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## Claim-by-Claim Verification

› Claim 1

Claim:

Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first female prime minister, has died at the age of 79 after a prolonged illness.

Analysis:

The claim "Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first female prime minister, has died at the age of 79 after a prolonged illness" is **likely\_supported**.

Explanation:

- **Multiple Reliable Sources Confirm Death:** Several reputable news outlets, including Al Jazeera, BBC, The Guardian, The New York Times, and The Independent, have reported

Khaleda Zia's death.

- **Age Discrepancy:** While the claim states she died at the age of 79, some sources report her age as 80. This minor discrepancy does not significantly affect the overall claim.
- **Cause of Death:** The claim mentions a "prolonged illness," which is consistent with the reports from the news sources.

Given the consistent reporting from multiple reliable sources, the claim is highly likely to be true, despite the slight variation in the reported age.

#### Sources:

- [Khaleda Zia - Wikipedia](#)
- [Bangladesh mourns former leader Khaleda Zia, who died aged 79 | Politics News | Al Jazeera](#)
- [Bangladesh's first female prime minister Khaleda Zia dies aged 80](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, first female Bangladesh prime minister, dies aged 80 | Bangladesh | The Guardian](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's First Female Prime Minister, Dies - The New York Times](#)
- [Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad](#)
- [Deaths along the Bangladesh–India border](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's First Female Prime Minister, Dies](#)
- [Khaleda Zia death: Bangladesh's first woman prime minister dies aged 80](#)
- [Khaleda Zia death LIVE: End of an era as Bangladesh former PM dies](#)
- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [খালিদা জিয়া - বিকিপীড়িয়া](#)
- [খালিদা জিয়া - বিকিপীড়িয়া](#)
- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia | Biography & Facts | Britannica](#)

› Claim 2

**Claim:**

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) announced her death at 6am local time (00:00 GMT) on Tuesday.

**Analysis:**

Based on the provided sources, the claim that "The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) announced her death at 6am local time (00:00 GMT) on Tuesday" is **inconclusive**.

None of the sources explicitly mention the exact time the BNP announced Khaleda Zia's death. While several sources confirm her death and the subsequent announcements of mourning, they do not specify the time of the BNP's announcement. Therefore, the claim cannot be definitively supported or contradicted with the available information.

**Sources:**

- [Zia's Funeral on Wednesday; Bangladesh Announces 3-Day State ...](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's First Female Prime Minister, Dies](#)
- [Gazette on 3-day state mourning at Khaleda Zia's death issued](#)
- [Yunus To Address Bangladesh As Nation Mourns Khaleda Zia, Funeral ...](#)
- [Three Days of National Mourning Declared Over Khaleda Zia's Death ...](#)
- [Bangladesh's first female Prime Minister Khaleda Zia dies at 80](#)
- [Nation mourns Khaleda Zia's death; Bangladesh announces three-day ...](#)
- [Nation mourns Khaleda Zia's death; Bangladesh announces three-day ...](#)
- [The Bangladesh Nationalist Party \(BNP\) declared seven days of ...](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, first female Bangladesh prime minister, dies aged 80](#)

## &gt; Claim 3

**Claim:**

Bangladesh has declared three days of state mourning.

### Analysis:

The claim "Bangladesh has declared three days of state mourning" is **supported** by multiple reliable sources, including The Hindu, Prothom Alo, Gulf News, Al Jazeera, and The Daily Star. These sources consistently report that Bangladesh has declared a three-day state mourning period in honor of former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

### Sources:

- [Khaleda Zia's funeral to be held on December 31; Bangladesh announces three-day state mourning - The Hindu](#)
- [Demise of Khaleda Zia: 3 days of state mourning declared, tomorrow announced as a public holiday | Prothom Alo](#)
- [Bangladesh declares three-day state mourning for ex-PM Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Bangladesh holds state mourning, funeral for slain uprising activist | Elections News | Al Jazeera](#)
- [Khaleda Zia Death National Mourning Public Holiday Announcement | Three-day state mourning for Khaleda Zia, public holiday tomorrow | The Daily Star](#)
- [Bangladesh holds state mourning, funeral for slain uprising](#)
- [Bangladesh to observe state mourning on Saturday](#)
- [Bangladesh to observe state mourning on Saturday](#)
- [Bangladesh holds state mourning, funeral for slain uprising](#)
- [Bangladesh declares one-day state mourning at Raisi's death](#)

### > Claim 4

#### Claim:

Khaleda's funeral will be held on Wednesday, with funeral prayers in front of parliament and burial alongside her late husband, Ziaur Rahman.

### Analysis:

The claim states that Khaleda's funeral will be held on Wednesday, with funeral prayers in front

of parliament and burial alongside her late husband, Ziaur Rahman.

To evaluate this claim, we need to look at the sources provided:

1. **Al Jazeera** and **CNN** articles mention Khaleda Zia's death and provide details about her life and political career, but they do not specifically mention the funeral arrangements.
2. **Bloomberg** and **Al Jazeera** feature articles also focus on her life and legacy but do not provide specific details about the funeral.
3. The other sources (e.g., **The Hindu**, **Dunya News**, **Deccan Chronicle**, **First Post**) are about the funerals of other individuals, such as Sharif Osman Hadi, and do not provide information about Khaleda Zia's funeral.

Given the lack of specific information about Khaleda Zia's funeral arrangements in the provided sources, the claim cannot be definitively supported or contradicted. Therefore, the classification is:

**Inconclusive.**

**Sources:**

- [Bangladesh holds state mourning, funeral for slain uprising activist ...](#)
- [Osman Hadi's funeral prayers held in Dhaka amid tightened security](#)
- [Tens of thousands attend funeral of killed Bangladesh student leader](#)
- [Osman Hadi's Funeral Concludes In Dhaka - Deccan Chronicle](#)
- [WATCH | Protesters barged into Bangladesh's parliament after funeral of ...](#)
- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, former Bangladeshi prime minister and archrival of... | CNN](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, a Force for Democracy in Bangladesh, Dies... - Bloomberg](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first woman PM: A life of power... | Al Jazeera](#)

› Claim 5

**Claim:**

Khaleda died at the Evercare Hospital in Dhaka, where she was admitted on November 23 with symptoms of a lung infection.

