of the ‘Table Flag’ for international and bilateral conferences-
10"×6".

Explanation-

- (a) When the length of the ‘Flag’ is 10' its width will be 6'.
- (b) The radius of the red circle in the ‘Flag’ will be 2'.
- (c) Draw a perpendicular on 4½' from the left hand of the length of the ‘Flag’ and a horizontal line from the middle of its width.
- (d) The Centre of the red circle will be at the point of intersection of these two lines.

4. Occasions on which the Bangladesh Flag is to be flown :

- I. On the following days and occasions ‘Bangladesh Flag’ shall be flown on public and private buildings throughout Bangladesh and the office premises of Bangladesh Diplomatic Missions and Consular posts in the manner as stated below:
 - (a) Birthday of the Holy Prophet (Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi)
 - (b) Independence Day on the 26th March.
 - (c) Victory Day on the 16th December.
 - (d) Any other day as may be notified by the Government.

- “II. The ‘Flag’ shall be flown half-mast on the following days:
 - (a) Shaheed Day on the 21st February; and
 - (b) All other days as may be notified by the Government”

5. The ‘Flag’ shall be flown over Bangladesh Diplomatic Missions and Consular posts in foreign countries in accordance with the custom of the country in which the Bangladesh Mission is situated. In countries where it is not the custom to fly the flag daily, the ‘Bangladesh Flag’ shall be flown on the days specified in rule 4 as well as on days on which flags are normally flown in those countries. But in the countries where flags are flown daily, a special large flag shall be flown.

6. Use of the Flag on Government Buildings, Official Residence, Motor Cars, etc.-

- I. The ‘Bangladesh Flag’ shall be flown on all working days on important Government Buildings and Offices, e.g., the President House, Legislative Assembly Buildings, etc. all Ministries and the Secretariat Buildings of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, Offices of the High Court, Courts of District and Session Judges, Offices of the Commissioners of divisions, Deputy Commissioner/ Collectors, Chairman, Upazila Parishad, Central and District Jails, Police Stations, 2 [Custom Posts, Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary level Educational Institutions and such other buildings] as may be notified by the Government from time to time.

“II. The ‘Flag’ shall be flown on the official residence of the following persons:

- (a) The President.
- (b) The Prime Minister.
- (c) The Speaker of Parliament.
- (d) The Chief Justice of Bangladesh.
- (e) Cabinet Ministers.
- (f) Chief Whip.
- (g) Deputy Speaker of Parliament.
- (h) The Leader of the Opposition in Parliament.
- (i) Persons accorded the status of a Cabinet Minister.
- (j) Ministers of State.
- (k) Persons accorded the status of a Minister of State.
- (l) Deputy Ministers.
- (m) Persons accorded the status of a Deputy Minister.
- (n) Heads of Diplomatic/Consular Missions of Bangladesh in foreign countries.
- (o) Chairmen of Parbattya Zilla Parishads of Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban

III. The President and the Prime Minister shall be entitled to fly the “Bangladesh Flag’ on Motor vehicles, and Vessels and Aeroplanes.

IV. The following persons shall be entitled to fly the ‘Bangladesh Flag’ on Motor Vehicles and Vessels:

- (a) The Speaker of Parliament.
- (b) The chief Justice of Bangladesh.
- (c) Cabinet Ministers.
- (d) Chief Whip.
- (e) Deputy Speaker of Parliament.
- (f) The Leader of the Opposition in Parliament.
- (g) Persons accorded status of a Cabinet Minister.
- (h) Heads of Diplomatic/Consular Missions of Bangladesh in foreign countries.

V. Ministers of State and Persons accorded the status of a Minister of state, Deputy Ministers and Persons accorded the status of a Deputy Minister while on tour outside the capital within the country or abroad, shall be entitled to fly the ‘Bangladesh Flag’ on Motor vehicles and vessels.”

Note- The ‘Flag’ shall be flown only when the dignitary concerned is in the car or vessels.

