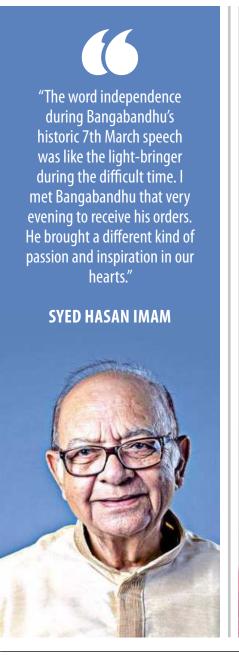


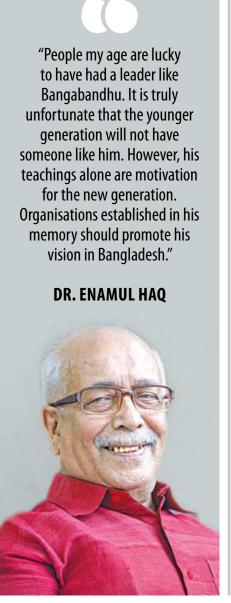
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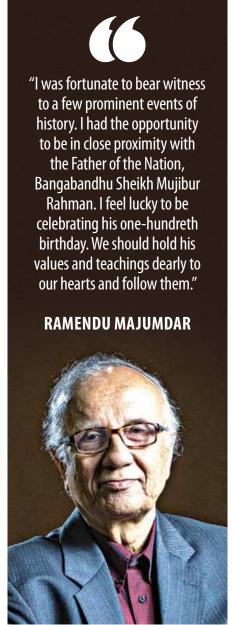
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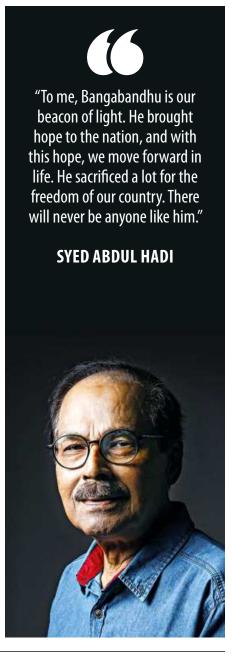
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This exclusive issue celebrates the upcoming hundredth birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, where we present the readers with one-hundred personalities from the media scene sharing their feelings about Bangabandhu.













### **FERDOUSI MAJUMDAR**

"Bangabandhu is an ideal human being. He is the Father of our Nation. I think that Bangladesh would have been an even more developed country had he been with us a little longer. I hold a special place for him in my heart. Bangabandhu is Bangladesh."



### **SARAH KABORI**

"Bangabandhu is one of my biggest inspirations. I was able to see him on a flight from Chittagong to Dhaka. He called me by my name and I am forever grateful for it. He is the epitome of self-worth and motivation."



#### **BOBITA**

"The Father of the Nation gave me his blessings and said that I will be a great actor one day. I feel very happy because I was able to attend many international film festivals hoisting the Bangladeshi flag, only because of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman."



### **SHARMILI AHMED**

"Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is the Father of our Nation. He is truly a great and respectable person who loved this nation more than his own life. His greatness, patriotism and sacrifice are unparalleled. He is someone I respect and love."



# **RAFIQUL ALAM**

"I see Bangabandhu as a savior. He saved the country from a period of darkness and brought it into the light. He saved the country from the grasp of a monster. So, he is rightfully the savior of our entire nation."



# **SOHEL RANA**

"On 7th March, I was at Dhaka University's Iqbal Hall. I was very anxious that day. I was very near to the stage, and heard him say every word attentively. His speech was very precise; everyone present that day knew what to do. I believe that no other leader can live up to this calibre."



# **KHURSHID ALAM**

"Bangabandhu believed in unity. He never wanted respect or recognition. He behaved as courteously with his enemies as he did with his friends. He never gave heed to animosity; he only believed in the freedom of the people of our nation. He loved the people of Bangladesh selflessly."



# **LAILA HASAN**

"Bangabandhu is my identity; he is the nation's identity. He is our entire existence and the sole reason behind the creation of Bangladesh. He is our nation's pride."



# **ABIDA SULTANA**

"When I was in my first year, I sang the song, *Ekbar Biday De Ma Ghure Ashi* at an event where Bangabandhu was present. I did not know it was one of his favourite songs.Later, he asked Sheikh Mani about me. and he introduced me to Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. It was the greatest achievement of my life."