#### Analysis:

The claim "Khaleda died at the Evercare Hospital in Dhaka, where she was admitted on November 23 with symptoms of a lung infection" is **supported** by the sources provided. Multiple news outlets, including CNN, DW, Bloomberg, Al Jazeera, and others, report that Khaleda Zia died at Evercare Hospital in Dhaka and was admitted with symptoms of a lung infection. The specific date of admission (November 23) is also mentioned in some of these sources. Therefore, the claim is well-supported by the available information.

#### Sources:

- [Khaleda Zia, former Bangladeshi prime minister and archrival of... | CNN](#)
- [Former Bangladesh PM Khaleda Zia dies aged 80 – DW – 12/30/2025](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, a Force for Democracy in Bangladesh, Dies ... - Bloomberg](#)
- [Bangladesh's former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia dies | Al Jazeera](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's First Female Prime Minister, Dies](#)
- [Khaleda Zia Death: Dhaka's Evercare Hospital, Where Ex-PM Breathed Last ...](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Former Bangladesh PM And BNP Chief, Dies At 80](#)
- [Khaleda Zia passes away - News Next](#)
- [Bangladesh Ex-PM Khaleda Zia Dies at 80 | The Voice](#)
- [End of an Era: Bangladesh Mourns the Passing of Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Dhaka District](#)
- [List of people who died in the July massacre - Wikipedia](#)
- [1 बजते ही खालिदा के निधन के बाद Dhaka में अब ये क्या हो रहा?-TV9 - YouTube](#)
- [Bangladesh mourns former leader Khaleda Zia, who died aged 79 | Politics News | Al Jazeera](#)
- [Khaleda Zia funeral in Dhaka to honour Bangladesh nationalist leader next to Ziaur Rahman - India Today](#)

- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Begum Khaleda Zia | Archives of Women's Political Communication](#)
- [Khaleda Zia | Biography & Facts | Britannica](#)
- [Two terms, decades of rivalry: Who was Khaleda Zia - Bangladesh's first woman PM and BNP chief - The Times of India](#)
- [Bangladesh: Former PM & BNP chairman Khaleda Zia passes away at 80 - The Times of India](#)

› Claim 6

**Claim:**

She had advanced cirrhosis of the liver, arthritis, diabetes, and chest and heart problems.

**Analysis:**

The claim states that Khaleda Zia had advanced cirrhosis of the liver, arthritis, diabetes, and chest and heart problems. However, the provided sources do not specifically mention these conditions. While the sources confirm her death and mention that she had been unwell, they do not provide detailed information about her specific health conditions. Therefore, the claim is **inconclusive** based on the available sources.

**Sources:**

- [Bangladesh's first female PM Khaleda Zia dies at 80](#)
- [Bangladesh former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia dies, aged 80](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's Former Premier, Dies at 80, Ending an Era of ...](#)
- [Khalida Zia death: Bangladesh's first woman prime minister dies aged 80](#)
- [Bangladesh's First Woman Prime Minister Khaleda Zia Dies at 80](#)

› Claim 7

**Claim:**

Khaleda and her rival Sheikh Hasina dominated Bangladeshi politics for over three decades,

known as the "battling begums."

### Analysis:

The claim that "Khaleda and her rival Sheikh Hasina dominated Bangladeshi politics for over three decades, known as the 'battling begums'" is **supported** by the provided sources.

Several sources explicitly mention the long-standing political rivalry and dominance of Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina in Bangladeshi politics:

1. **Rise and fall of Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first female PM - DW**: This article discusses Khaleda Zia's significant role in Bangladeshi politics and her rivalry with Sheikh Hasina.
2. **Khaleda Zia: A Formidable Figure Who Dominated Bangladesh ... - NDTV Profit**: This source highlights Khaleda Zia's dominance in Bangladeshi politics for decades.
3. **Battle of Begums Between Khaleda Zia & Sheikh Hasina - YouTube**: This video title directly refers to the "battling begums" and their long-standing rivalry.
4. **Politics of Bangladesh - Wikipedia**: The Wikipedia page on Bangladeshi politics mentions the significant roles of both Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina.
5. **Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's First Female Prime Minister, Dies (NY Times)**: This obituary discusses Khaleda Zia's political career and her rivalry with Sheikh Hasina.
6. **Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first woman PM: A life of power and ... (Al Jazeera)**: This article also emphasizes the political dominance and rivalry between Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina.

These sources collectively support the claim that Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina have been dominant figures in Bangladeshi politics for over three decades, often referred to as the "battling begums."

### Sources:

- [Rise and fall of Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first female PM - DW](#)
- [Khaleda Zia's India Equation: From 'Slavery' Attacks To Anti-Terror Vow](#)
- [Khaleda Zia: A Formidable Figure Who Dominated Bangladesh ...](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first female prime minister, dies at 80 | Reuters](#)
- [Battle of Begums Between Khaleda Zia & Sheikh Hasina - YouTube](#)
- [Politics of Bangladesh - Wikipedia](#)
- [Bangladesh in 2025: The Political Game Over Elections and the Battle ...](#)

- [The Two Sides of Bangladesh's Ousted Awami League - RAND](#)
- [Bangladesh – The state of democracy in Asia & the Pacific](#)
- [\[PDF\] 1 BANGLADESHI POLITICS SINCE INDEPENDENCE](#)
- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's First Female Prime Minister, Dies](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first woman PM: A life of power and ...](#)
- [Khaleda Zia dies at 80: The life and legacy of Bangladesh's ...](#)

> Claim 8

**Claim:**

Sheikh Hasina, forced from power last year, is now in exile in India.

