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## Message

Today is Martyred Intellectuals Day—an occasion of profound sorrow and disgrace in the history of Bangladesh. In the final days of the great Liberation War, when defeat was inevitable, the Pakistani occupation forces and their local collaborators brutally killed our intellectuals in an attempt to cripple Bangladesh intellectually. On this tragic day, I pay my deepest respects to the martyred intellectuals and to all valiant martyrs of the Liberation War, and I pray for the eternal peace and salvation of their departed souls.

The martyred intellectuals were frontline warriors in our struggle of ideas against the oppressive Pakistani regime. Through their intellect, wisdom, cultural pursuits, and powerful writings, our intellectuals played a pivotal role in uniting the nation and mobilising public opinion in favour of the Liberation War. Their intellectual and strategic guidance to the wartime government also made invaluable contributions to steering the nation towards victory.

On the eve of the Bengali nation's triumph, the occupation forces and their collaborators abducted and brutally murdered patriotic academics, journalists, writers, physicians, scientists, lawyers, artists, engineers, philosophers, politicians, thinkers, and countless other enlightened minds. Through this premeditated and barbaric massacre, the anti-liberation forces sought to render Bangladesh—a nation on the verge of independence—intellectually barren but ultimately failed.

Our martyred intellectuals had envisioned a democratic, developed, and prosperous Bangladesh. The present Interim Government, formed through the July uprising, has embarked on building a just and equitable new Bangladesh with the support of the entire nation. I firmly believe that through these efforts, we will be able to fulfil the cherished lifelong dream of our martyred intellectuals.

Let us all unite anew on Martyred Intellectuals Day. Through our collective efforts, let us build a developed and prosperous Bangladesh for the future.

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