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Message

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Today is 17th March- the 99th birth anniversary of the greatest Bangalee of all times, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. On this auspicious day, I convey my heartfelt greetings and felicitations to the children and their parents around the world.

The birthday of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is observed as the National Children's Day to impart in them values and rights for which he struggled throughout his life.

Bangabandhu's dream was a happy and prosperous 'Sonar Bangla'; free from all kinds of exploitation and disparity where everyone will have equal opportunities and food-shelter-clothing-education and healthcare would be guaranteed for all. His dream emanated from his enduring love for people. Bangabandhu took over the leadership of this war-ravaged and economically backward country on 11 January 1972. While he was accomplishing the formidable task of rebuilding the country just in three and a half years, some conspirators and enemies of the country mercilessly murdered him on 15 August 1975 to stop our advancement. The progress was stalled, albeit, for a while. Nevertheless, Bangabandhu's daughter Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is determined to build a prosperous, knowledge based and happy country.

As a result of her pragmatic initiatives now Bangladesh has been transformed into a vibrant economy. Currently, Bangladesh is marching forward with more than 7.86% GDP growth rate per annum, one of the highest in the world. It has reduced poverty by half and increased per capita income more than 3 times. As a result, Bangladesh is now recognized as a 'Role Model of Development'.

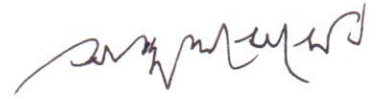
Today let us promise to emulate the life and struggle of Bangabandhu and work with dedication from our respective position to transform the country into 'Sonar Bangla'. May I urge all Bangladeshi Diaspora to actively participate in our development trajectory?

Let us build our new generation with the spirit of noble qualities so that they can materialize Bangabandhu's dream of transforming the country into Sonar Bangla (Golden Bangla). We have to work together sincerely so that the intrinsic values of our children be flourished. Let us work unitedly to build a happy and prosperous Bangladesh, and let us ensure a bright future for our children.

On this glorious day, I call upon the people of Bangladesh to take extra care for their children to build positive mindset. I congratulate all our Missions abroad and Bangladeshi Diaspora for celebrating this day with meaningful events.

I pray to the Almighty for the salvation of the departed soul of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on his 99th birth anniversary.

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



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