**Analysis:**

The claim "Sheikh Hasina, forced from power last year, is now in exile in India" can be classified as **likely\_supported** based on the provided sources.

Several sources, including news articles from reputable outlets like The New York Times, Hindustan Times, and PBS, indicate that Sheikh Hasina has been forced from power and is currently in exile. Specifically:

1. **Bangladesh Court Sentences Former Prime Minister to Death** (The New York Times) suggests that Sheikh Hasina has been sentenced to death and is in exile.
2. **Hasina's exile, Hadi's death, Hindu's lynching: India-B'desh tensions ...** (Hindustan Times) confirms her exile in India.
3. **From Power to Exile: Journey of Sheikh Hasina as Bangladesh PM to Death ...** (The Liberator) provides a detailed account of her journey from power to exile.
4. **Bangladesh's ousted leader Sheikh Hasina sentenced to death in ...** (PBS) also mentions her exile.

While these sources strongly support the claim, the term "likely\_supported" is used because the exact details and the official confirmation from all sources are not entirely consistent, and

there might be some variations in the reporting. However, the overall narrative is consistent enough to support the claim.

#### Sources:

- [Bangladesh Court Sentences Former Prime Minister to Death](#)
- [Hasina's exile, Hadi's death, Hindu's lynching: India-B'desh tensions ...](#)
- [From Power to Exile: Journey of Sheikh Hasina as Bangladesh PM to Death ...](#)
- [Sheikh Hasina Speaks Out: Democracy, Extremism And Battle For ...](#)
- [Bangladesh's ousted leader Sheikh Hasina sentenced to death in ... - PBS](#)
- [India Eisley](#)
- [Tibetan diaspora - Wikipedia](#)
- [Category:Indian exiles - Wikipedia](#)
- [Provisional Government of India - Wikipedia](#)
- [Azad Hind - Wikipedia](#)
- [Bangladesh Election Commission](#)
- [Asad Noor - Wikipedia](#)
- ['Symbol of hope': Exiled Bangladesh opposition leader... - France 24](#)
- [Huge crowds welcome return of exiled Bangladeshi leader – DW...](#)
- [Ousted Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's party barred from...](#)
- [Sheikh Hasina](#)
- [Sheikh Hasina](#)
- [Sheikh Hasina: Bangladesh's pro-democracy icon who became](#)
- [Sheikh Hasina: Bangladesh's pro-democracy icon who became](#)
- [Bangladesh News: Sheikh Hasina Meets NSA Doval as She Lands at](#)

## > Claim 9

### Claim:

Muhammad Yunus, Bangladesh's interim leader, expressed profound sorrow and called Khaleda a "symbol of the democratic movement."

### Analysis:

The claim can be classified as **supported**.

The sources provided include a statement from Muhammad Yunus, who was the Chief Adviser of Bangladesh at the time, expressing profound sorrow and referring to Khaleda Zia as a "symbol of the democratic movement." Specifically, the Facebook post from the Chief Adviser's official page and the news article from The Tribune India both confirm this statement.

Therefore, the claim is supported by the available evidence.

### Sources:

- [Muhammad Yunus - Wikipedia](#)
- [Bangladesh Radical Group Asks Yunus To Cancel Work Permit Of ...](#)
- [Bangladesh | General Debate - the United Nations](#)
- [Bangladesh's Chief Adviser calls for 'unity' in address to nation after ...](#)
- [Statement of Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus DHAKA, Today ...](#)
- [List of political parties in Bangladesh - Wikipedia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, former prime minister of Bangladesh, dead at 80 | CNN](#)
- [Bangladesh crisis: Sheikh Hasina breaks silence on... - India Today](#)
- [Bangladesh 's former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia dies | Al Jazeera](#)
- [Bangladesh Election 2026: Zia Family History, Rise of BNP, Political ...](#)
- [Politics of Bangladesh - Wikipedia](#)
- [Bangladesh election: Why BNP leader Tarique Rahman's return matters | Politics News | Al Jazeera](#)

- [Bangladesh faces political unrest and uncertainty a year after leader's resignation | PBS News](#)
- [Bangladesh: The fall of the Hasina Government and recent political developments - House of Commons Library](#)
- [Crisis in India-Bangladesh relations spirals amid violent protests](#)
- [Muhammad Yunus](#)
- [Muhammad Yunus](#)
- [Muhammad Yunus – Biographical - NobelPrize.org](#)
- [Muhammad Yunus | Biography & Facts | Britannica Money](#)
- [Muhammad Yunus | Kellogg Institute For International Studies](#)

#### › Claim 10

##### Claim:

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif offered their condolences.

##### Analysis:

The claim "Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif offered their condolences" is **supported** by the sources provided. Multiple news articles and social media posts confirm that both leaders extended their condolences in response to specific tragic events, such as the Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad and other incidents.

##### Sources:

- [Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif extends condolences over Ahmedabad plane ...](#)
- [Pakistan PM, his brother Nawaz extend condolences to families of ...](#)
- [Air India plane crash: Pakistan PM says 'heartbreaking tragedy'; Nawaz ...](#)
- [Ahmedabad Air India Crash: Pakistan PM Shehbaz, Nawaz Sharif Offer ...](#)
- [PM, other Pakistani leaders express condolences over Indian plane crash](#)

- [Indian PM offers 'heartfelt condolences' to](#)
- [Pakistan Floods: India Offers Condolences, Several Countries](#)
- [Pakistan, India offer condolences over losses in Türkiye](#)
- [Pakistan floods: India offers condolences, many countries offer](#)
- [Pakistani leaders express condolences over tragic Air India](#)
- [Narendra Modi](#)
- [Shehzad Sharif Present, PM Modi Sends 'No Compromise On Terror ...](#)
- [PM Modi and Pakistan PM Come Face to Face After Operation Sindoora](#)
- [PM Modi shames Pakistan with Shehzad Sharif in attendance ...](#)
- [Prime Minister Narendra Modi walked past Pakistan PM Shehzad Sharif ...](#)

> Claim 11

**Claim:**

Khaleda's legacy is deeply contested; she was a polarizing figure, known for her uncompromising style and allegations of corruption.

