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**'DAY OF LIBERATION': PEOPLE VOTE TO ELECT NEW GOVERNMENT IN BANGLADESH**

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People in Bangladesh are casting their ballots Thursday to elect a new government for the first time since a popular uprising ended the 15-year rule of the Awami League party.

More than 127.6 million people are eligible to vote and will also render their verdict on constitutional reforms.

Voting began at 7.30 am (0130GMT) and will continue for nine hours before closing at 4.30 pm (1030GMT).

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