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## Celebrating the 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Independence

### President's message

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We want no more war in the world. We condemn the genocide going on in the world including Palestine. Bangladesh believes in a peaceful solution to this problem. I call upon the United Nations and the international community to take effective measures for solution to Rohingya problem and to stop war taking place around the world including Palestine.

We must ensure people-oriented and sustainable development, good governance, social justice, transparency and accountability; in order to achieve the desired goal of Independence. Forbearance, human rights and rule of law have to be consolidated

ed 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. Present and future generation have to 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 expedite 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 in building 'Sonar Bangla (Golden Bengal)' dreamt by Bangabandhu — this is my expectation on the great Independence Day.

Joi Bangla.  
Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

**Mohammed Shahabuddin**

### Prime Minister's message

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Father of the Bangali Nation, President Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was released from Pakistan, returned to his beloved independent motherland on 10 January 1972, and devoted himself to rebuild the war-ravaged country. 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 9 months of independence. The GDP growth rate surpassed 9% during Bangabandhu's tenure. 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 1971 continues to conspire against him. Incumbent President Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was martyred along with his most of the family members on 15 August 1975 by the brutal bullet of the assassins. The murderous Mostaq-Zia and their successors illegally seized power and established a dictatorship in the country.

After long 21 years, the Bangladesh Awami League won the people's mandate and got the responsibility of running the government in 1996. We took on the mission of uplifting the living standard of the poor by introducing social safety-net programs; turning the country into self-sufficient in food production; setting up community clinics to provide primary health care to marginalized people; building houses for homeless people by taking shelter projects; and making mobile phones and computer tech-

nology readily available. Our government signed a 30-year Ganges water-sharing agreement with India. To establish peace in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, we signed the historic peace agreement and repatriated the refugees who had taken refuge in India to Bangladesh. We strengthened the local government system and announced the woman development policy. The Awami League government provided approval for launching privately-owned 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 the country by preventing distortion of history. Our government's 1996-2001 term was a journey towards a brighter future of golden chapter breaking the shackle of backwardness, underdevelopment, and poverty.

The Bangladesh Awami League has been running the government since 2009 with the people's unwavering support in all the national elections. 'Digital Bangladesh' is now reality. We have already transformed Bangladesh into a developing country by implementing Vision-2021. 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 inaugurated 100 bridges and 100 roads and highways in a single day. We brought 100 percent of people under electricity coverage. We have constructed the Padma Bridge with our own fund. Bangabandhu satellite-1 into space, Metrorail, Matarbari Power Project, Rooppur Nuclear Power Station, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Tunnel under Karnaphuli river, Elevated Expressway are

some examples of our capacity. We have formulated the 'Bangladesh Delta Plan-2100' for our future generation. To build 'Smart Bangladesh', We are implementing the Second Perspective Plan 'Vision-2041' for the next 20 years.

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 the Records of Proceedings of 'Agartala Conspiracy Case' (4 Volumes) filed by Pakistani rulers against Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib in 1968 and the 'Secret Documents of Intelligence Branch on Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman' (14 Volumes) 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.

The 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 uplift the liv-

ing standard of 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 very occasion of Independence Day and National Day, being imbued with the spirit of our great Liberation War, let us take the oath to build developed-prosperous non-communal smart 'Sonar Bangla' as dreamt by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu  
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

**Sheikh Hasina**

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