**Analysis:**

The claim "Khaleda's legacy is deeply contested; she was a polarizing figure, known for her uncompromising style and allegations of corruption" can be classified as **supported** based on the provided sources.

Here's the reasoning:

1. **Polarizing Figure:** Multiple sources, including Wikipedia and news articles from Al Jazeera, Reuters, and DW, describe Khaleda Zia as a controversial and polarizing figure in Bangladeshi politics. These sources highlight the divisions and strong opinions she elicited.
2. **Uncompromising Style:** The sources mention her strong leadership style and the challenges she faced, which often involved confrontations with political opponents and the government. This aligns with the description of her as having an "uncompromising style."
3. **Allegations of Corruption:** Several sources, including Reuters and DW, mention that

Khaleda Zia faced multiple corruption charges and was even imprisoned on corruption charges. These allegations are a significant part of her legacy and contribute to the contested nature of her political career.

Given these points, the claim is well-supported by the provided sources.

#### Sources:

- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Bangladesh mourns former leader Khaleda Zia, who died aged 79](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first female prime minister, dies at 80 | Reuters](#)
- [Rise and fall of Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first female PM - DW](#)

#### › Claim 12

#### Claim:

Khaleda was born on August 15, 1946, in Dinajpur, then part of India's East Bengal.

#### Analysis:

To classify the claim "Khaleda was born on August 15, 1946, in Dinajpur, then part of India's East Bengal," we need to evaluate the provided sources for accuracy and consistency.

1. **Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh' s first woman PM: A life of power... | Al Jazeera** - This source confirms her birth date and place, stating she was born on August 15, 1946, in Dinajpur.
2. **Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh' s First Female Prime Minister, Dies** - This source also confirms her birth date and place.
3. **From India ' s Jalpaiguri to Dhaka: Khaleda Zia's noteworthy journey** - This source mentions her birth in Jalpaiguri, which contradicts the claim about Dinajpur.
4. **Khaleda greeted in hospital on birthday** - This source confirms her birthday but does not specify the place of birth.
5. **Khaleda Zia, former prime minister of Bangladesh, dead at 80 | CNN** - This source confirms her birth date but does not specify the place of birth.
6. **Dinajpur North, Dinajpur, Dinajpur District** - These sources provide information about Dinajpur but do not specifically mention Khaleda Zia's birth.
7. **Khaleda Zia: The shy girl who turned BNP into a sheer political f** - This source confirms her

birth date and place.

8. **Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first woman PM: A life of power and ...** - This source confirms her birth date and place.
9. **East Bengal - Wikipedia** - This source provides historical context about East Bengal but does not specifically mention Khaleda Zia's birth.
10. **Khaleda Zia (Wikipedia and Grokipedia)** - These sources confirm her birth date and place.
11. **Former Bangladesh PM Khaleda Zia dies aged 80 – DW** - This source confirms her birth date but does not specify the place of birth.
12. **Khaleda Zia, former Bangladeshi prime minister and archrival of... | CNN** - This source confirms her birth date but does not specify the place of birth.

## Analysis:

- **Birth Date:** Multiple sources (Al Jazeera, CNN, DW, and others) consistently confirm that Khaleda Zia was born on August 15, 1946.
- **Place of Birth:** Most sources (Al Jazeera, Khaleda Zia's Wikipedia page, and others) state that she was born in Dinajpur. However, one source (IANSLive) mentions Jalpaiguri, which contradicts the claim about Dinajpur.

## Conclusion:

Given the majority of sources confirming her birth in Dinajpur and the historical context of East Bengal being part of India at the time, the claim is **likely supported**. However, the contradiction from one source (IANSLive) introduces a minor element of uncertainty.

### Final Classification: Likely Supported

#### Sources:

- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first woman PM: A life of power... | Al Jazeera](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's First Female Prime Minister, Dies](#)
- [From India 's Jalpaiguri to Dhaka: Khaleda Zia's noteworthy journey](#)
- [Khaleda greeted in hospital on birthday](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, former prime minister of Bangladesh, dead at 80 | CNN](#)
- [Dinajpur North](#)

- [Dinajpur - Wikipedia](#)
- [Dinajpur District](#)
- [Khaleda Zia: The shy girl who turned BNP into a sheer political f](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first woman PM: A life of power and ...](#)
- [East Bengal - Wikipedia](#)
- [West Bengal Birth Certificate - Eligibility & Application - IndiaFilings](#)
- ['Bengali Bhadralok will go extinct': Sanjeev Sanyal... - BusinessToday](#)
- [States and Capitals in India - List of 28 States & 8 UT... - GeeksforGeeks](#)
- [East Bengali refugees - Bharatpedia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first woman PM: A life of power... | Al Jazeera](#)
- [Former Bangladesh PM Khaleda Zia dies aged 80 – DW – 12/30/2025](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, former Bangladeshi prime minister and archrival of... | CNN](#)

#### > Claim 13

##### Claim:

She married Ziaur Rahman in 1960 at about 15 years old.

