

Contribution of 'Crack Platoon', the invincible guerrilla group of Dhaka city, in the Great Liberation War of 1971:

Crack Platoon – the name that caught world's attention for their deadly and shocking operations in and around Dhaka city in the Great Liberation War of 1971. Brainchild of sector commander Major Khaled Mosharraf (*Bir Uttam*), this guerrilla freedom fighters group was named by him as “CRACK PLATOON” for their daredevil operations. These crack boys were led by Mofazzol Hossen Chowdhury Maya (*Bir Bikram*). The group was divided in five squads under five commanders. Total number of 'Crack Platoon' member who were trained in India is 88.

A few operations of 'Crack Platoon' that shocked the world:

Hotel Inter-Continental operation, Ulan Power Station operation, Gulshan Power Station operation, Gopibagh Power Station operation, simultaneous operation on Pakistan Army check posts at Dhanmondi and Green Road, Farmgate Pakistan Army check post operation, USIS operation, Pakistani owned Ganys and Vouge departmental store operation and many more, totaling over 70. Among those there were two day-long face to face armed combat against Pakistan Army, one at Ichhapur and the other was at Shekherjaga-Trimohini area.

Crack Platoon members received the highest number of gallantry awards in Great Liberation War of 1971. Number of *Shaheed* (Martyred) Freedom Fighter is 8 during the war. 7 members were awarded *Bir Bikram* and 4 members were awarded *Bir Protik*.

List of *Shaheed* 'Crack Platoon' members

1. Shaheed Abdul Halim Chowdhury (Jewel) BB
2. Shaheed Shafi Imam (Rumi) BB
3. Shaheed Bodiul Alam (Bodi) BB
4. Shaheed Mohammad Abubakr (Baker) BB
5. Shaheed Hafiz
6. Shaheed Azad
7. Shaheed Altaf Mahmud
8. Shaheed Engr. Nazrul Islam

Those who received *Bir Bikram* award

1. Mofajjal Hosen Choudhury (Maya) BB
2. Shaheed Shafi Imam (Rumi) BB
3. Shaheed Mohammad Abubakr (Baker) BB
4. Shaheed Bodiul Alam (Bodi) BB
5. Shaheed Abdul Halim Choudhury (Jewel) BB
6. Kazi Kaml Uddin (Kazi) BB
7. Kamrul Haque (Swapan) BB

Those who received *Bir Protik* award

1. Golam Dostogir (Gazi) BP
2. Habibul Alam (Alam) BP
3. Abdus Samad (Samad) BP
4. Ziauddin Ali Ahmed (Zia) BP