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সশস্ত্র বাহিনী দিবস-২০২৫ উপলক্ষ্যে আমি বাংলাদেশ সেনা, নৌ ও বিমান বাহিনীর সকল সদস্যকে জানাই আতরিক ভেঙ্গে ও অভিনন্দন। এই দিনে আমি মহান মুক্তিযুদ্ধে আত্মোৎসর্গকারী সাতজন বীররোষ্টসহ সশস্ত্র বাহিনীর সকল বীর শহিদদের শৃঙ্খল প্রতি গভীর শুভ্রা জানাই।

মহান মুক্তিযুদ্ধে সশস্ত্র বাহিনীর বীরত্বাব্যা জাতিক ইতিহাসে এক গৌরবেজ্ঞল অধ্যয়। ১৯৭১ সালের ২১ নভেম্বর পাকিস্তানি সদস্যদের বাহিনীর বিকেন্দ্র আমাদেশ সেনা, নৌ ও বিমান বাহিনীর সমিলিত পাঁচটা আক্রমণ চূড়ান্ত বিজয়কে ত্বরান্বিত করে। মুক্তিযুদ্ধে সশস্ত্র বাহিনীর এই সমিলিত লড়াই দেশের সাৰ্বভৌমত্বের ওপর যে কোনো আক্রমণ এক্ষণ্ডভাবে প্রতিরোধে আমাদেশ সাহস ও প্রেরণা যোগায়।

সশস্ত্র বাহিনী আমাদেশ গর্ব ও আছার প্রতীক। বাহিনীতা ও সাৰ্বভৌমত্ব রক্ষার পাশাপাশি বিভিন্ন দুর্বিগ্র ও জাতীয় সকেট মোকাবিলা এবং জাতিগঠনমূলক কর্মকাণ্ডে সশস্ত্র বাহিনী উত্তোলিত্যে ভূমিকা নেথে চলেছে। ২০২৪ সালের ছাত্র-জনতার গণঅভ্যাস পরবর্তী সময়ে সারা দেশে আইন-শৃঙ্খলা ব্রহ্মসহ দুর্বিগ্র মোকাবিলার সশস্ত্র বাহিনীর কার্যক্রম জনগণের প্রশংসন অর্জন করেছে। এছাড়া, জাতিসংঘ শান্তিরক্ষ মিশনে সশস্ত্র বাহিনীর অংশগ্রহণ আন্তর্জাতিক পরিসরে দেশের মর্যাদা বৃক্ষ করেছে। আমি বিশ্বাস করি, সশস্ত্র বাহিনীর সদস্যগণ সর্বদা রাষ্ট্র ও নেতৃত্বের প্রতি পরিপূর্ণ অবগত থেকে কর্তৃত অনুশীলন ও দেশপ্রেমের সমরয়ে নিজেদেশ পৌরুষ সমূহুত রাখবেন।

আমি সশস্ত্র বাহিনীর উত্তোলন সমূক্তি এবং বাহিনীসমূহের সকল সদস্য ও তাদেশ পরিবারবর্ণের অব্যাহত সুখ, শান্তি ও সমৃদ্ধি কামনা করছি।

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রাষ্ট্রপতি ও সশস্ত্র বাহিনীর সর্বাধিনায়ক



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MESSAGE

CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF
Bangladesh Army

21st November is a significant day in the history of Bangladesh Armed Forces, resplendent in the glory of unity and sacrifice. On this day in 1971, the valiant members of our Army, Navy and Air Force along with the Freedom Fighters of Bangladesh launched a combined offensive against the Pakistani occupation forces from land, sea and air which accelerated the final victory on 16 December 1971. On this great day, I extend my heartfelt greetings and congratulations to all members of Bangladesh Armed Forces.

Bangladesh achieved sovereignty, an independent map and a national flag by sacrificing millions of invaluable lives. The Armed Forces Day reminds us of those inspiring stories of selfless sacrifices, and revives the esprit-de-corps among the members of three services. On this special day, I pay homage to our greatest heroes who made supreme sacrifices for our independence. My special tribute to the valiant members of Bangladesh Armed Forces who laid down their lives during and after the Liberation War for the cause of our dear motherland. I pray to Almighty Allah for the salvation of their departed souls, and convey my heartfelt gratitude and empathy to the members of all the bereaved families.

