

**Bangladesh High Commission**  
**Ottawa**

**Press release**

The High Commission of Bangladesh in Ottawa observed the historic Mujibnagar Day on Saturday, 17 April 2021 with due solemnity and fervor. Because of ongoing pandemic, all the officers and officials joined the event in webinar platform.

02. At the outset, the messages of the Hon'ble President and the Hon'ble Prime Minister given on this day were read out followed by a special discussion session. A special prayer was also offered for the salvation of all the martyrs and for the peace and prosperity of the country.

03. In the discussion session, the discussants recalled with profound respect the greatest Bangalee of all time, great architect of independence Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, four national leaders under whose strong leadership in administering the Mujibnagar Government, the country's great independence was achieved through nine-month bloody Liberation War. All the discussants opined that through observance of the Mujibnagar Day, the new generation would be able to know the country's true history and will be encouraged to contribute in building a 'Sonar Bangla' as dreamt by Bangabandhu. It was revealed from the discussion that the immense contribution of the Mujibnagar Government, headed by the greatest Bangali of all time, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in absentia, in achieving the much-coveted independence through conducting the War of Independence and maintaining close and strong relations with the international community.

04. H.E. the High Commissioner Dr. Khalilur Rahman paid solemn tribute to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Four National Leaders— Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, Captain M Mansur Ali and AHM Qamruzzaman, three million martyrs and 200,000 Biranganas (war heroines) as well as the freedom fighters. He said that from the political point of view, the formation of Mujibnagar Government was immensely important and significant for our independence in terms of legal basis as it was consisted of elected members from the national and provincial elections in 1970 held under West Pakistan regime. He emphasized that Mujibnagar Government played a key role to earn the then global support including to guide overall assistance to the nine months liberation was until the victory was achieved on 16 December in 1971. High Commissioner also mentioned the remarkable socio-economic achievements of Bangladesh under the leadership of the able daughter of Bangabandhu, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for which all should work from the respective position to turn Bangladesh a developed country by 2041.

05. After the deliberation of H.E. the High Commissioner, a special "Munajat" was offered for the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Four National Leaders, three million martyrs and 200,000 Biranganas as well as the freedom fighters including for the peace and prosperity of the country.

06. The event ended with the special "Munajat".



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