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Message

On the occasion of the Birth Centenary of the greatest Bangali of all time, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Children's Day, I pay my profound respect to the memory of this greatest leader. Bangladesh is now well poised to celebrate the 'Mujib Year' in commemoration of the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation at home and abroad, which is a rare honour in our history.

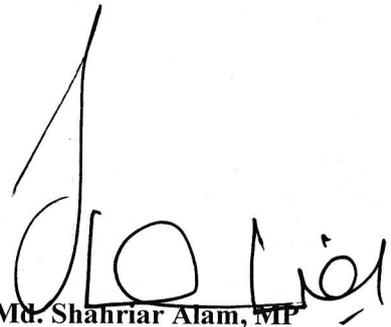
Bangabandhu is the name of a legend who dreamt of a hunger and poverty-free, secular and prosperous country. Under his visionary and charismatic leadership we have achieved independent, sovereign Bangladesh. Then the Bangali nationalism got flourished. Bangabandhu was not only the leader of the Bangali but also a forerunner in realizing the rights of the oppressed and deprived masses of the world. The Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman never compromised on the question of the rights of our people. The title 'Bangabandhu' what our common people conferred on him has become a synonym for the word 'Bangladesh'. The world reputed Newsweek Magazine of its 5 April, 1971 issue termed Bangabandhu as a 'Poet of Politics' which marked the firm conviction and deep reverence by the world community to the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Guided by the ideology of the Father of the Nation, Bangladesh Government is committed to uplift human rights of every citizen in providing a better life, food, shelter, security, employment, education and rights to enjoy their inalienable rights.

Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina the government has been working relentlessly to transform Bangladesh into a middle income country by 2021 and a developed country by 2041. Currently, Bangladesh is marching forward with 8.15% GDP growth rate. Along with economic growth, Bangladesh has become a role model in poverty alleviation, women empowerment, climate change and curbing child mortality rate. All these achievements have been made possible with the policy guidelines promulgated by the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman within the fastest period of time and through successful implementation of those laws and policy framework under the dynamic leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during the last decade.

I congratulate all officials of our Missions abroad and Bangladeshi Diaspora for celebrating the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation with meaningful events. Let us work unitedly to build a happy and prosperous Bangladesh to ensure a bright future for our children.

On this auspicious day, I also convey my heartfelt greetings and felicitations to the children of Bangladesh. I urge the new generation to learn and follow the human values and love for own nation from the life of the Father of the Nation.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu.
May Bangladesh Live Forever.



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