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Message

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Today is 26 March, Our Great Independence and National Day. On this very day in 1971, the Bengali nation started the War of Liberation against the misrule, exploitation and repression of the Pakistani brutal ruler with the clarion call of our Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Bangladesh is now well poised to celebrate the golden jubilee of our Glorious Independence and is celebrating the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, which are rare occasions in our history.

Pakistani Occupation Forces committed one of the worst genocide indiscriminately on 25 March, 1971 to silence the Bengali Nation forever. Diabolical mass killing during Liberation War is a black chapter not only in the history of Bangladesh, but also in the history of world humanity. In 2017, the National Parliament of Bangladesh declared March 25 as National Genocide Day to commemorate the genocide carried out by the atrocious Pakistani Forces on the black night of March, 1971. Bangabandhu, the Architect of Bangladesh, declared the independence of Bangladesh at the wee hour of 26 March in 1971. Bangladesh made its place in the world map as an independent and sovereign state with self-esteem through the nine-month long Liberation War.

On this very day, I pay profound reverence to the great leader of the War of Independence, the architect of Great Independence, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who led his people from the front in various movements and struggles from 1952 Language Movement to the 1971 Liberation War which resulted in the greatest achievement of Bengali Nationalism-independent Bangladesh. With profound love and respect, I recall the supreme sacrifices made by our war heroes, the 3 million martyrs and all the freedom fighters.

Bangabandhu is the name of a legend who dreamt of a hunger and poverty-free, secular and prosperous country. Under the visionary leadership of his capable daughter 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. Along with economic growth, Bangladesh has become a role model in poverty alleviation, women empowerment, combating 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.

On this Day, I congratulate Bangladeshi Diaspora in every corner of the world which has been immensely contributing to our economic development and in brightening the image of

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Bangladesh. I also thank all the members of our Missions abroad who have been working with sustained dedication and commitment in achieving our foreign policy objectives and promote national interest of Bangladesh on the world stage.

On this auspicious day, let us 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.**


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