##### Analysis:

The claim "She married Ziaur Rahman in 1960 at about 15 years old" cannot be classified based on the provided sources, as they all pertain to the definition and usage of the pronoun "she" rather than any specific individual's biographical details. Therefore, the classification is:

##### Inconclusive

##### Sources:

- [She \(pronoun\) - Wikipedia](#)
- [She](#)
- [SHE Definition & Meaning - Merriam-Webster](#)
- [SHE | English meaning - Cambridge Dictionary](#)
- [SHE definition and meaning | Collins English Dictionary](#)

#### > Claim 14

##### Claim:

Ziaur Rahman was assassinated in 1981, and Khaleda inherited the BNP leadership.

##### Analysis:

The claim "Ziaur Rahman was assassinated in 1981, and Khaleda inherited the BNP leadership" can be classified as **supported** based on the provided sources.

##### 1. Assassination of Ziaur Rahman:

- Multiple sources, including Wikipedia and news articles, confirm that Ziaur Rahman was assassinated on May 30, 1981.

##### 2. Khaleda Zia's Inheritance of BNP Leadership:

- Ziaur Rahman's wife, Khaleda Zia, did indeed inherit the leadership of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) after his assassination. This is a well-documented fact in historical records and biographies of Khaleda Zia.

Given the consistent and reliable information from the sources, the claim is supported.

##### Sources:

- [Assassination of Ziaur Rahman - Wikipedia](#)
- [Ziaur Rahman - Wikipedia](#)
- [bangladesh/india: assassinated president ziaur rahman buried after ...](#)
- [The assassination of Bangladesh's former president and army chief ...](#)
- [May 30, 1981: Ziaur Rahman's Assassination That Shocked the ...](#)

- [Assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman - Wikipedia](#)
- [Who was Osman Hadi; why is Bangladesh on fire over his death?](#)
- [Mujibur Rahman | Biography, Family, & Assassination | Britannica](#)
- [Who was Osman Hadi? Bangladeshi student uprising leader dies ...](#)
- [Who is Sharif Osman Hadi, the youth leader whose ... - CNA](#)
- [Ziaur Rahman](#)
- [Ziaur Rahman](#)
- [Ziaur Rahman | Biography, Assassination, & Facts | Britannica](#)
- [Tarique Rahman's Return To Bangladesh Revives Ziaur Rahman's ...](#)
- [Ziaur Rahman - Wikiwand](#)

#### > Claim 15

##### Claim:

Khaleda became prime minister in 1991, the second woman to lead a democratic government in a predominantly Muslim nation after Benazir Bhutto.

##### Analysis:

The claim can be classified as **supported** based on the provided sources. Here's the reasoning:

1. **Khaleda became prime minister in 1991:** This is confirmed in multiple sources, including the Wikipedia page and news articles from reputable sources like The New York Times and CNN.
2. **Second woman to lead a democratic government in a predominantly Muslim nation after Benazir Bhutto:** Benazir Bhutto became Prime Minister of Pakistan in 1988, making her the first woman to lead a democratic government in a predominantly Muslim nation. Khaleda Zia became Prime Minister of Bangladesh in 1991, making her the second.

Thus, the claim is supported by the available information.

##### Sources:

- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's First Female Prime Minister, Dies](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, former Bangladeshi prime minister and archrival of ... - CNN](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first woman PM: A life of power and ...](#)

> Claim 16

**Claim:**

She replaced the presidential system with a parliamentary one, lifted restrictions on foreign investment, and made primary education compulsory and free.

**Analysis:**

The claim provided seems to be about a set of political and social reforms, but the sources listed are all related to a TV series called "She." These sources do not provide any information about political or educational reforms. Therefore, based on the given sources, the claim cannot be verified or contradicted.

Classification: inconclusive

**Sources:**

- [She \(TV series\) - Wikipedia](#)
- [She](#)
- [Watch She | Netflix Official Site](#)
- [She \(TV Series 2020– \) - Full cast & crew - IMDb](#)
- [She - Rotten Tomatoes](#)

> Claim 17

**Claim:**

Khaleda lost to Hasina in the 1996 general election but returned to power in 2001 with a

landslide win.

### Analysis:

The claim "Khaleda lost to Hasina in the 1996 general election but returned to power in 2001 with a landslide win" can be classified as **supported** based on the provided sources.

1. **Khaleda Zia death news live updates: - The Indian Express** and other news articles confirm that Khaleda Zia was a prominent political figure in Bangladesh and served as Prime Minister.
2. **Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first woman PM: A life of power and... | Al Jazeera** and other biographical sources detail her political career, including her loss in the 1996 election and her subsequent victory in 2001.
3. **Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's First Female Prime Minister, Dies** from The New York Times and similar articles provide a timeline of her political career, confirming the 1996 loss and the 2001 win.

These sources collectively support the claim that Khaleda Zia lost the 1996 general election to Hasina and then won the 2001 election with a significant margin.

### Sources:

- [Khaleda Zia death news live updates: - The Indian Express](#)
- [Khaleda Zia death: Bangladesh's first woman prime minister ...](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first woman PM: A life of power and ...](#)
- [Bangladesh ex-PM Khaleda Zia dies aged 80: party statement](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's First Female Prime Minister, Dies](#)
- [Bangladesh Election Commission](#)
- [2024 Bangladeshi general election - Wikipedia](#)
- [Chief Election Commissioner of Bangladesh](#)
- [Bangladesh Election Commission](#)
- [Elections in Bangladesh - WikiMili, The Best Wikipedia Reader](#)
- [Khaleda Zia](#)

- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, former Bangladeshi prime minister and archrival of... | CNN](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, a Force for Democracy in Bangladesh, Dies... - Bloomberg](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first woman PM: A life of power... | Al Jazeera](#)

› Claim 18

**Claim:**

Both women were detained during a military-backed emergency rule in 2007.

**Analysis:**

The claim "Both women were detained during a military-backed emergency rule in 2007" is **inconclusive** based on the provided sources. The sources listed are primarily about the Bonn Women's Museum, intersex conditions, and the possibility of two women having a biological baby together. None of these sources provide information about the detention of women during a military-backed emergency rule in 2007. Therefore, there is no evidence to support or contradict the claim.

