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Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

BANGLADESH INDEPENDENCE DAY 2021

I send my warmest greetings, together with those of the Australian Government and people, on this special day marking fifty years of the independence of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

I also extend my best wishes as you commemorate the centenary of the birth of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, "Father of the Nation".

Today is a time for reflection and celebration.

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

Australia is proud of our shared history with Bangladesh and the warm friendship between our two countries.

Since Bangladesh's independence, we have been working together for the benefit of both our people and our bonds continue to deepen.

Together we will continue to work to help meet the needs of the world's most vulnerable and to address the challenges of our times, including those posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is in this spirit that the people of Australia join with our friends in Bangladesh to mark Bangladesh's Golden Jubilee.