

## EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH MANAMA, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN



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## **Press Release**

The Embassy's Celebration of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Children's Day 2022

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The Embassy of Bangladesh in Manama, Bahrain celebrated the 102<sup>nd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Children's Day today with due dignity as well as great ardour and patriotism. The Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam, commenced the event by hoisting the national flag in the presence of Embassy officials, members of the Bangladesh community and the students from Bangladesh School. The Ambassador paid his respects by laying a wreath of flowers under a portrait of the Father of the Nation followed by cutting a cake on the occasion of his birth anniversary. The event then featured recitation from the Holy Quran, reading messages from the Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Foreign Minister, and Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs. A special eight-minute slideshow highlighting Bangabandhu's life and major accomplishments along with photos of recent national events hosted by the Embassy was played as well.

In his speech, Ambassador Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam proudly expressed how Bangladesh gained its sovereignty as a result of the boundless courage and sacrifice of countless martyrs as well as the exemplary leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman during his brief tenure as the country's leader. He further stated how his worthy daughter Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been following his footsteps and working relentlessly to transform Bangladesh into a fully developed nation by 2041. Due to his genuine love and affection for children, 17 March, his birthday, was declared to be the National Children's Day in 1996 as he always wanted every Bangladeshi child to grow up with the dream of working towards making their country better. The Ambassador 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) by embracing his thoughts, philosophy and principles.

On the occasion of this day, a poetry recitation competition was also organized for the students of Bangladesh School. The Ambassador presented certificates along with prizes to the winners of the competition. The event came to a conclusion with a special prayer for the salvation of the departed souls of Bangabandhu, his family as well as the countless other martyrs whose brave sacrifice allowed us to gain our independence.

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