# **DILARA ZAMAN**

"I have recently signed for a biographical film about Bangabandhu, where I will be playing the role of his mother. This is a huge achievement for me since I will be a part of history. His one-hundredth birthday calls for a huge celebration among us Bangladeshis."



# **LUCKY ENAM**

"Bangabandhu did a lot for the development of women's rights in Bangladesh. He even established the Shilpakala Academy. If we hadn't worked on the teachings he had left behind, we wouldn't have been able to come this far. I think that ultimately, Bangabandhu is the living embodiment Bangladesh."



# **JEWEL AICH**

"With all the things Bangabandhu has done for our beloved nation, he has carved a place in our hearts. He has guided us to our country's liberation. I only get to travel around the world and do magic tricks because Bangladesh is a free country. That is all due to Bangabandhu."



# **FAROOOUE**

"To know Bangabandhu, one has to embed his teachings inside their heart. I was able to see him and be in his presence. This is a huge achievement for me. Whenever I get the opportunity, I talk about Bangabandhu. We are lucky to have had a leader like him."



#### **ABUL HAYAT**

"Bangabandhu once came to see one of my plays, and he even recognised who I am. Without his contribution, the freedom fighters wouldn't have been able to go through those nine gruelling months for the liberation of our country. To me, he is the greatest leader the world will ever see."



# **ILIAS KANCHAN**

"First leader, first inspiration and first love of my life is Bangabandhu. I was present at the racecourse field during the historic 7th March speech, and gave him a Holy Quran as a gift. I consider myself very lucky as I got to meet him several times. I can never forget my first love, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman."



#### SADI MOHAMMAD

"The thing I admire most about Bangabandhu is his philosophy of life. It was simple and ordinary, which I truly respect. His immense and endless love for our country makes him as great as the sky itself. I love Bangabandhu. I hope to follow his footsteps by living my life with the ideals he had."



KIRAN CHANDRA ROY

"I am a freedom fighter. I sang numerous songs about Bangabandhu and also witnessed the 7th March speech.I am happy that the consciousness of our nation's independence is being embedded in the souls of our vounger generation through this grand celebration of Bangabandhu's one hundred years.'



**BHASKAR BANDYOPADHYAY** 

"Bangabandhu is the undisputed leader of our nation. He has worked for this country from the beginning till the end. He was selfless, and only thought of his country and its people. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is truly Bangabandhu.



SHARMILA BANDYOPADHYAY

"I started to learn about Bangabandhu during the mass uprising of 1969. It was he who taught us to love our nation, our country, and understand the importance of freedom at such an early age. It was because of him that our patriotism was awakened, even as students."



RAISUL ISLAM ASAD

"Bangabandhu is independence. Unfortunately, before he could spread his intellect, sensibility and courage to all the corners of Bangladesh, he was taken away from us. To build the Bangladesh our greatest leader dreamt about, we all need to work more and bring forth huge economic development for the nation.



TARIO ANAM KHAN

"I am a freedom fighter. I have always considered myself to be a disciple of Sheikh Muiibur Rahman, I know the 7th March historic speech by heart, and I used to recite it to my friends during my time in camp. Bangabandhu is not only the Father of the Nation, but he is equal to a father figure for me.

**IMDADUL HAQ MILON** 

realise that killing him would not end the

guidance and ideals he left behind. To me,

Bangabandhu is like the sky, something

indestructible. He is watching over us and

always will. I have a lot of love and

**AFZAL HOSSAIN** 

"Bangabandhu had the ability to inspire everyone. He brought out the

extraordinary in even the most ordinary

people. We fought and achieved our own

country, our flag and our map. We marked

the existence of our individual nation.

Bangladeshis.

We can proudly say that we are

respect for him.

"Bangabandhu's murderers did not



#### **KUMAR BISHWAJIT**

"Another term for inspiration is Bangabandhu. His contribution to our country's freedom will be remembered by all the generations to come. We, as a nation, should be proud to have had a leader like him. It is my honour to call him the Father of our Nation.

MISHA SAWDAGOR

Bangabandhu. I am fortunate to be

working for his biopic and this is a great

achievement for me. I pray that with

everyone's blessings, I can complete this

project and through this, I can offer my

respect to the Father of the Nation.'

"An ideal image of an artist is



#### CHAMPA

"Bangabandhu's booming voice incites belief, hope and love in our hearts. I have never seen another who can match up to his way of speaking. His one-hundredth birthday will mark a new opportunity for the younger generation to learn more about one of the greatest leaders of all time. I think that's very important.



