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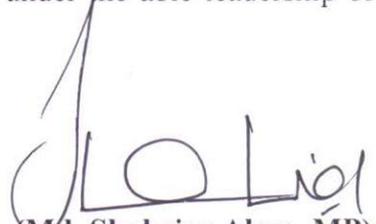
Today is 16<sup>th</sup> December, the great victory day. On this day in 1971, we attained our much-awaited victory through a bloody nine month liberation war. On this auspicious occasion, I extend my sincere greetings and warm felicitations to all the citizens of Bangladesh living in both home and abroad.

On this happy moment of victory, I recall with profound respect the greatest Bengali of all times, the great architect of our independence, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. His charismatic leadership contributed to the emergence of Bangladesh as an independent and sovereign state in the world. I pay my profound homage to the three million martyrs and two hundred thousand mothers and sisters whose supreme sacrifice and honor gave us a new identity. I salute to all the freedom fighters including all the war victims. I express my sincere gratitude to all friendly countries, foreign friends, expatriate nationals and members of the diplomatic corps whose support during the liberation war accelerated our victory.

Under the visionary, courageous and charismatic leadership of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Bangalies achieved their own nation-state, flag and national anthem. Bangabandhu dreamt of a happy and prosperous Sonar Bangla (Golden Bengal) - free from all kinds of exploitation and oppression. He took over the leadership of the war-ravaged and economically backward country after the War of Liberation. Bangabandhu accomplished the formidable tasks of rehabilitation and rebuilding the nation in just three and half years. The process of pulling back Bangladesh was started again by killing Bangabandhu through the conspiracy of the enemies of the country and the nation and anti-liberation forces. But his able daughter, Sheikh Hasina came back to Bangladesh in 1981 and expressed her desire to build Bangladesh again in the spirit of liberation war. After a long struggle of 15 years, the process of building Sonar Bangla (Golden Bengal) was started again in 1996. Specific goals have been set in every sphere of national life. In continuation of the progress, Bangladesh achieved the long-awaited United Nations declaration of becoming a middle-income country in 2021. Bangladesh has become the fastest growing country in the world after facing the challenge of Covid-19 pandemic. When the world is in turmoil situation over the Ukraine crisis, the economy of Bangladesh is still in good shape. In November, the country achieved record \$5 billion export earnings in a single month for the first time. The inflow of foreign remittance has also increased and new record has been set on agricultural production.

I convey my special gratitude and congratulations to those who have actively participated in this great achievements from their respective positions at home and abroad under the dynamic leadership of Sheikh Hasina. Let us pledge on this day of victory, we will work together with the spirit of the great liberation war and implement the vision of 'Sonar Bangla' under the able leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Joy Bangla, Joy Bangabandhu  
May Bangladesh live forever.

  
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