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Message

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Today is 16th December - our Great Victory Day - the unique glorious day of the Bengali nation. On this day in 1971 we achieved our victory by defeating the barbaric occupation forces of Pakistan and their allies. On this Victory Day, I extend my sincere greetings and congratulations to all the Bangladeshis staying both home and abroad.

On this auspicious occasion today, I remember with deep respect the greatest Bengali of all time, the great architect of our freedom, the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman - under whose visionary leadership the Bengali nation achieved an independent and sovereign nation state through a lot of sacrifices. I remember with utmost respect the 3 million martyrs of the great liberation war, countless brave freedom fighters and two 2 lakh mothers and sisters - through whose extreme sacrifice we got independent and sovereign Bangladesh. I express my sincere gratitude to the friendly countries and foreign citizens whose unstinting support played a significant role in our freedom.

Following the guided path of the Father of the Nation, the present government under the leadership of his worthy successor and able daughter Hon'ble Prime Minister Deshratna Sheikh Hasina has achieved unprecedented progress in economic and social sectors. Bangladesh's progress in various sectors including poverty alleviation, sustainable development, environmental protection, women's empowerment, and human resource development is enviable. As a result, the standard of living of common people has increased. The present government has earned global reputation in managing Covid-19 pandemic. Bangladesh is a vibrant economy and land of opportunity. No wonder, the international community now calls Bangladesh a 'Role Model of Development.' According to a report published in December last year, the UK based Center for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) said that Bangladesh would become the 24th largest economy in the world by 2036 if the current economic progress continues. Our government is working tirelessly to make Bangladesh a developed and prosperous country, the 'Sonar Bangla' (Golden Bengal) that our Father of the Nation dreamt of, by 2041. I expect active participation and all-out support of expatriate Bangladeshis in this trajectory of development in Bangladesh.

I extend my greetings to all the members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and our Missions abroad for their hard work. On this victory day, let's make a renewed pledge to devote ourselves to work from our respective positions imbued with the spirit of Liberation War to build a 'Sonar Bangla' and also a better world for our future generations.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu.
May Bangladesh Live Forever!

(Dr. A K Abdul Momen, MP)