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Message

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Today is our glorious Victory Day. On this day in 1971 we got our victory by defeating the occupying Pakistani forces and achieved our independent and sovereign Bangladesh. On this auspicious day, I extend my sincere greetings and warm felicitations to all the citizens of Bangladesh living both home and abroad.

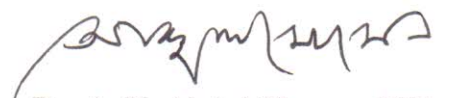
At the outset, I recall with profound reverence the greatest Bangali of all time, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Under his dynamic, courageous and charismatic leadership the people of this territory won their independence breaking the shackles of subjugation and deprivation of years. With deep respect, I recall the supreme sacrifices made by our war heroes, three million martyrs, two hundred thousand mothers and sisters who lost their chastity and thousands of wounded freedom fighters.

This year, we are celebrating the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh that are rare occasions in our history. Bangabandhu was not merely the leader of the Bengali nation but also a forerunner in realizing the rights of the oppressed and deprived people of the world. Following his vision of a Sonar Bangla, his able daughter Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is determined to build a prosperous, knowledge-based happy country. As a result of her pragmatic initiatives Bangladesh has been transformed into a 'Vibrant Economy' and a 'Land of Opportunity'. The government has been working relentlessly to turn Bangladesh into a developed country by the year 2041.

The present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has done a remarkable job in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic while keeping our economy on almost at full functionality. Today the country is often cited by the international community as a 'Role Model for Development'. According to the Center for Economic and Business Research (CEBR), a British economic research organisation, Bangladesh will become the 25th largest economy in the world by 2035 if the current trend in economic growth continues. I hope that the Bangladeshi expatriates will participate and support on the ongoing advancement of the government. I extend my greetings to all the members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and also to our Missions abroad for their hard work.

On this historic day, let's 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.

**Joy Bangla, Joy Bangabandhu.
May Bangladesh Live Forever.**


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