"It is a great honour to be able to celebrate Bangabandhu's one-hundredth birthday. The fact that I can be a part of this celebration makes me incredibly happy, and I hope it is just as joyous for others. I hope we can fulfil all the dreams that he has etched in all of our hearts."



# **MUNMUN AHMED**



### **SADYA AFREEN MALLICK**

"Bangabandhu is the leader of humanity. He is our light, and his teachings will always shine upon us. We shall forever continue walking with the principles he has left us behind."



# **CHANDANA MAJUMDAR**

"I am incredibly proud and joyful that Bangabandhu's one-hundredth birthday will be celebrated countrywide among several festivities. I hope this will take us to another milestone where the marginalised and distressed population will be benefitted. We have to pay respect to such an incredible leader.



SHIBLI MOHAMMAD

died a martyr on the 26th of March. My

father was inspired by Bangabandhu and

he gave up his life for what he believed in.

Even during periods of hardship, I look

at our flag, and can't help but think of my

family's contribution to it, no matter how

small. Bangabandhu gave us guidance."

**SHAMIM ARA NIPA** 

Bangabandhu's one-hundredth birthday,

I have one wish: to see Bangladesh reach

the heights that he had dreamt of. To make

those dreams come true, we, as a nation,

must work together and inspire the younger

generations to follow our footsteps.

"Surrounding the celebration of

"I am the son of a martyr. My father

# **AZIZUL HAKIM**

"Behind the creation of our free and sovereign nation is Bangabandhu's leadership and ideas. I believe that without him and his guidance, Bangladesh would never be created. So, in my opinion, Bangabandhu is Bangladesh and our flag is Sheikh Muiibur Rahman.



**ARUNA BISWAS** 

we cannot forget him."

**ZAHID HASSAN** 

nation is incomparable and unending. His

one-hundredth birthday celebration marks

many festivities for the entire nation. We

have an amazing opportunity to have a

good time and enjoy ourselves among

"Bangabandhu's role in building our

# **TAUOIR AHMED**

"We are forever indebted to Bangabandhu for our existence as Bangladeshis. Our culture, language and development is because of his undeniable contribution. He is the Father of the Nation, the greatest hero, the biggest inspiration for me.



#### SAMINA CHOWDHURY

"Bangabandhu, the selfless leader who "When Bangabandhu was alive, I was really young and did not understand saw no discrimination among people. He considered everyone to be equal. He also much of what was happening. Later, I read did a lot for arts and culture, and for me, and learnt more about him. I believe that he is not only a leader but a real life hero. leadership starts at home. He thought I cannot define his glorious works in a few about the people of this country and gave words. Bangabandhu is Bangladesh and his all for them. That is why he is the Father of our Nation.



#### MASUM REZA

"I am a proud Bangladeshi. I was fortunate enough to hear Bangabandhu when called for the freedom of fellow Bangladeshis, while visiting Kushtia United high school. Through that speech, I began respecting him and realised the importance of the Six-Point Movement in the liberation of Bangladesh."



# **BAPPA MAZUMDER**

"Bangabandhu is Bangladesh. He is our existence and our ideals. There can never be any doubt about his greatness. He is a feeling in our blood and bones. Joy Bangla!"



# **MOHAMMED ALI HAIDER**

"When I visited Bangabandhu's grave, I was overwhelmed with emotions emotions one only feels for close friends. To me, he is an entity larger than life. He will live until the end of time in the hearts of Bangladeshis, and be celebrated with vigour for years to come."



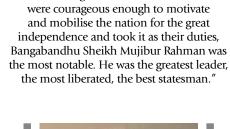
# IRIN PARVEEN LOPA

"Among the few individuals who



# **AZAD ABUL KALAM**

"Bangabandhu is a symbol of freedom. His name is tied to the very independence of our country. Freedom of expression is very important for an artist. Similarly, one's individuality is related to this type of freedom. He is one of the main reasons we artists have our creative freedom.





### **SHAHIDUZZAMAN SELIM**

"I condisder Bangabandhu a unique political leader and human being. He is the reason behind the freedom of our nation. Without his contributions, we wouldn't have been able to showcase our art. Bangladesh to me means Bangabandhu, and vice versa."



