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Message

Today is the 21st February – the ‘Immortal Ekushey’. The day we observe as the Language Martyr’s Day and ‘International Mother Language Day’. This Day, we commemorate the unique struggle and sacrifice we had made for upholding our inalienable rights to our mother tongue, Bangla. I take this opportunity to pay my glowing homage to the memory of our language martyrs- Rafiq, Salam Barkat, Jabbar and others.

On this day, I recall with profound reverence the greatest Bengali of all times, the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman under whose charismatic leadership we carved out the independent Bangladesh in the world map. I also recall the momentous occasion of 25 September 1974, when Bangabandhu gave his maiden speech in Bangla at the 29th session of the United Nations General Assembly. I convey my warmest wishes to all Bengali speaking people around the world and to people from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

21st February sharpens our sense of patriotism. Celebration of International Mother Language Day in foreign lands carries equal importance as it is done in Bangladesh. My special greetings go to the diplomats and staffs working in Bangladesh missions abroad whose tireless efforts are behind the successful observance of all national days including 21 February in other countries. Also my heartfelt felicitations go to the Bangladeshi Diaspora who has been contributing unceasingly for the development of our motherland by sending invaluable remittance and brightening the image of Bangladesh globally by practicing Bangla and Bengali culture abroad.

Bangabandhu had a dream of bringing smile in the face of Bengalee people. He wanted to make them free from exploitation, hunger, poverty and subjugation. Daughter of our founding father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the current Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina has been leading the development pursuit of Bangladesh. Recently, the people of Bangladesh fortified their support on her with huge public support on the Eleventh General Election. As a result of pragmatic initiatives commenced by the Awami League government, Now Bangladesh has been transformed into a trade-dependent country from an aid-dependent one. Currently, Bangladesh is marching forward with US\$ 1,751 per capita income and more than 7.86% growth rate. As a result, Bangladesh has been recognised as a ‘Role Model of Development’.

On this great day, let’s make this pledge that we will work unitedly from our own position with the spirit of the language movement and the War of Liberation for the implementation of the Visions declared by Hon’ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and bring a golden future for Bangladesh.

Joy Bangla, Joy Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh live forever.

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