

**Message from the Hon'ble Prime Minister on the Occasion of the  
International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People  
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On the auspicious occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, Bangladesh joins the international community in reaffirming its commitment to the inalienable right of the people of Palestine to self-determination and support to their five-decade long struggle for peace, stability and justice.

As enshrined in its Constitution, Bangladesh is under obligation to “...*support oppressed peoples throughout the world waging a just struggle against imperialism, colonialism, or racialism*”. Our commitment to the cause of Palestine and its people does not stem from any form of enmity towards any country or any people; rather, it is based on the fundamentals of a value-based international order where all people have their rights to survive and thrive in the milieu of a secured life, stable livelihood and responsible prosperity. We reiterate our position in favour of establishing the State of Palestine on the basis of the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

We are shocked by the continued violation of the rights of the brotherly people of Palestine by the occupying forces. We condemn the heinous and barbaric attacks on the people of Palestine, particularly its children, that only aggravate the humanitarian crisis and impede the flow of a civilized dialectic for a viable two-State solution.

Bangladesh believes that for achieving a lasting peace for the people and the state of Palestine, timely implementation of the relevant UN resolutions, the Road Map, the Arab Peace Plan and the efforts made by the Quartet is of paramount importance. As the Chair of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers, we shall continue to work with the international community for resolution of the Palestine question.

We must not let the hope of peace fade away. We must, and I believe we will, resume the peace process without any further delay. We urge all concerned to be pragmatic in their approach and walk together, hand-in-hand, for the establishment of an independent homeland for the Palestinian people where they can live in peace and in dignity side by side with their neighbours.

Joy Bangla Joy Bangabandhu  
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

**Sheikh Hasina**