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### Message

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Today is our 'National Mourning Day'- the most sorrowful, dreadful and disgraceful day in the history of the Bengali Nation. It is the 46<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

In the early morning amidst the dark of late midnight of 15 August 1975, when daylight was not even visible in the sky, the most disgraceful incident of the history happened. The greatest Bengali of all time, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was assassinated by the gang of anti-liberation forces. Eighteen members of the family along with Bangabandhu's wife Bangamata Fazilatunnesa Mujib, three sons Captain Sheikh Kamal, Lt. Sheikh Jamal and Sheikh Russel were killed on that fateful night. Fortunately both the daughters of Bangabandhu, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Sheikh Rehana survived the carnage as they were abroad at that time.

With deep reverence, I recall our Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members brutally martyred on that day.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is a name, a history. Bangabandhu had a dream of bringing smile in the face of Bengali people. He wanted to make them free from exploitation, hunger, poverty and subjugation. He found out his own way to do that. Under the dynamic, courageous and charismatic leadership of Bangabandhu, the people of this territory brought the red sun of the independence breaking the shackles of subjugation of thousands of years. The Bengalis had then achieved their own nation-state, flag and national anthem.

The seeds of development of the country were sown in 1972 under the leadership of Bangabandhu. He laid the foundations of the new Republic by putting into numerous measures, including withdrawal of all allied forces within 3 months of victory, formation of a constitution for the new state within 10 months, recognition of Bangladesh by more than a hundred countries, Bangladesh's membership of important international bodies including the United Nations, Commonwealth of Nations, NAM and OIC. He took over the leadership of a war-ravaged and economically backward country. Bangabandhu 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 death of Bangabandhu could not wipe out his values, principles and ideals. These are ingrained in the heart of the Bengali nation.