




RENEWING THE OLD PLEDGE

It was the spirit of 1971 once again. For a nation which revels in its history, which zealously guards the citadels of its heritage, March 26 is that occasion when a certain forceful rekindling of fire and energy happens in the collective soul of this nation. It is then that old battles are recalled, old tales of glory remembered.

In 1971 we forged an epic tale out of a twilight struggle against an enemy come from distant hills and faraway mountains. On March 26, even as memory takes the nation back to remembrance of the darkness weighing us down in the early moments of genocide, we welcome a new dawn, as we have welcomed it every year, noted for the pointing out to us the path to freedom.

And so it was, again, this year. A renewed vow to uphold freedom, a pledge once again to have the land scale the heights of poetic beauty and aesthetic splendour, a promise of a smile on every face --- those were the thoughts that underlined Independence Day this year. It was time for Joi Bangla to rend the skies again.

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