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**PRESIDENT**  
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## Message

Today, 14 December, marks Martyred Intellectuals Day- a day of profound sorrow in the history of Bangladesh. On this day in 1971, the Pakistani occupation forces, along with their collaborators, brutally killed some of the nation's brightest sons. I pay my deepest respect and heartfelt tribute to those valiant intellectuals whose sacrifice accelerated our struggle for liberation. I pray for the forgiveness and eternal peace of their departed souls.

Intellectuals are the architects of a nation's development and progress. Through the pursuit of free thought, creative endeavours, innovative capacities, and the promotion of democratic ideals, they contribute to building a knowledge-based and prosperous society. For this reason, the occupation forces, facing imminent defeat, carried out a brutal killing mission across Dhaka and beyond to make the nation bereft of talent. Renowned academics, writers, doctors, scientists, philosophers, engineers, lawyers, journalists, artists, and political thinkers were mercilessly abducted and murdered. Bangladesh still carries the wound of losing its finest minds at the dawn of independence.

The unwavering courage and resilience of the martyred intellectuals in the face of oppression remain unparalleled and eternally remembered in the nation's history. I firmly believe that if we build a new Bangladesh- free from discrimination and guided by the ideals and path left by the martyred intellectuals- we can create a secular and prosperous nation inspired by the spirit of the Liberation War, thereby fulfilling their sacrifice.

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