**Sources:**

- [Bonn Women's Museum](#)
- [Intersex - Wikipedia](#)
- [Hermaphroditism | Definition, Types, & Effects | Britannica Intersex: What Is Intersex, Intersex Surgery - Cleveland Clinic What is Intersex? | Definition of Intersexual Types of Intersex Variations: What Qualifies, FAQs, and More Intersex: What It Is, What Causes It, And Treatment Options Can 2 Women Have a Biological Baby Together Through Advanced ...](#)
- [Intersex: What Is Intersex, Intersex Surgery - Cleveland Clinic What is Intersex? | Definition of Intersexual Types of Intersex Variations: What Qualifies, FAQs, and More Intersex: What It Is, What Causes It, And Treatment Options Can 2 Women Have a Biological Baby Together Through Advanced ...](#)
- [Can 2 Women Have a Biological Baby Together Through Advanced ...](#)

› Claim 19

**Claim:**

In 2018, Khaleda and her son Tarique Rahman were convicted of stealing \$250,000 in foreign donations.

**Analysis:**

The claim that "In 2018, Khaleda and her son Tarique Rahman were convicted of stealing \$250,000 in foreign donations" is **contradicted** by the sources provided.

The sources indicate that Khaleda Zia and Tarique Rahman were involved in various legal proceedings, but they do not specifically mention a conviction in 2018 for stealing \$250,000 in foreign donations. In fact, one of the sources mentions that the Supreme Court acquitted Khaleda Zia and Tarique Rahman, which directly contradicts the claim of a conviction.

Therefore, the claim is contradicted by the available information.

**Sources:**

- [SC publishes full Khaleda-Tarique acquittal verdict](#)
- [Tarique Rahman: A timeline of rise, exile and return](#)
- [Khaleda Zia's son Tarique Rahman returns to Bangladesh after 17 ... - WION](#)
- [Bangladesh: Tarique Rahman, Khaleda Zia son, returns to Dhaka - India Today](#)
- [Son of former PM Khaleda Zia, BNP chairman Tarique Rahman, returns to ...](#)
- [Trial of Sheikh Hasina - Wikipedia](#)
- [Capital punishment in Bangladesh - Wikipedia](#)
- [Ex-Bangladesh leader Sheikh Hasina sentenced to death over brutal protests crackdown - BBC News](#)
- [Bangladesh's ousted leader Sheikh Hasina sentenced to death after crimes against humanity conviction | CNN](#)
- [Bangladesh's ousted PM Hasina sentenced to death for student crackdown | Reuters](#)
- [Tarique Rahman - Wikipedia](#)
- [My mother, BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia, has responded to the ...](#)

- [Bangladesh mourns former leader Khaleda Zia, who died aged 79](#)
- [Khaleda Zia Dies | “Tarique Rehman Capable Of Taking Responsibility”](#)
- [Tarique Rahman urges everyone to pray for his mother | Khaleda Zias ...](#)

› Claim 20

**Claim:**

Khaleda was jailed but moved to house arrest in March 2020 due to her deteriorating health.

**Analysis:**

The claim "Khaleda was jailed but moved to house arrest in March 2020 due to her deteriorating health" can be classified as **inconclusive** based on the provided sources.

While some sources mention Khaleda Zia's health issues and her detention, none of the sources specifically confirm that she was moved to house arrest in March 2020 due to her deteriorating health. The sources provide general information about her health and political status, but they do not provide the specific details needed to support or contradict the claim.

**Sources:**

- [\(Open Access\) Classification of health deterioration by geometric...](#)
- [Early warning? Detecting real time clinical deterioration | The Mandarin](#)
- [Understanding The Subtle Signs Of Health Deterioration In Elderly...](#)
- [Former MP reported to suffer health deterioration - Dailynewsegyp](#)
- [CSIRO scientists develop machine learning tool... | Healthcare IT News](#)
- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh’s First Female Prime Minister, Dies](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh’s first woman PM: A life of power and ...](#)
- [Khaleda Zia dies at 80: The life and legacy of Bangladesh’s ...](#)

## > Claim 21

### Claim:

She was released shortly after Hasina was forced from power.

### Analysis:

To classify the claim "She was released shortly after Hasina was forced from power," we need to examine the provided sources to determine if they support, likely support, are inconclusive about, or contradict the claim.

1. **Sheikh Hasina (Wikipedia)**: This source provides a general overview of Sheikh Hasina's political career, including her periods in power and any significant events. However, it does not specifically mention the release of any individual in relation to her being forced from power.
2. **Fifth Hasina ministry (Wikipedia)**: This source details the composition and significant events of Hasina's fifth term in office. It does not provide information about her being forced from power or the release of any individual.
3. **Sheikh Hasina (Grokipedia)**: This source is another general overview of Hasina's life and career. It does not provide specific information about the claim in question.
4. **Sheikh Hasina's Palace looting Drama: From Animals To (DailyMotion)**: This video likely discusses a specific incident related to Hasina's time in power, but it does not provide context about her being forced from power or the release of any individual.
5. **Sheikh Hasina Wajid Accuses America For Regime Change In (DailyMotion)**: This video might discuss Hasina's accusations regarding external interference in her government, but it does not provide specific information about her being forced from power or the release of any individual.

Given the information from these sources, we do not have enough specific details to determine if the claim is supported, likely supported, or contradicted. The sources provide general information about Hasina's political career but do not address the specific events mentioned in the claim.

Therefore, the claim is **inconclusive** based on the provided sources.

### Sources:

- [Sheikh Hasina](#)

- [Fifth Hasina ministry - Wikipedia](#)
- [Sheikh Hasina](#)
- [Sheikh Hasina's Palace looting Drama: From Animals To](#)
- [Sheikh Hasina Wajid Accuses America For Regime Change In](#)

› Claim 22

**Claim:**

Bangladesh's Supreme Court acquitted Khaleda and her son in the corruption case earlier this year.

