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Message

The 16th December is our Victory Day. On the solemn day, I extend my heartfelt felicitations and sincere greetings to my fellow countrymen living at home and abroad.

The great victory day is one of the most memorable and glorious days in our national life. Our long cherished Independence was achieved after a nine-month long armed struggle and supreme sacrifices of the millions. On this auspicious day, I pay my deepest respect to the memory of the valiant freedom fighters who laid down their lives for achieving country's independence in 1971.

On this very day, I recall with deep reverence, the greatest Bangalee of all times and father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahaman who struggled for his whole life to establish our rights and led the country towards attaining sovereignty and prosperity. I also pay my profound tributes to the four national leaders, valiant freedom fighters, organizers, supporters and the people from all walks of life for their immense contributions in achieving our victory. The utmost sacrifices and unmatched valour of freedom fighters in the war of liberation are written in golden letters in the history of our Independence.

The prime objective of our liberation war was to build a happy and prosperous nation state where the common masses would lead a comfortable life. Despite having various initiatives, we could not attain all those targets after passing about four decades of independence. Our democratic advancement has also been hindered several times by the vested quarters that have hampered our development process. Our democracy-loving people, however, have always stood against all sorts of conspiracies and misdeed. The people of our country have given their mandate in favour of democracy through the Ninth Parliament Election, held on 29 December 2008. I am confident that 'people's will' would be established through our collective endeavours in the days to come. It is a matter of great satisfaction that the Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina has declared "Vision 2021" to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of the people. It is, therefore, our sacred duty to work unitedly with a view to achieving the desired goals. Let us put our coordinated efforts, imbued with the spirit of great victory to build a happy and prosperous Bangladesh.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.


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