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Message

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17 March is the birth anniversary of our Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and also the National Children Day. The day is significant in our national life as Bangladesh emerged as an independent and sovereign country because of Bangabandhu's relentless struggle, uncompromising leadership and sacrifice.

It was Bangabandhu who dreamt of a hunger and poverty-free, secular and prosperous country. He inspired the people, brought them together under the umbrella of a desire for independence. Having close connection with the mass people of this land, he thought for people, acted for people and undertook imprisonment for more than 12 years for them. He had been guiding and leading the Bengali nation since 1952 Language Movement to the War of Liberation in 1971 and finally conquered the golden sun of Independence of Bangladesh.

Bangabandhu, the greatest Bengali of the history, always had a special affection and love for children and juveniles. He used to distribute his school textbooks and exercise books among poor fellow students and give away his winter clothes to poor. He even left his umbrella to any underprivileged classmates during rain and shared his meal with fellows. Bangabandhu enacted a law for development of children in 1974. So the birthday of Bangabandhu has been symbolized as the day for children. Following that footprint, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government framed the National Children Policy in 2011 and has been working relentlessly for the welfare of children.

On this auspicious moment of celebrating the 96th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, I urge all children and youth to learn and follow these human values and love for own nation from the life of Bangabandhu. I also request the parents to teach their children the true history of our Independence and to fully utilise all the support extended by the government for children's development. Let us take a fresh vow to create a better future for our children so that they are able to smile and stand upright to lead the country to its cherished destination of 'Sonar Bangla' as dreamt by our Father of the Nation.

Joy Bangla , Joy Bangabandhu.

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