



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

BANGLADESH INDEPENDENCE DAY 2021

I send my warmest greetings to all those who celebrate Bangladesh Independence Day, marking the golden jubilee of Bangladesh.

Bangladesh's significant achievements over the last 50 years in agriculture, industry and development are a record of tremendous national progress, especially for women and girls.

For the people of Bangladesh, these five decades of independence are a strong foundation for peace and prosperity.

Australia is proud to have been one of the first countries to recognise an independent Bangladesh.

Australia's Bangladeshi community grows year by year, building lives and communities in our cities and regional centres. As families and friends reach out across the Indian Ocean, the links between our nations grow stronger and more enduring. They are a treasured part of our national story.

As Australia and Bangladesh approach the 50th anniversary of our diplomatic ties in 2022, we look forward to reflecting on and celebrating a deep and longstanding relationship. It is in this spirit that the people of Australia today join with their friends in Bangladesh to mark the birth of a modern nation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison', written in a cursive style.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia

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