

National Day of Bangladesh

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Celebrating the 52nd Anniversary of Independence

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Bangladesh believes in a peaceful solution to this problem. I call upon the United Nations and the international community, including Myanmar, to take early and effective measures for permanent solution to this problem.

In order to achieve the desired goal of Independence, we must ensure people-oriented and sustainable development, good governance, social justice, transparency and accountability. Forbearance, human rights and rule of law have to be consolidated for institutionalizing democracy. It is our sacred duty to ensure a safe, happy, beautiful and prosperous Bangladesh for the new generation. By assassinating Bangabandhu on 15 August 1975, anti-liberation forces tried to erase his policy, ideology as well as to stop the trend of development and progress of the country forever. But the Bengali is a nation of heroes. Nothing could suppress the

Bangalees. Bangabandhu has become the conqueror of death. Death has not dissipated him but has made him brighter and more glorious in the minds of Bangalees. It is our obligation to make the new and future generation understand that the way they are treading forward today is paved by our Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The path shown by him will be the step of development and progress in the future as well.

To speed up the progress of the country, let the nation embrace the spirit of the liberation war and the ideals of the Father of the Nation and move forward on the path of building 'Golden Bangla' dreamt by Bangabandhu — this is my expectation on the great Independence Day.

Joi Bangla.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Md. Abdul Hamid

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With the help of allies, though there was an empty treasury, he rehabilitated the displaced people, restored and developed the infrastructure, and put the production sector and the economy on a solid foundation. He approved a constitution within nine months of independence. He made the country the Least Developed Country in just three and a half years; the UN endorsed that. Bangladesh gained recognition from 123 countries and membership in 27 international organizations through his diplomatic efforts. But our misfortune is that the defeated anti-independence clique of '71 continues to conspire against him. Incumbent President Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was martyred along with his family members on August 15, 1975, by the brutal bullet of the assassin. The murderous Mostaq-Zia and their successors illegally seized power and established a dictatorship in the country. The BNP tarnished the proud history of the Bengali nation by placing the perpetrators of the infernal massacre on March 25, criminals against humanity, war criminals, and killers of the Father of the Nation, in the government.

Bangladesh Awami League, after a long 21 years, in 1996, won the people's mandate and got the responsibility of running the government. We took on the mission of transforming the lives of poor and marginalized people by introducing social security programs; making the country self-sufficient in food production, setting up community clinics to provide primary health care to marginalized people;

and building houses for homeless people by taking shelter projects. We strengthened the local government system; and made mobile phones and computer technology readily available. Our government signed a 30-year Ganges water-sharing agreement with India in 1996. To establish peace in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, we signed the historic peace agreement in 1997 and repatriated the Chakma refugees who had taken refuge in India to Bangladesh. On March 8, 1997, we announced the women's development policy. Awami League provided approval for launching privately-owned terrestrial and satellite television channels. We started the trial for killing the Father of the Nation by repealing the Indemnity Ordinance; established the independence of the judiciary, the rule of law, and human rights; and re-established the liberation war values in society and national life by preventing distortion of history. Our government's 1996-2001 term was a journey towards a brighter future, breaking the shackle of backwardness, underdevelopment, and poverty.

Bangladesh Awami League has been running the government since 2009 with the people's unwavering support in all the national elections. We transformed Bangladesh into a developing country by implementing Vision 2021, created a digital Bangladesh, and brought 100 percent of people under electricity coverage. Our government opened the door to the blue economy by establishing sovereignty over the vast sea area. Implementing the land boundary agreement with India ended the enclaves' long-standing misery. We

have constructed the Padma Bridge with our own funds and inaugurated Metrorail. Besides, mega-projects like Matarbari Power Project, Rooppur Nuclear Power Station, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Tunnel under Kamaphuli, Sonadia Deep Sea Port, Elevated Expressway, and so on are also progressing faster. We launched the Bangabandhu-1 satellite into space; and inaugurated 100 bridges and 100 roads and highways in a single day. Currently, our per capita income has risen to US\$ 2,824. We formulated the Second Perspective Plan, Vision-2041, for the next 20 years and have started implementing it. Bangladesh in 2041 will be a 'Smart Bangladesh.' We are implementing the 'Bangladesh Delta Plan-2100' for our future generation.

We established the rule of law in the country by enforcing the verdict on trial against the killers of the Father of the Nation and the war criminals against humanity. We published four volumes of the 'Records of Proceedings, Agartala Conspiracy Case' filed by Pakistani rulers against Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib, 11 volumes out of 14 of the 'Secret Documents of Intelligence Branch on Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman (1948-1971),' including The Unfinished Memories, The Prison Diaries, and New China 1952. I believe that by reading these books, the new generation will clearly understand the firm footprints of the Father of the Nation in the history of independence.