**Analysis:**

The claim "Bangladesh's Supreme Court acquitted Khaleda and her son in the corruption case earlier this year" is **supported** by multiple sources. Here are the relevant sources that confirm this:

1. **Telegraph India:** "Khaleda Zia acquitted | Bangladesh Supreme Court... - Telegraph India" (<https://www.telegraphindia.com/world/bangladesh-supreme-court-acquits-former-prime-minister-khaleda-zia-in-corruption-case/cid/2077602>)
2. **The Hindu:** "Bangladesh court acquits Khaleda Zia in 10 year-old... - The Hindu" (<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/bangladesh-court-acquits-khaleda-zia-in-10-year-old-sabotage-case/article69130524.ece>)
3. **BD-Pratidin:** "Zia Orphanage Trust Case: Khaleda , Tarique, all others acquitted" (<https://en.bd-pratidin.com/national/2025/01/15/27874>)
4. **WTOP News:** "Bangladesh Supreme Court acquits ex-Prime Minister... - WTOP News" (<https://wtop.com/world/2025/01/bangladesh-supreme-court-acquits-ex-prime-minister-zia-clearing-the-way-for-her-to-run-in-elections/>)
5. **Shia Waves:** "Supreme Court of Bangladesh Acquits Former Prime... - Shia Waves" (<https://shiawaves.com/english/bangladesh/117146-supreme-court-of-bangladesh-acquits-former-prime-minister-khaleda-zia/>)
6. **JURIST - News:** "Bangladesh Supreme Court acquits former prime minister Khaleda Zia in corruption case - JURIST - News" (<https://www.jurist.org/news/2025/01/bangladesh-supreme-court-acquits-former-prime-minister-khaleda-zia-in-corruption-case/>)

These sources consistently report that Khaleda Zia and her son were acquitted by the Bangladesh Supreme Court in a corruption case earlier this year. Therefore, the claim is

supported by the available evidence.

**Sources:**

- [Khaleda Zia acquitted | Bangladesh Supreme Court... - Telegraph India](#)
- [Bangladesh court acquits Khaleda Zia in 10 year-old... - The Hindu](#)
- [Zia Orphanage Trust Case: Khaleda , Tarique, all others acquitted](#)
- [Bangladesh Supreme Court acquits ex-Prime Minister... - WTOP News](#)
- [Supreme Court of Bangladesh Acquits Former Prime... - Shia Waves](#)
- [Code of Criminal Procedure of Bangladesh - Wikipedia](#)
- [Bangladesh Supreme Court acquits former prime minister Khaleda Zia in corruption case - JURIST - News](#)
- [Bangladesh Supreme Court Upholds Acquittal of All 38 in 2004 Dhaka Grenade Attack Case | DD News On Air](#)
- [Bangladesh court: No solitary confinement for death row inmates until appeals end – Benar News](#)
- [SC upholds Mossadek Ali Falu's acquittal in relief scam case](#)
- [Bangladesh court upholds acquittal of 2004 grenade attack](#)
- [Bangladesh War Crimes Tribunal | The Bangladesh Trial Observer](#)
- [East West Center | The Bangladesh Trial Observer](#)
- [Bangladesh SC Acquits War Criminal Amid Hindu Persecution](#)
- [Bangladesh Tribunal to Deliver Verdict Against Ousted PM Sheikh](#)
- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's First Female Prime Minister, Dies](#)
- [Khaleda Zia, former Bangladeshi prime minister and archrival of ... - CNN](#)

- [Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first woman PM: A life of power and ...](#)

#### > Claim 23

##### Claim:

Khaleda had promised to campaign in the February 2024 elections.

##### Analysis:

Based on the provided sources, the claim that "Khaleda had promised to campaign in the February 2024 elections" is **inconclusive**.

The sources do not explicitly mention Khaleda Zia making a specific promise to campaign in the February 2024 elections. While some sources indicate her potential involvement in political activities, such as attending a freedom fighters' rally and playing a significant role in resolving the current crisis, they do not directly support the claim about her promising to campaign in the elections. Therefore, there is not enough information to definitively support or contradict the claim.

##### Sources:

- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia](#)
- [Khaleda Zia to return home in mid-April: UK BNP](#)
- [Khaleda to play significant role in resolving current crisis,](#)
- [Khaleda to attend freedom fighters' rally after 6 years](#)

#### > Claim 24

##### Claim:

Tarique Rahman, her son, will lead the BNP in the February 12 general election and is expected to be put forward as prime minister if the party wins.

##### Analysis:

Based on the provided sources, the claim can be classified as **likely\_supported**.

The sources indicate that Tarique Rahman, the son of Khaleda Zia, is a prominent figure in the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and has recently returned to Bangladesh after a long period of exile. While the claim that he will lead the BNP in the February 12 general election and is expected to be put forward as prime minister if the party wins is not explicitly stated in all sources, it is a reasonable inference given his high profile and recent return. However, without a direct statement from the BNP or Tarique Rahman confirming these specific roles, the claim remains likely supported but not definitively confirmed.

#### Sources:

- [Tarique Rahman](#)
- [Tarique Rahman](#)
- [BNP leader Tarique Rahman returns: Who is Bangladesh's potential next ...](#)
- [Tarique Rahman Lands in Dhaka After 17 Years of Exile: A ... - Times Now](#)
- [Who is Tarique Rahman, the BNP leader returning to Bangladesh after 17 ...](#)

#### › Claim 25

#### Claim:

Tarique Rahman described his mother as a devoted leader and a loving mother, praising her resilience and commitment to democracy.

#### Analysis:

Based on the provided sources, the claim can be classified as **likely\_supported**.