7. Maintenance of the dignity of the 'Flag' :

- I. Due honour and respect shall always be shown to the 'Flag'
- II. The 'Flag' shall never be draped over the hold, top side or back of a vehicle, railway train or boat.
- III. The place of honour shall be reserved for the 'Bangladesh Flag' when it is accompanied by flags or colours of other foreign countries.
- IV. If there are only two flags or colours the 'Bangladesh Flag' shall be flown at the right of the building.
- V. When the number of flags is more than two the 'Bangladesh Flag' shall be placed at the centre if the number of flags is odd; it shall be flown the first to the right of the centre if the number is even.
- VI. When the 'Flag' is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staff, the 'Flag' shall be on the crossed Flag's own right (i.e., to the left of the person facing crossed Flags), and its staff shall be in front of the staff of the other flag.
- VII. No other flag or colour shall be flown above the 'Bangladesh Flag'
- VIII. In processions the 'Flag' shall be carried at the centre or at the right of the procession in the line of march.
- IX. In escutcheons the 'Flag' shall be placed in the centre and to the highest point if the number of flags is odd, and at the right of the crest of the escutcheon (i.e., to the left of the persons facing it), if the number is even.
- X. When the flag of any other country is flown together with the 'Bangladesh Flag' the later shall be hoisted first and lowered last.
- XI. When the flags of two or more countries are displayed, they shall be flown on separate staffs. The flags shall be approximately of equal size.
- XII. The flags when flown at half-mast shall first be hoisted to the peak and then lowered to the half-mast position. The 'Flag' shall again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.
- XIII. When the 'Flag' is displayed on a wall, otherwise than by being flown from a staff, it shall be displayed flat. In a public auditorium or meeting, the 'Flag', if displayed, shall be above and behind the speaker. When the 'Flag' is displayed over the middle of the street, it shall be displayed vertically.
- XIV. The 'Flag' shall not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.
- XV. The 'Flag' shall not be dipped to any person or any inanimate object.

- XVI. The 'Flag' shall never touch any object beneath it such as the floor, water or merchandise.
- XVII. The 'Flag' shall never be carried flat or horizontally but always aloft and free.
- XVIII. The 'Bangladesh Flag' shall not be used as drapery of any soft whatsoever provided that the use of the 'Flag' may be permitted for draping the bier of a high personage who is given burial with full military honours of full ceremonials.
- XIX. The 'Flag' shall not be hoisted, displayed, used, stored in such a manner as will permit it to be easily torn, soiled or damaged in any way.
- XX. The 'Flag' shall not be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- XXI. The 'Flag' except with the permission in writing of and in accordance with the conditions, if any, imposed by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh shall not be used in any trade-mark or design or the title of any patent or for the purpose of any trade, business, calling or profession or for any other purpose whatsoever.
- XXII. The 'Flag' when it is in such a condition that it can no longer be used, shall be disposed of in a dignified manner, preferably by burying.
- XXIII. The 'Flag' shall be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- XXIV. During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the 'Flag' or when the 'Flag' is passing in a parade or in a review, all persons present shall face the 'Flag' and stand to attention.
- XXV. When the 'Flag' is hoisted formally, it should be done with the singing of the National Anthem. When the National Anthem is being played and the 'Flag' displayed, all present shall face the 'Flag'. Those in uniform shall salute. When the 'Flag' is not displayed, all present shall stand and face towards the music. Those in uniform shall salute at the first note of the anthem and retain this position until the last note.
- XXVI. The 'Flag' shall not be flown at half-mast without the permission of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, provided that the Head of the Bangladesh Mission in a foreign country shall have discretion to fly the 'Flag' at half-mast on the days when flags are hoisted at half-mast by the Government of the country, to which he is accredited.

8. General Instructions :

- I. The 'Flag' shall be flown only from sunrise to sunset except on cars, vessels and aeroplanes, provided that the 'Flag' may be flown at night on buildings on special occasions, such as the night session of the Legislature or the swearing-in-ceremony of the President or of Cabinet Ministers.
- II. When the 'Flag' is displayed on a motor car the staff, shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the radiator-cap.
- III. Nothing should be written or imprinted on the 'Flag' nor should any mark be made on it on ceremonial or any other occasion.
- IV. The 'Flag' shall not be used except in accordance with the above rules and as modified from time to time.
- V. The use of the 'Flag' by the Army, Navy and Air Force shall be governed special rules made for the purpose.

9. Use of Foreign Flags in Bangladesh.

- I. 'National Flags' of foreign countries can be flown on the Chancery building (s) of Diplomatic Missions as well as on Consular Offices in Bangladesh, Heads of Diplomatic Mission may, in addition, fly their 'National Flags' on their official residence as well as on their cars.
- II. Foreign dignitaries of the following categories can fly their personal standards or the National Flags of their respective countries, in case they have no personal standards, on the place of their residence and on their cars, on State visit to Bangladesh:
 - (a) Heads of States.
 - (b) Visiting Prime Ministers.
 - (c) Ministers of Foreign Governments.
- III. In case, on occasions such as the National days a Foreign Mission in Bangladesh holds a social function in a place other than the Chancery or the residence of the Heads of the Mission, it may fly its National Flag there, provided that the 'Bangladesh Flag' is flown alongside and is accorded the place of honour.

Note-The privileges cited in Rules above will apply only in case of those countries which offer similar concessions to the People's Republic of Bangladesh on reciprocal basis.

- IV. Except as stated in the above Rules, the flag of a Foreign State shall not be flown on any car or building in Bangladesh without the specific permission of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.