

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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Message

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On the occasion of 26 March- the Great Independence and National day of Bangladesh, I extend my heartfelt greetings and warm felicitations to all Bangladeshis living both home and abroad. The golden jubilee of our Glorious Independence will be celebrated next year and 'Mujib Barsho' is being celebrated this year in commemoration of the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation, which are rare occasions in our history.

On this auspicious day, I recall with profound reverence the greatest Bengali of all time, the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Under his dynamic, courageous and charismatic leadership, the people of this territory brought the red sun of independence breaking the shackles of subjugation of thousands of years. With deep respect, I recall the supreme sacrifices made by our war heroes, the 3 million martyrs and all the freedom fighters. I also pay my profound gratitude to the diplomatic front who, during and after our Liberation War, played a vital role in gaining international recognition. I also acknowledge with deep gratitude the enormous contributions of our foreign friends in the emergence of independent Bangladesh.

The charismatic leadership of the Father of the Nation united the whole nation like a solid rock under one umbrella. Bangabandhu was not only the leader of the Bangalee but also a forerunner in realizing the rights of the oppressed and deprived people of the world. The seeds of development of the country were sown under the leadership of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He took over the leadership of a war-ravaged and economically backward country and accomplished the formidable tasks of rehabilitation and rebuilding the nation just in three and a half years. Conspirators and enemies committed the heinous crime on 15 August 1975 to thwart our advancement.

The progress was stalled, albeit, for a while. Nevertheless, Bangabandhu's daughter and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is determined to build a prosperous, knowledge based and happy country. As a result of pragmatic initiatives taken by the Awami League government, now Bangladesh has been transformed into a vibrant economy. The present government continues to make significant progress in rapid economic and social development which has helped to increase living standard of the general people. Poverty alleviation, sustainable growth, protection of the environment, women empowerment and human-resources development are some of the key features of Bangladesh's development strategy. Today the country is often cited by the international community as a 'Role Model for Development'. I hope that the Bangladeshi expatriate will participate and support the ongoing advancement of the government. I thank all the members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and our Missions abroad who have been working with deep commitment to uphold our national interest across the world.

On this historic day of Independence, let us all vow to transform Bangladesh into a prosperous, technology based, developed Sonar Bangla (Golden Bengal).

**Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu.
May Bangladesh Live Forever.**


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