

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ



PRIME MINISTER
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BANGLADESH

06 Ashin 1427
21 September 2020

Message

On this International Day of Peace, on behalf of the Government and the people of Bangladesh, I would like to reiterate our firm conviction to global peace, justice, and harmony through upholding the values and principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter.

Inspired by the defining words of our Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman that 'peace is imperative for the survival of mankind' and guided by his foreign policy dictum 'Friendship to all, malice to none', Bangladesh has relentlessly been contributing to international peace. Our flagship resolution on the Culture of Peace at the UN is a testimony to our unflinching support to the cause of global peace. Our peace-centric Foreign Policy has prompted us to emerge as one of the leaders in the United Nations Peacekeeping Operation. At the United Nations, we also pioneered the adoption of the landmark resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security by the Security Council.

The COVID-19 pandemic has endangered international peace and is likely to roll back our hard-earned achievements in this area. It is indeed disheartening to see that despite UN Secretary-General's call for a global ceasefire, millions of innocent people including the Rohingyas continue to be victims of protracted conflicts in many parts of the world. Their quest for peace remains unanswered and their basic human dignity trampled. The worrying rise of hate speech, xenophobia, and intolerance are creating scope for unrest. Against this backdrop, there is a pressing need for "Shaping Peace Together" as underscored by this year's theme. The 75th Anniversary of the United Nations gives us an opportunity to commit to such a partnership for a world free from fear and want.

In Bangladesh, as we are celebrating the Birth Centenary of the greatest Bangali of all times, our Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, we pledge to continue our pursuit for realizing His dream towards building a peaceful, tolerant, pluralist, and inclusive society leaving no one behind.

**Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu.
May Bangladesh Live Forever.**

Sheikh Hasina