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Message

On this International Day of Peace, on behalf of the Government and people of Bangladesh, I wish to renew our pledge to support all international efforts towards building a just and peaceful world through upholding the values and principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter.

In so doing, we continue to draw inspiration from the defining words of our Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman: "The very struggle of Bangladesh symbolized the universal struggle for peace and justice. It was, therefore, only natural that Bangladesh, from its very inception, should stand firmly by the side of the oppressed people of the world."

It is indeed disheartening to see that millions of innocent people continue to be victims of protracted conflicts in some parts of the world, where their quest for peace remains unanswered and their basic human dignity trampled. There is indeed a pressing need for forging a new "Partnership for Peace - Dignity for All", where the worth of human dignity would be upheld above all else and the pursuit of peace would remain a constant in international affairs.

There is perhaps no better opportunity than now to commit to such a partnership as we move closer to adopting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - the universal blueprint that envisages creating a world free from fear and want, with embedded safeguards for "better standards of life in larger freedoms" for every human being.

In Bangladesh, we shall continue to make our contribution to realizing that vision by relentlessly working towards building a peaceful, tolerant, pluralist and inclusive society and ensuring enhanced access to justice for all. We shall remain engaged with the international community to maintain our lead contribution to UN peacekeeping operations, defeat terrorism and violent extremism at all costs, and inculcate a 'Culture of Peace' in every human mind.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Sheikh Hasina