# **GAZI RAKAYET**

"We cannot imagine a free Bangladesh without Bangabandhu. A leader like him will only come once. He is one of the greatest leaders the world has ever seen I consider him a leader of the world. His poise, stance and words made him a great performer. Bangabandhu is a hero.'



#### **FARIDUR REZA SAGOR**

"I am honoured to have been born in the same country as a great leader like Bangabandhu. I am also proud to live in a nation governed by his successors, who are leading Bangladesh towards Bangabandhu's dream. To me, Bangabandhu and Bangladesh are closely



#### SHAMPA REZA

"We are a proud nation only because of the contributions of Bangabandhu. I was very young during the liberation war, but I still remember how great and inspiring he was. Learning about him would bring a radical change in the mindset of our country's people, which is extremely necessary.



### **ANISUL HOQUE**

"Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is the sigil of our freedom. For his onehundredth birthday, my wish is for all of us to remember the fact that he had always wanted to see happiness in the faces of everyone, no matter how downtrodden, and do something to benefit the poor and ordinary citizens of our country.



#### **FERDOUS ARA**

"There is no Bangladeshi who doesn't love Bangla language or Bangladesh. Bangabandhu taught us how to love our country. I am a Nazrul Sangeet singer, and we got our national poet, Kazi Nazrul Islam, because of the independence achieved by our Bangabandhu. I shall remember Bangabandhu till my last breath.'



"The tales of the courageous leader and his nerve-wracking inspirational speeches still mesmerises every Bangladeshi soul. Whenever his image comes to mind, heart fills with pride. On his one-hundreth birthday, I want to give him my respect and love."



#### **FAHMIDA NABI**

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**REAZ AHMED** 

"I associate the word Bangabandhu with a flag that is green and red. Bangabandhu means Bangladesh. He was the greatest Bengali of all time. He is a feeling – an inspiration that will always live in my



#### **SHAMEEM AKHTAR**

"I have experienced the mass uprising, the Agartala conspiracy and the rise of Bangabandhu. Bangabandhu was an idol for everyone, who participated in the fight for freedom. People glorified him. He never wanted the title of a leader, but he earned it through his hard work and dedication. He is very valuable to me."



#### **ROKEYA PRACHI**

"Bangabandhu is a beacon of inspiration. He motivates me to work for the society. We cannot overlook his sacrifice. His courageous leadership traits taught me to be brave. His name never discourages me."



#### DILSHAD NAHAR KONA

"There is something in Bangabandhu's speech which never fails to inspire me. He fought for the country and its people. I don't know if there can ever be a leader as great as him. Whenever I see a picture of him, I bow my head in respect."



#### **FERDOUS**

"To me, Bangabandhu is Bangladesh. I have nothing more to say. He is the hero behind our freedom. He will forever be the greatest statesman, leader and ideal human being to me."



### SHAHIDUL ALAM SACHCHU

"My biggest achievement in life was when Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman lifted me up and put me on his lap. I used to play around Dhanmondi Road 32 when I was very young, and I even got the opportunity to take rides on Sheikh Russel's bicycle a couple of times. I can pass a lifetime just reminiscing these."



# **NURUL ALAM ATIQUE**

"Bangabandhu awakened the nation through his historic speech on the 7th of March. It is a very difficult task to unite the whole nation, but he did so with ease. I consider him a hero because he gave up so much for his country and his people."



# **ZIAUL FARUQ APURBA**

"For me, Bangabandhu is associated with modesty. It is our responsibility to follow his leadership and carry out his teachings for generations to come. On his onehundredth birthday, we as a nation salute him with our utmost respect."



**SADIKA PARVIN POPY** 

"Bangabandhu is ever present in my mind. I live every day following his ideals. His mottos guide me. I feel proud to have been born in this country – the country of the Father of our Nation."



**ANISUR RAHMAN MILON** 

"People like me, who were born after liberation, whenever we visualise Bangabandhu, we see an eminent leader. I feel that calling him the Father of the Nation is inadequate because he is above that, and his greatness will forever remain in our hearts."



**SHAKIB KHAN** 

"If I am to name the greatest Bangladeshi to ever have lived and will ever live, Bangabandhu is the only name that comes to mind. He not only contributed to the freedom of our nation, he even established the FDC. We will forever be indebted to him."



**ZAKIA BARI MAMO** 

"The way history has been written about Bangabandhu, I have learned about him in the same light. I am unfortunate to not have been able to see him upfront. But, I believe that if he was alive today, we would have been the most developed country in Asia."