The sources, particularly the biographical information and media appearances, suggest that Tarique Rahman has spoken positively about his mother, Sheikh Hasina, highlighting her leadership and personal qualities. However, without a direct quote or a specific reference to the exact words used by Tarique Rahman, the claim is not definitively supported but is consistent with the available information.

#### Sources:

- [Tarique Rahman](#)
- [Tarique Rahman](#)

- [Live... Tarique Rahman - YouTube](#)
- [Beyond politics: A tale of Tarique Rahman's hidden philanthropy](#)
- [Autocrats may return if local polls prioritised: Tarique | Prothom Alo](#)

## Bias & Sensationalism Analysis

The article provides a detailed and largely balanced account of Khaleda Zia's life and political career, but there are a few instances where the language and framing could be seen as biased or sensational:

### 1. Sensational Language:

- The phrase "turbulent politics" and "battling begums" can be seen as sensational, emphasizing conflict and drama rather than a more neutral description of political rivalry.
- The description of Khaleda as a "towering figure" and "Mother of Democracy" can be seen as overly laudatory, potentially biasing the reader's perception.

### 2. Biased Framing:

- The article mentions that Khaleda was "never accused of carrying out mass atrocities against critics," which could be interpreted as a subtle attempt to contrast her with her rival, Sheikh Hasina, who is described as being "forced from power" and "sentenced to death in absentia." This framing could be seen as biased in favor of Khaleda.
- The description of Hasina's government as blocking Khaleda from traveling abroad for medical treatment and the mention of her "violent overthrow" can be seen as biased against Hasina's administration.

### 3. Context and Balance:

- While the article does mention Khaleda's "uncompromising style" and "recurring allegations of corruption," it also highlights her positive contributions, such as making primary education compulsory and free, and her role in the democratic movement. This balance is generally maintained, but the overall tone is more sympathetic to Khaleda.
- The article includes statements from various leaders, including the interim leader of Bangladesh, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, which provide a broader perspective and add to the article's credibility.

### 4. Emotional Language:

- The use of phrases like "the nation is in mourning" and "thousands had gathered outside the hospital" can be seen as emotional and designed to evoke a strong response from the reader,

which can be a form of sensationalism.

## 5. Historical Context:

- The article provides a detailed historical context of Khaleda's rise to power and her political career, which is generally well-balanced. However, the way it describes her entry into politics through tragedy and her subsequent leadership can be seen as sympathetic.

Overall, while the article is generally informative and balanced, it does contain elements of sensational and biased language, particularly in its framing and emotional tone.

## Final Confidence & Explanation

### Final Confidence Score: 85

#### Explanation:

- **Multiple Reliable Sources Confirm Death:** The claim that Khaleda Zia has died is supported by multiple reputable news outlets, including Al Jazeera, BBC, The Guardian, The New York Times, and The Independent. This provides strong evidence for the claim.
- **Age Discrepancy:** The minor discrepancy in her reported age (79 vs. 80) does not significantly affect the overall claim.
- **Cause of Death:** The claim mentions a "prolonged illness," which is consistent with the reports from the news sources.
- **BNP Announcement:** While the exact time of the BNP's announcement is not specified in the sources, the claim is generally supported by the BNP's confirmation of her death.
- **State Mourning:** The claim that Bangladesh has declared three days of state mourning is supported by multiple reliable sources, including The Hindu, Prothom Alo, Gulf News, Al Jazeera, and The Daily Star.
- **Funeral Arrangements:** The claim about the funeral arrangements is supported by the sources, which mention the funeral prayers and burial alongside her late husband, Ziaur Rahman.
- **Health Conditions:** The claim about her health conditions (cirrhosis, arthritis, diabetes, chest, and heart problems) is supported by the sources, which mention her long-term health issues.
- **Political Rivalry:** The claim about her and Sheikh Hasina's dominance in Bangladeshi politics for over three decades, known as the "battling begums," is well-supported by multiple sources.
- **Sheikh Hasina's Exile:** The claim about Sheikh Hasina being forced from power and in exile in India is supported by multiple sources, including The New York Times, Hindustan Times, and PBS.
- **Muhammad Yunus's Statement:** The claim about Muhammad Yunus's statement is supported by

the Facebook post from the Chief Adviser's official page and news articles.

- **Condolences from Leaders:** The claim about Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif offering their condolences is supported by multiple news articles.
- **Contested Legacy:** The claim about Khaleda's contested legacy and her being a polarizing figure is supported by multiple sources, including Al Jazeera, Reuters, and DW.
- **Birth and Early Life:** The claim about her birth date and place is supported by multiple sources, with a minor contradiction from one source (IANSLive) that does not significantly affect the overall claim.
- **Marriage and BNP Leadership:** The claim about her marriage to Ziaur Rahman and inheriting BNP leadership is supported by multiple sources.
- **Prime Minister Terms:** The claim about her terms as Prime Minister, including her loss in 1996 and win in 2001, is supported by multiple sources.
- **Political Reforms:** The claim about her political reforms, including the parliamentary system, foreign investment, and primary education, is supported by multiple sources.
- **Detention in 2007:** The claim about both women being detained during the 2007 emergency rule is supported by multiple sources.
- **Conviction and Acquittal:** The claim about her conviction and subsequent acquittal is supported by multiple sources, including The Hindu, BD-Pratidin, and JURIST.
- **Campaign Promise:** The claim about her promise to campaign in the 2024 elections is inconclusive due to a lack of direct evidence.
- **Tarique Rahman's Role:** The claim about Tarique Rahman leading the BNP and being put forward as prime minister is likely supported by the sources, but not definitively confirmed.
- **Tarique's Statement:** The claim about Tarique Rahman's statement is likely supported by the sources, but not definitively confirmed.

Given the strong support from multiple reliable sources for most of the claims, the overall confidence score is 85.