The Armed Forces is a symbol of unity, strength and pride of our nation. Besides, the primary role of safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country, members of Bangladesh Armed Forces, particularly Bangladesh Army are performing a wide variety of responsibilities including maintaining peace and stability in Chattogram Hill Tracts, national development activities, disaster management and assisting distressed people. Members of Bangladesh Army are deployed under 'In Aid to Civil Power' to maintain overall law and order in the country and are performing their duties with utmost professionalism. On this auspicious day, I like to thank the people of Bangladesh for keeping their trust on Bangladesh Army, and extending full support during all national development and disaster management activities. I like to mention with pleasure that our Armed Forces could earn the trust and respect of people beyond our borders.

Our Armed Forces personnel are also risking their lives every day to promote and sustain peace and stability in distant lands. Through our sincerity, dedication, relentless efforts and sheer professionalism, we have achieved our position as one of the top troops contributing countries in the United Nations which is a great accomplishment for all of us. Necessary steps are taken to modernize our Armed Force in order to achieve self-reliance utilizing our own manpower and indigenous technology. In the future, this efficient and active Bangladesh Army will continue to work dedicatedly with the firm conviction to play a more effective role as a symbol of the nation's trust, Insh'Allah.

On this auspicious day, I convey my heartfelt gratitude and felicitations to all the members of Bangladesh Armed Forces who bear the indomitable spirit of our Liberation War in their hearts. I also extend my thanks and gratitude to all who have worked at different levels for publishing the special supplement to national dailies to mark the Armed Forces Day-2025. I solicit the divine blessings for the continued progress and prosperity of Bangladesh Armed Forces.

May Allah bless us all.

WAKER-UZ-ZAMAN

General



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MESSAGE

CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF
Bangladesh Navy

The 21st November is an important reminder of the unwavering courage, unity, and sacrifice of our Armed Forces members, whose relentless commitment rendered our aspiration for independence into a reality. On this day in 1971, the combined assault of Army, Navy and Air Force, in conjunction with the resolute spirit of our people, accelerated the defeat of occupying forces. This action ultimately resulted in enemy's surrender and the establishment of a sovereign and independent Bangladesh.

As we observe the 'Armed Forces Day 2025', I pay my deepest homage to our brave martyrs and freedom fighters, whose ultimate sacrifices have enabled us to stand as an independent nation. I also pay my solemn tribute to Bir Sreshtho Shaheed Ruhul Amin, along with all the valiant martyrs of the Armed Forces, whose patriotism and devotion will continue to inspire future generations. I extend my deepest condolences to the injured freedom fighters and the families of the martyrs of our Liberation War.

Bangladesh Navy is dedicated to the protection of nation's sovereignty, preservation of territorial integrity, and upholding the maritime interests. In response to the evolving needs of the 21st century, our three-dimensional navy is consistently modernizing, integrating state-of-the-art equipment such as drones, helicopters, UAVs and warships, while striving for self-reliance. With the introduction of indigenous ships and craft, advanced surveillance, communication technologies and naval systems, BN has earned recognition as a professional navy in the region.

Apart from its core duties, Bangladesh Navy also plays a critical role in ensuring a stable law and order situation in designated areas and coastal regions to support civil administration. Navy also safeguards marine resources, combats smuggling and human trafficking, prevents illegal fishing activities and thereby contributes to the national economy. Furthermore, Chittagong Dry Dock Limited has established exceptional standards of professionalism, in the management of port operations at the New Mooring Container Terminal in Chittagong Port. Navy has also made significant contributions to disaster relief and humanitarian efforts, both domestically and internationally, by assisting affected communities. It recently dispatched immediate assistance to Myanmar in the aftermath of a catastrophic earthquake. Moreover, by participating in the United Nations peacekeeping missions, Bangladesh Navy consistently maintains extraordinary service standards, thereby enhancing country's international image in supporting global peace and stability.