**SHAFIN AHMED** 

"I became greatly interested in Bangabandhu's leadership and realised what a great leader he is when I watched his historic speech of 7th March on television. We can pride ourselves on the fact that we had such a great leader of our own. For his one-hundredth birthday, we will celebrate the life of such an eminent leader."



CHANCHAL CHOWDHURY

"We only have a free Bangladesh because of Bangabandhu, so everyone must recognise him as the true Father of our Nation. Regardless of our differences in opinion, if we could hold on to this belief, we would have been able to be much further now as a nation."



SHABNAM BUBLY

"Bangabandhu would live and laugh wholeheartedly, and I believe it was his truly inspiring leadership that made it possible. His words never failed to motivate people. His name is an ideal, one that encourages us and gives us courage to do something good. It is because of him that Bangladesh is here today."



**AKHI ALAMGIR** 

"Bangabandhu is one of the greatest leaders to be born. We get to learn so much from his wisdom, sacrifice and love for the country. I believe his principles and teachings will be remaining in the hearts of every Bengali for generations to come."



#### **TANVIN SWEETY**

"If I was to introduce Bangladesh, I would say Bangladesh and Bangabandhu are the same. And likewise, if I was to introduce Bangabandhu, I would say that Bangabandhu and Bangladesh are the same. He is my inspiration. I hope his one-hundredth birthday brings joy and good luck to the country."



#### **RUNA KHAN**

"I first came to know about Bangabandhu from my father. I believe Bangabandhu is the greatest Bangladeshi to ever have lived. I am forever thankful to Bangabandhu for giving me the gift of independence. I feel that if we follow his principles, we can achieve great things without any hassle."



# **ARIFIN SHUVOO**

"Bangabandhu was a dreamer. He had a vision and that is why we are here today. It's because of him that we have a map and a flag that we can call our own. To me, Bangabandhu means a person with a dream – someone who can sacrifice everything for the sake of their country."



### **TASKEEN RAHMAN**

"My main source of inspiration comes from the Father of our Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. His teachings helped me learn the true meaning of inspiration. He united the whole of Bangladesh. In my eyes, Bangabandhu is the most notable leader the world has ever seen."



# **BIJORI BARKATULLAH**

"Celebrating Bangabandhu's one-hundredth birthday means bringing forth his wisdom, modesty, leadership and love for his country to our younger generation. This generation lacks the depth of understanding him. I feel it is our duty to educate them and introduce them to the glorious works of the Father of the Nation."



# **SHAJU KHADEM**

"I feel that we still have to realise Bangabandhu's dreams of creating a beautiful Bangladesh because if we did follow his principles, we would have reached the peak of development by now. I want everyone to learn more about him, surrounding the occasion of celebrating his one-hundredth birthday."



# **BIDYA SINHA MIM**

"Whenever I see a picture of Bangabandhu in any book, I always get overwhelmed with respect and admiration. I really admire the love he had for our country. He is the architect behind the liberation of Bangladesh. His name will forever reverberate through the hearts of Bangladeshis."



### **BOBBY**

"Bangabandhu is the backbone of our nation. It is because of him that we feel proud to introduce ourselves as Bangladeshis. Without Bangabandhu, Bangladesh would be incomplete."



#### **DEEPA KHANDAKAR**

"Bangabandhu to me is Bangladesh. I have had the privilege of being born in a free country, but I can't help but wonder what it would be like without Bangabandhu, without freedom. I don't even want to think about how dire the situation would be if that were the case."



# **RAHUL ANANDA**

"I never got to see Bangabandhu upfront, but I can feel his presence through the values he has left behind. I do not believe he is gone because until the last day Bangladesh remains, he will shine brighter everyday among each of us. Bangabandhu is my dearest friend."



#### SIAM AHMED

"Bangabandhu means a strong leader
– someone who is not afraid of any
obstacle. He is the Father of our Nation.
His words are our motivation. His name
will always shine like gold in the pages of
history."



### **SYMON SADIK**

"I will always regret that I was unable to see Bangabandhu with my own eyes. There would not have been a Bangladesh without Bangabandhu. That's why I believe that Bangabandhu means Bangladesh."



# **IRESH ZAKER**

"Bangabandhu worked selflessly for the people of our nation, and I feel that we should learn and practise his teachings more often. The celebration of his one-hundredth birthday is going to uplift our history, culture and traditions, and I want our culture to be enriched through this grand gesture."



