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Message

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Today is 16 December, the Great Victory Day. On this auspicious occasion of the 50th years of independence, I extend my heartfelt greetings and warm felicitations to all the citizens of Bangladesh living both home and abroad.

At the outset, I recall with profound respect the greatest Bengali of all time, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. His courageous and prudent leadership led to the emergence of Bangladesh. I also pay my profound homage to the three million martyrs and two hundred thousand mothers and sisters. Their supreme sacrifices ushered us an independent and sovereign Bangladesh. My respectful salute goes to all freedom fighters including the wounded war heroes. I also express my sincere gratitude to all foreign friends, expatriate Bangladeshis and members of diplomatic front, especially who defected from the Pakistani government and responded to the call of the Bangabandhu. Their support during the Liberation War accelerated our victory.

The Victory Day of this year is more special for the whole nation as we are celebrating two historic events- the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh. When Bangabandhu accomplished the formidable tasks of rebuilding the nation just in three and a half years, just then conspirators and enemies of the nation killed him on 15 August 1975 to thwart our advancement. Following the guided path of Bangabandhu, however, his able daughter Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been working relentlessly to make Bangladesh as 'Sonar Bangla' meaning a 'Prosperous Bangladesh'. Along with economic growth, Bangladesh has become a global role model for poverty alleviation, women empowerment, coping with climate change and curbing child mortality rate significantly. The extraordinary pace of development of Bangladesh has stunned the world today.

I congratulate Bangladeshi expatriates for their contribution to our economic development. I also express my gratitude to all the members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and our Missions abroad for their relentless efforts.

I hope all will be working together from their respective positions for the welfare of the people of Bangladesh and global humanity.

Joy Bangla, Joy Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever

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