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Message

On the occasion of the International Day of Peace, on behalf of the Government and the peace-loving people of Bangladesh, I join the international community in reaffirming our unswerving commitment to a just, peaceful and inclusive world. This year's theme, "*Invest in Peace - For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day*," reminds us that peace requires not only diplomacy, but sustained investment in people, institutions and opportunity.

The world today is confronted with armed conflicts, humanitarian crises, forced displacement, intolerance, inequality and growing geopolitical tensions, where civilians bear the heaviest burden. These challenges underscore the urgent need for dialogue, cooperation and the peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with international law and the principles of the UN Charter.

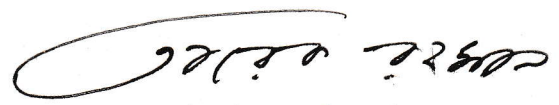
For Bangladesh, peace is deeply rooted in our history and national identity. We achieved independence through a historic struggle for self-determination, freedom and justice. Today, after years of authoritarian rule marked by injustice, repression and discrimination, our Government, elected overwhelmingly through a free and fair national election, has made restoring peace and stability in public life a foremost priority. We are strengthening law and order, upholding the rule of law, combating corruption and building effective institutions. We believe lasting peace begins when every citizen feels secure, respected and equally protected by the State.

Development is a prerequisite for peace. Our Government is pursuing development centred on social justice and human welfare. We have strengthened social protection through safety net schemes such as the 'Family Card' for women and the 'Farmer Card' for farmers, alongside greater investment in education, healthcare and environmental protection. These are investments for a more peaceful and resilient society.

Peace requires social harmony and mutual respect. Bangladesh remains pledge-bound to fostering tolerance and understanding among people of all faiths and communities, ensuring that every citizen can live with dignity and a sense of belonging. Our experience of shouldering the burden of hosting a large number of Rohingyas has also reinforced our understanding that addressing the root causes of crises is essential to building sustainable peace and stability.

Globally, in the era of fragmentation, Bangladesh champions effective multilateralism and the central role of the UN in advancing international peace and security. We consistently contributed to UN peacekeeping and peacebuilding initiatives. We remain committed to promoting the Women, Peace and Security agenda and to the meaningful participation of women and youth in peace efforts. In this spirit, we look forward to seeking election to the UN Security Council as a non-permanent member for the term 2031-2032 to further contribute to world peace.

On this very day, I call upon all nations and peoples to invest in peace every day, not only in moments of crisis, but through the choices we make and the institutions we build. Together, let us make peace the defining commitment of our time for the future of our children.



(Tarique Rahman)