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Embassy of Bangladesh in Manama pays deep tribute to the Language Martyrs

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On the occasion of the Language Martyrs' Day and International Mother Language Day - 2022, the Embassy of Bangladesh in Bahrain observed the day with due respect and solemnity. The event began with hoisting the flag at half-mast by H.E. Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Kingdom of Bahrain to pay homage to the brave Bangladeshis who sacrificed their lives during the Bangla Language Movement on this day in 1952. The event then featured recitation from the Holy Quran, reading the messages from the Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Foreign Minister, and Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs.

A short documentary was played to reiterate the significance of this day and then the names of the winners among the children who participated in essay writing and art competitions last week were announced. Ambassador Dr. Islam awarded the winners with gifts and certificates of appreciation for their remarkable efforts, and then gave his valuable speech.

Dr. Islam began his speech by paying utmost respect and gratitude to Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and the countless other martyrs whose great sacrifice gave us the freedom to speak in our mother tongue without any fear of consequences. He also said that the observance and significance of the Language Movement day is not limited to just our country as it has been internationally recognized and celebrated by countries around the world as the International Mother Language Day, which brings a great sense of pride and accomplishment in the hearts of all Bangladeshis. He also referred to the theme of the 2022 International Mother Language Day set by UNESCO as "Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and opportunities". The day reminds us of the importance of cultural diversity, multilingualism and also provide right to speak one's mother language freely.

He then concluded his speech by urging the Bangladeshi community in Bahrain to put aside their differences and work together in realizing Bangabandhu's dream of building a "Sonar Bangla" (Golden Bengal).

The event ended with a special prayer for the salvation of the departed souls of the language martyrs. Embassy officials, Bangladesh community members and students of Bangladesh School, Bahrain were present during the event.

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