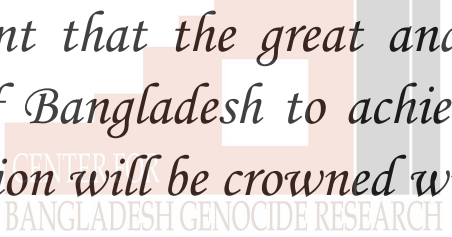




Text of the felicitation message sent by His Majesty the Third King of Bhutan, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, to His Excellency Syed Nazrul Islam, Acting President of Bangladesh, conveying Bhutan's recognition of Bangladesh as a sovereign independent country.

“On behalf of my Government and myself, I would like to convey to Your Excellency and the Government of Bangladesh that we have great pleasure in recognizing Bangladesh as a sovereign independent country.

We are confident that the great and heroic struggle of the people of Bangladesh to achieve freedom from foreign domination will be crowned with success in the close future.



My people and myself pray for the safety of your great leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and we hope that God will deliver him safely from the present peril so that he can lead your country and people in the great task of national reconstruction and progress.”

