



**Consulate General of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Sydney**



Press Release

The Consulate General of Bangladesh, Sydney observed the National Mourning Day with reverence and solemnity

Sydney, 15 August 2021

The Consulate General of Bangladesh, Sydney observed the National Mourning Day and the 46th Martyrdom Anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman with due fervor and solemnity.

The day's programme began in the morning with hoisting of the national flag at half-mast by the Consul General Khandker Masudul Alam at the Bangladesh House in Sydney. Later in the afternoon, Consul General along with Consulate officials laid floral wreath at the portrait of the Father of the Nation at the Consulate premises. A minute of silence was observed in memory of the martyrs of the August 15 tragedy and a special prayer was offered seeking salvation of the departed souls of the Father of the Nation and other members of his family. Afterwards, an exclusive virtual discussion session was held with the Consul General in the chair. Former Chairman of the Department of History of Dhaka University and an awardee of Ekushey Padak, eminent Professor Dr. Syed Anwar Husain was the lead speaker of the session.

The discussion session, streamed live on the Consulates Facebook and YouTube channels, began with the playing of National anthem followed by the reading out of messages issued on this occasion by the Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Foreign ministers and Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs. A poem of Anisul Haque "32 Nombor Megher Opare" was recited to the audience by an expatriate Bangladesh national. A video documentary called "Bishwabondhu Bangabandhu" made on the eventful political career the Father of the Nation was also screened at the event.

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After the screening of the documentary, Professor Dr. Syed Anwar Husain delivered his speech recalling the day as the day of mourning and reckoning. Citing from various international news media and other sources, he mentioned, how this heinous killing of the history received criticism from the international leaders. He stressed the need to unearth the greater conspiracy and the conspirators behind the tragic assassination and hoped that the truth would be revealed in the course of time.

The Consul General, in his speech, paid rich tribute to the Father of the Nation and the martyred members of his family. Condemning the heinous crime of the killers, he told that Bangabandhu was not just a person, he was the embodiment of Bangalee Nation, which no one can eliminate. Bangabandhu lived through his achievements and ideals which continued to drive Bangladesh towards the Sonar Bangla that he dreamt of. He urged everyone to turn the sorrow into strength and learn the history of Bangladesh in a dispassionate manner. He requested the young generation to uphold his values and ideals and to follow his footsteps. Finally, he asked everyone to work diligently from their respective positions to build a happy, prosperous, and developed Bangladesh under the capable leadership of Bangabandhu's daughter, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

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