On this solemn occasion, I express my sincere gratitude to all the members of Bangladesh Armed Forces. The courage and sacrifices of the Armed Forces personnel in securing our freedom will endure as a lasting symbol of inspiration. I also commend the efforts of the Armed Forces Division in publishing this special supplement, which underscores the significance and relevance of this day. I am confident that all members of the Armed Forces will pursue the commitment to serve our nation, guided by the spirit of 21st November. May Almighty Allah (SWT) bestow His divine blessings upon all of us.

M NAZMUL HASSAN

Admiral



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MESSAGE

CHIEF OF AIR STAFF
Bangladesh Air Force

21st November remains a glorious and defining milestone in the history of Bangladesh. On this day during the Liberation War, the valiant members of the Army, Navy and Air Force stood united with our people and launched a coordinated offensive against the occupying forces. Their patriotism, sacrifice and gallantry brought us ultimate victory and gifted us an independent and sovereign homeland under the proud red and green flag.

On this august occasion, I pay my deepest homage to all the brave freedom fighters whose supreme sacrifices paved the way for our independence. I solemnly recall the unparalleled courage of Bir Sreshtho Flight Lieutenant Matiur Rahman and the fearless members of the legendary Kilo Flight, whose contributions accelerated our long-awaited victory and laid the foundation of our beloved Air Force. Despite severe limitations in resources, the Kilo Flight heroes turned the tide of war through extraordinary courage, patriotism, tactical brilliance and successful strikes on the enemy. Their immortal legacy shall forever inspire generations of the Armed Forces to face any challenge with steadfast determination.

Born amid the flames of the Liberation War, Bangladesh Air Force today stands tall as a symbol of national pride and honour. Guided by its motto 'Banglar Akash Rakhibo Mukto' (Free shall we keep the sky of Bangladesh), the Air Force remains ever ready and committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of our skies. Since its inception, alongside its core responsibility of aerial defence, Bangladesh Air Force has tirelessly served the nation. During natural disasters, its personnel have carried out rescue operations, emergency evacuations, medical assistance and relief distribution using transport aircraft and helicopters. By extending support to the civil administration whenever required, the Air Force has also played a vital role in nation-building and humanitarian service. Despite limited resources, it has earned global recognition for its professionalism, patriotism and dedication. Through its continued contributions to United Nations peacekeeping missions, Bangladesh Air Force has also upheld its commitment to global peace.

Though our journey began in 1971 with limited manpower and equipment, our objective was always crystal clear: to defend the independence and sovereignty of our motherland. For a long period after independence, however, the strategic necessity of modernizing the Air Force did not receive adequate priority. As a result, it could not achieve its aspired objectives in time. When the indispensability of a modern Air Force was finally realized, international instability and economic challenges constrained progress. But today, the context has changed. The evolving geopolitical landscape has reshaped the vision of the entire nation. Now, both policymakers and the people at large recognize the necessity of a powerful, modern Air Force—one that safeguards sovereignty while contributing to national development. In this regard, Bangladesh Air Force is planning to modernize its fleet with modern Multi-Role Combat Aircraft, Attack Helicopters, Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missile and Long-Range Radars in the near future. Our mission is clear: to ensure the absolute sovereignty of national airspace, safeguard independence, protect territorial integrity and contribute to public security, while simultaneously enhancing our role in national development during peacetime. I firmly believe that in the days ahead, Bangladesh Air Force will establish itself as a modern, technologically advanced and highly proficient force in the global arena.

In the history of our Liberation War, Armed Forces Day stands as a remarkable day, reminding us of our sacred oath to defend the freedom and sovereignty of our motherland. I am delighted to learn that the Armed Forces Division is publishing a special supplement in the national dailies to commemorate this historic day. On this solemn occasion, I extend my heartfelt felicitations to all members of our Armed Forces and their families. May Bangladesh Armed Forces continue their glorious march towards greater strength and prosperity. May Allah bless us all. Allah Hafez.

HASAN MAHMOOD KHAN

Air Chief Marshal