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## BANGABANDHU

## Through the Eyes of World Leaders





He was a great leader. His extraordinary heroism has been a source of inspiration for the people of Asia and Africa

**Indira Gandhi,**Former Prime
Minister of India

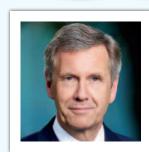




I have not seen the Himalayas. But I have seen Sheikh Mujib. In personality and in courage, this man is the Himalayas

> **Fidel Castro,** Former President of Cuba





Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was a great statesman who fought for the rights and dignity of his people and was steadfastly committed to independence

**Christian Wulff**, Former President of Germany





The speciality of Mujib's character was his uncompromising fighting leadership with a generous heart

> **Yasser Arafat**, Former Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization





This is surely a supreme national tragedy for you. For me, it is a personal tragedy of immense dimensions

Harold Wilson,
Former British
Prime Minister,
to a Bengali journalist
upon hearing the news
of the assassination of
Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.





In the last few centuries. South Asia has given the world many teachers, philosophers, skilled statesmen, political leaders and warriors. **But Sheikh** Mujibur Rahman surpasses everything; his place is fixed in the highest position

**Lakshman Kadirgamar,** Former Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka





I pay respect to a visionary leader and statesman, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He fought for freedom with unflinching courage despite the odds and adverse conditions

**Sonia Gandhi,** Former President of the Indian National Congress





Sheikh Mujib is a man of peace, a man of independence and a man of the world. He is not just the Bangabandhu (Friend of Bangladesh), He is also the Viswabandhu (Friend of the World)

Ramesh Chandra, Former Secretary General of the World Peace Council





What a tragedy to have such brilliant and courageous leadership stolen from the people of Bangladesh in such a moment of violence and cowardice. But today, Bangladesh is growing in the vision of Bangabandhu

**John F. Kerry,**Former
US Secretary of State





Sheikh Mujib was a pioneer who fought for establishing people's rights and dignity in one of the most profound struggles for liberation in the twentieth century. The title of Bangabandhu bestowed on him reflects the extraordinary love that this patriot had for the people of his country

**Pranab Mukherjee**, Former President of India