



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina conferred with the "Agent of Change" award and "Planet 50-50 Champion" honour for her outstanding contributions to women empowerment. The UN Women recognised the PM as Planet 50-50 Champion, while the Global Partnership Forum honoured her with the award at a reception at the UN headquarters.



2016 EAST-WEST CENTER INTERNATIONAL MEDIA CONFERENCE
Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, was honoured by East West Center for his courage and determination in journalism by the US-based organisation along with five other journalists from India, Afghanistan, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka.



Prime Minister's ICT Affairs Adviser Sajeeb Ahmed Wazed Joy awarded "ICT for Development Award" in New York. Joy, the only son of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, had been nominated for the award in recognition of his contributions to empowerment of the people of Bangladesh through the implementation of "Digital Bangladesh" initiative.



Sonia Bashir Kabir, Managing Director of Microsoft Bangladesh, won the highly prestigious Microsoft Founder Award given by Bill Gates. This award is the highest honour any Microsoft employee can win and 15 people among 100,000 employees of Microsoft won it in 2016.



Bangladesh Army Colonel Nazma Begum given the UN special award for her outstanding leadership in the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI).

Sixteen more Birangonas (war heroines) have been recognised as freedom fighters for their sacrifice in the country's Liberation War in 1971. The Ministry of Liberation War Affairs issued a gazette in this regard on September 1, 2016. With these 16, a total of 146 women have been honoured as freedom fighters in phases by the government.