### **MOUSUMI NAG**

"Bangabandhu resonates deeply in my heart. Similarly, I mourn his absence in my life. If he was still alive, I think Bangladesh would have been more developed and tourist friendly. He is our guardian, the greatest patriot, and I have the utmost respect and adoration for him."



# **PUJA CHERRY**

"Bangabandhu is the Father of our Nation. He lives in the hearts of all Bangladeshis. He will forever be respected and revered by our people."



### **AMITABH REZA**

"Bangabandhu's courage, wisdom, limitations and all the other traits makes him a prodigious persona. It is good for the nation, that many writings, films and cultural practices is going take place surrounding the celebration of Bangabandhu's century and Bangladesh's fifty years of independence."

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**ANIMESH AICH** 

"To me, Bangabandhu was a fearless patriot and an ordinary person. His death proves just how brave he was. A great leader like him is born once in a thousand years. In my opinion, there has never been as fearless a leader as him in the history of our nation."



**JYOTI SINHA** 

"Bangabandhu is our pride, our conscience, our inspiration. So, we must understand the importance of his teachings. I believe that we are still not fully free. We need to bring about freedom of thought and expression. In that regard, Bangabandhu's vision is incomparable."



**BAPPY CHOWDHURY** 

"Today, the Bangladesh Film
Development Corporation (FDC) that
we have is attributed to him. He is the
one who recognised the need of arts and
culture and gave Bangladeshi cinema the
platform we call FDC."



**HEERA** 

"To me, Bangabandhu is a leader unlike any. He is in the heart of every Bangladeshi and he is our guide. He was a selfless patriot."



**MEJBAUR RAHMAN SUMON** 

"I see Bangabandhu as an icon of this generation. The historic speech of 7th March proves how good of a leader he was as he could unite the whole nation. I gather inspiration from that event."



**SHUVASHIS SINHA** 

"Bangabandhu was an incredible leader.
He had a unique and compassionate
take on politics. He understood that any
movement cannot be successful without
the people, their unity, their drive. He was
far ahead of his time."



**MAHIYA MAHI** 

"To love the Father of the Nation, we, Bangladeshis, do not need to serve any political party. I love Bangabandhu and I have deep respect from him in my heart. I believe that we do not need any reason to have an immense love for him."



**PORIMONI** 

"Our flag, our map and our country means Bangabandhu. He is another name of love for me and I will forever keep him dear to my heart."



JYOTIKA JYOTI

"When I hear our national anthem, the image of our beautiful Bangladesh is not the only thing that comes to my mind. The image of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu, also flashes in my mind. I feel fortunate to be celebrating his one-hundredth birthday, and to commemorate the day I give him my outmost respect."



SHATABDI WADUD

"There will never be another individual with the same strong willpower as Bangabandhu. He is the father of our nation. He is our nation's pride. Joy Bangla! Joy Bangabandhu!"



**ROSHAN** 

"I first learned about Bangabandhu in books and as I grew up in a political family, everyone used to talk about him. So, while growing up, I learned more about him and his leadership. I believe that for decades and more to come, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman will remain the greatest statesman for the nation."



**ASHNA HABIB BHABNA** 

"To me, Bangbanadhu means strength.
Hearing his speech always managed to
empower me. I feel very unfortunate that
I was born at a time where I couldn't fight
in the war. Still, I see his face whenever I
am struggling in life. He will forever live
in our hearts, but I wish he was physically
among us."



**SABNAM FARIA** 

"I believe that the younger generation should be more educated about Bangabandhu. We grew up hearing stories about him from our parents. My father himself was present when he gave his famous speech. He was not just a political leader, but a global one. Bangabandhu was a leader above all else."



**APARNA GHOSE** 

"My parents used to me stories about Bangabandhu. Later, I learned about his greatness, leadership and devotion towards bringing freedom by reading about him in different books. He is an ideal example of what sacrifice truly means for us. Bangabandhu and his glorious works will remain till the end of time."



**JANNATUL FERDOUS PEYA** 

"Bangabandhu is the reason we are here now. Without him, there would not be an independent Bangladesh. All that we have gained in the free Bangladesh are all to Bangabandhu's credit. That is why he is the Father of the Nation."



**TOKON THAKUR** 

"There would be no Bangladesh without Bangabandhu. Bangladesh is a small country, but he was a great leader. No one can live without dreams and his dreams brought us where we are today. I have the utmost love and respect for him."