

National Day of Bangladesh

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Celebrating the 55th Anniversary of Independence



Dr. Khalilur Rahman
Foreign Minister
Government of the People's
Republic of Bangladesh

Today is 26th March, our Independence Day and National Day. On this historic occasion, I pay my deepest tribute to our valiant martyrs, our brave freedom fighters, our men and women whose sacrifices and unwavering courage enabled the birth of an independent and sovereign Bangladesh in 1971.

On the midnight of 25th March in 1971, the Pakistani military launched a brutal genocide on unarmed civilians of Bangladesh through the infamous 'Operation Searchlight'. On 26th March Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman declared the independence of Bangladesh from the Kalurghat radio station in Chattogram, inspiring the people of Bangladesh to rise in resistance. After nine months of a heroic and bloody liberation war, and through the supreme sacrifices of millions of martyrs, Bangladesh emerged as an independent nation in 1971.

The spirit of our independence

was rooted in the aspiration to eliminate economic, social and political disparities and to secure justice, dignity and economic emancipation for our people. In independent Bangladesh, President Ziaur Rahman first undertook significant initiatives to advance these aspirations of our nation. His vision of foreign policy, 'Bangladesh First' placed national interest at the forefront. Guided by this policy, Bangladesh strengthened relations with neighbouring countries and nations across the globe based on mutual respect and shared interests.

Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Tarique Rahman Bangladesh remains firmly committed to upholding the 'Bangladesh First' policy while working closely with the international community to promote peace, cooperation and sustainable development.

On this glorious day, I also express my sincere appreciation to the Bangladeshi diaspora and our diplomats who played an important role during the Liberation War in mobilizing international support for Bangladesh and later in securing global recognition of our independence. We remain grateful to our international friends who made contributions in support of Bangladesh's independence.

I extend my warm greetings to Bangladeshis living abroad and to all members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Bangladesh Missions overseas.

Bangladesh Zindabad.

Dr. Khalilur Rahman



Taro Aso
President of the Japan-Bangladesh
Parliamentary Friendship League

On the occasion of the Independence and National Day of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations to the government and the people of Bangladesh on behalf of the Japan-Bangladesh Parliamentary Friendship League.

I would also like to congratulate the fact that the General Election was carried out in a largely peaceful manner in Bangladesh in February and a new government led by Prime Minister Tarique Rahman was inaugurated. I expect that Bangladesh will

continue to move forward on the path of stable development under a democratic government.

Japan and Bangladesh have consistently fostered a close and cordial relationship since Bangladesh's independence in 1971. Serving as president of the long-standing Japan-Bangladesh Parliamentary Friendship League since 2008, I have devoted myself to promoting the friendship between Japan and Bangladesh.

We have seen a steady progress in concrete cooperation between the two countries, including the signing of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and the conclusion of the Agreement concerning the Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology. I expect that close cooperation between our two countries will continue to make progress based on the "strategic partnership" to further strengthen the cordial bilateral relationship which has been cultivated thus far.

We, the Parliamentary Friendship League, are also committed to continuing our effort in further strengthening our bilateral relations.

I would like to conclude my message by wishing further prosperity of the people of Bangladesh.

Taro Aso



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Md. Daud Ali
Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan

eration.

Pursuant to our government's policy of robust economic diplomacy, the formalization of the Bangladesh-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) in early 2026 represents a major milestone. Beyond the ready-made garments sector, Bangladesh has made notable progress in export diversification, including leather goods, IT (information technology) and ITES (IT-enabled services), pharmaceuticals, ceramics, light engineering, agricultural products and shipbuilding, etc. We remain firmly committed to ensuring a transparent and investor-friendly environment for Japanese investors, positioning Bangladesh as an emerging high-tech manufacturing hub and a strategic bridge between the markets of South and Southeast Asia.

The synergy between Japan's technological excellence and Bangladesh's youthful demography forms a core pillar of our future ties. Japan's continued support for Bangladesh's human capital development is commendable. Through enhanced Specified Skilled Worker (SSW) and Technical Intern Training Program (TITP) frameworks, we are expanding the deployment of trained professionals including IT specialists, engineers and caregivers — benefiting both nations.

As we celebrate this historic day, we reaffirm our commitment to further strengthening Bangladesh-Japan relations and exploring new avenues of collaboration for shared prosperity and regional stability. I also commend the Bangladeshi community in Japan for serving as an important bridge between our two nations and for contributing positively to Japanese society.

Long live Bangladesh-Japan friendship!

Md. Daud Ali

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