Awami League government believes in the philosophy of upgrading the fate of the people. We are running our government through immediate,

short, medium, and long-term plans to make life easier for ordinary people and develop the country. Moreover, we regularly monitor the implementation progress of our election manifesto. Due to these reasons, people's trust and strong support for Awami League continues.

On this auspicious occasion of Independence Day and National Day, I call upon all Bangladeshis to nurture the spirit and ideals of the Great Liberation War and participate in building the hunger-poverty-free, self-confident, and self-respecting 'Golden Bangladesh' of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's dream.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Sheikh Hasina



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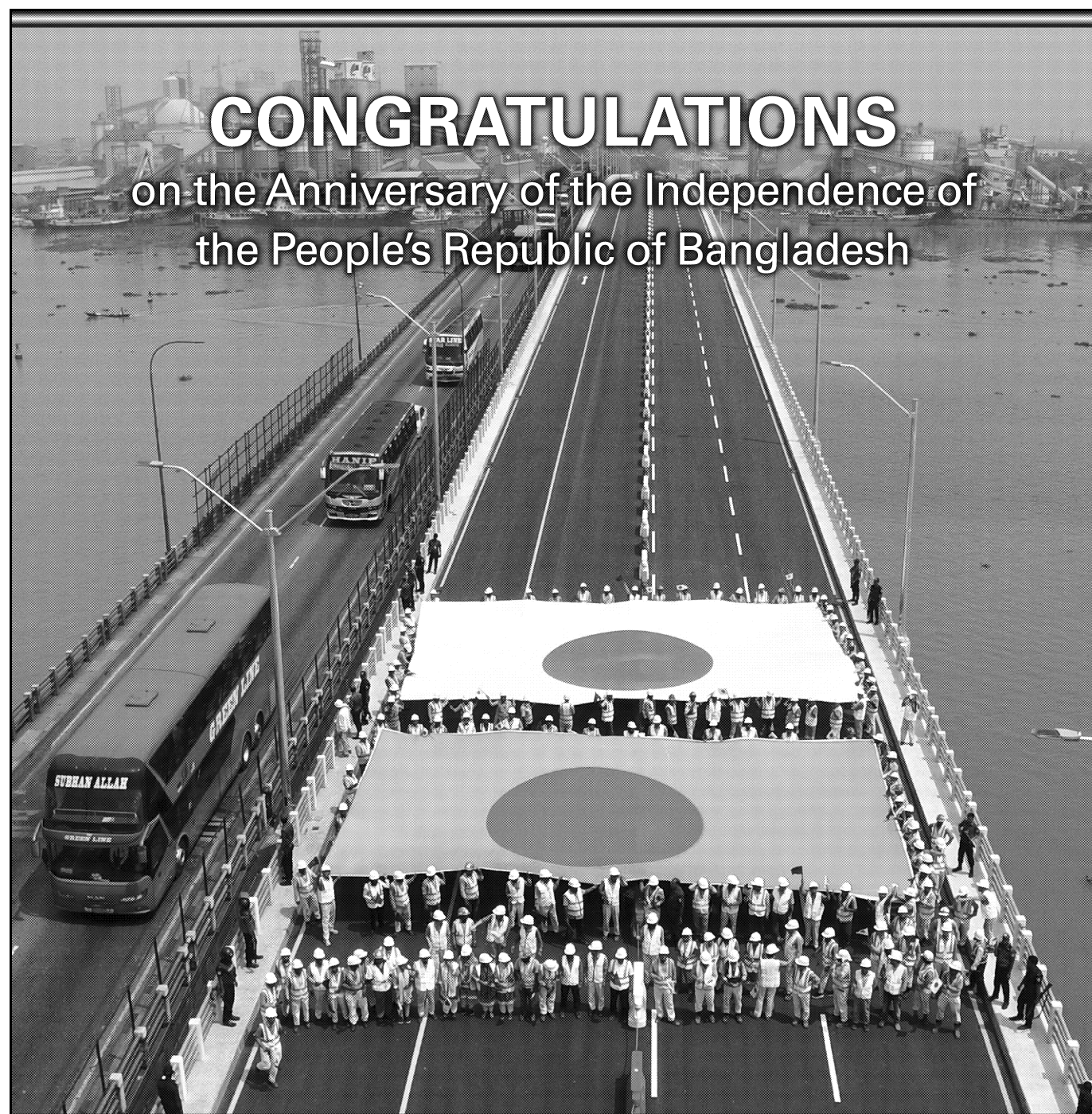


Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP
Foreign Minister of Bangladesh

Today is 26th March, the Great Independence and National Day. On this auspicious occasion, I extend my sincere greetings and congratulations to all Bangladeshis living in the country and abroad.

On this historic day, I remember with deep respect the greatest Bengali of all time, the great architect of our independence, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman - under whose visionary leadership the Bengali nation broke the shackles of subjugation and achieved independent sovereign

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