

Bangladesh Court Verdict Sentences Fugitive Ex PM Hasina To Death



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Dhaka, Bangladesh, November 17, 2025 — In a landmark ruling, a Dhaka based International Crimes Tribunal on Monday sentenced former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to death in absentia for crimes against humanity committed during last year’s student-led uprising. The 453 page judgment identified her as the “superior commander” behind widespread atrocities.

The tribunal, presided over by Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder, concluded that Hasina “acted with cool knowledge” as violence engulfed the country in August, when she fled to India amid mass protests that toppled her 15-year rule. The verdict stated that all legal conditions for crimes against humanity were satisfied.

Also sentenced to death was Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, the government’s former Home Minister, who remains outside Bangladesh. Meanwhile, former police chief Chowdhury Abdullah Al Mamun was handed a five-year prison sentence after admitting his involvement and cooperating with investigators.

The court ordered the confiscation of all property belonging to Hasina and Kamal. According to Mohammad Tajul Islam, chief prosecutor of the tribunal, the confiscated assets will be used to compensate victims of last year’s uprising.

“The justice and verdict were presented as a transparent process, and anyone across the world could come and check,” Islam told reporters.

Hasina, now in India, has 30 days to appeal the verdict before Bangladesh’s apex court—though her absence raises questions about enforcement. Islam said Bangladesh could invoke its extradition treaty with India or seek Interpol’s help to return her for punishment.

At the tribunal, Mir Snigdho, brother of Mir Mugdho (a slain protest coordinator), said victims’

families would only feel closure “after Hasina is brought home from India and the verdict is executed,” reflecting the deep wounds left by last July’s demonstrations.

This historic ruling marks one of the most significant legal judgments in Bangladesh’s recent history and could reshape political accountability in the region, though its ultimate impact will depend on diplomatic and legal follow through.