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Message

7th March is an unforgettable day in the history of Bangalee's Liberation Movement and Independence. On the occasion of the 'Historic 7th March' I remember with profound respect the architect of our Independence, the greatest Bangalee of all time Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

On this day in 1971, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman delivered an ageless speech in a thunderous voice in the then Race Course Maidan which was the charter of Independence of the Bengali nation. The entire Bengali nation was mesmerized on that day by the eternal poem of the great Poet of Politics Bangabandhu. In this epic, lasting only 18 minutes, the great mantra of liberation of the Bengali nation was resounded. Bangabandhu's lucid and dazzling speech shook the throne of the Pakistani dictator. The oppressed and persecuted Bengali nation found the desired path of freedom from exploitation from the speech of 7th March of Bangabandhu. Therefore, the historic 7th March speech is the epic of Bengalee's liberation.

Independence is the greatest achievement of Bangalees. However, it has not been achieved in a day. In the long rugged path from the great Language Movement to the achievement of final victory in 1971, Bangabandhu's immense courage, boundless sacrifice, intrepid leadership and right guidance led the nation towards the desired goal. Although Awami League secured absolute majority in the General Election of 1970, the Pakistani ruling party started dilly-dallying the process of handing over power. Under the leadership of Bangabandhu, the non-cooperation movement was started on March 01, 1971. In continuation of the agitation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman delivered a historic speech at the mammoth gathering in the Race Course Maidan by ignoring the blood curdling eyes of the then Pakistani ruler. In that effulgent speech, with his unique eloquence and political wisdom, he united the emotions, dreams and aspirations of the Bangalees and declared in a thunderous voice, "The struggle this time is the struggle for emancipation, the struggle this time is the struggle for independence". In continuation of that historic speech, Bangabandhu declared the long-cherished Independence of the Bengali nation on March 26. We achieved our independent-sovereign Bangladesh through a nine month long armed struggle.

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Bangabandhu's speech on 7th March is one of the most perpetual speeches in the world. How an address can awaken the whole nation, inspire them to participate in the war of liberation for independence, the historic 7th March Speech by Bangabandhu is its unique example. Bangabandhu had a spiritual bond with the people of Bengal. So in his speech, Bangabandhu essentially portrayed the inner words of people's heart. UNESCO has recognized the 7th March Speech of Bangabandhu as part of the 'World's Documentary Heritage' and included it in the 'Memory of the World International Register' on 30th October 2017. This is our great achievement as Bengali nation. The historic address of Bangabandhu on March 07 will be an eternal source of inspiration not only for us but also for freedom-loving people around the world.

Bangabandhu's lifetime dream was to turn the independent-sovereign Bangladesh into a happy and prosperous 'Golden Bangla'. We must continue our efforts to fulfill that dream of our great leader. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has undertaken 'Vision 2041' to make Bangladesh a developed, prosperous and smart country by 2041. I call upon all to contribute from their positions irrespective of party affiliation in materializing Bangabandhu's 'Golden Bengal' as well as 'Smart Bangladesh' of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Joi Bangla.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

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