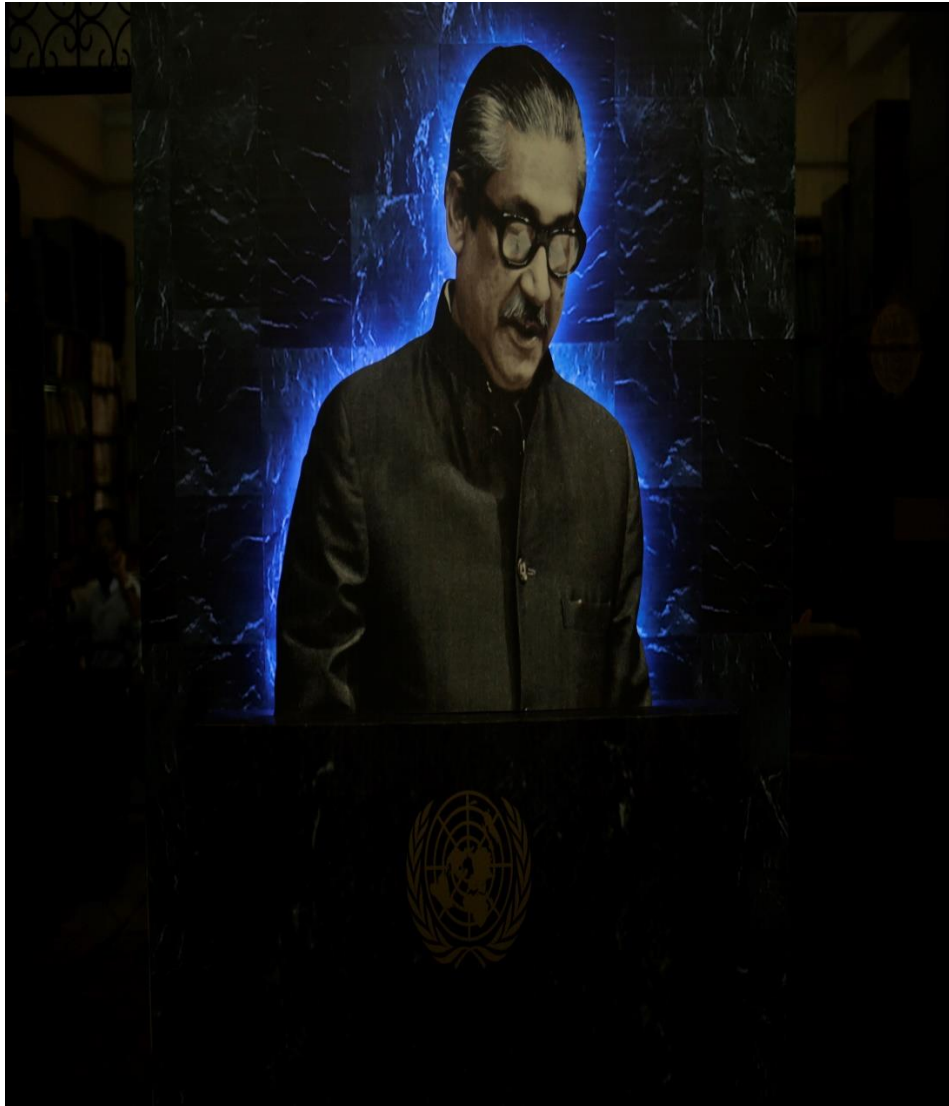


**LAUNCHING OF
BANGABANDHU CORNER
AT BANGLADESH INSTITUTE OF LAW AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (BILIA)**





Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

In celebration of the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the golden jubilee of Bangladesh, BILIA has undertaken an initiative to set up a Bangabandhu corner at BILIA. The Corner was launched on 24 April 2021 at BILIA premises. The inauguration ceremony was held both on a virtual platform (with the virtual presence of distinguished guests) and with a limited physical presence at BILIA. BILIA has initiated a series of lectures, research projects, and many other programs to celebrate the birth centenary of Bangabandhu. Launching the Bangabandhu Corner is part of that year-round plan and program.

Welcome Address



Professor Dr. Mizanur Rahman, Director, BILIA

The inaugural event of Bangabandhu corner began with the welcome speech of Professor Dr. Mizanur Rahman, Director, BILIA. Professor Rahman observed that Bangladesh has been achieved due to Bangabandhu's life-long struggle and dedication to the cause of establishing a secular and democratic state based on equality, human dignity, and social justice. We are grateful to him for giving us an independent country, for the courage, confidence, and dignity he infused among us as a nation.

Launching a Bangabandhu Corner at BILIA is indeed a humblest effort to show our love, respect, and gratitude to Bangabandhu and his noble contribution to the making of Bangladesh. All the books and printed materials on Bangabandhu available in the market will be collected at the corner. We firmly believe that through this corner, Bangabandhu's philosophy and ideology will reach out to a wider readership and be a good source of knowledge and inspiration for the generation next. At the end of his speech, Professor Rahman expressed his gratitude towards His Excellency Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs for his kind consent to inaugurate the corner.

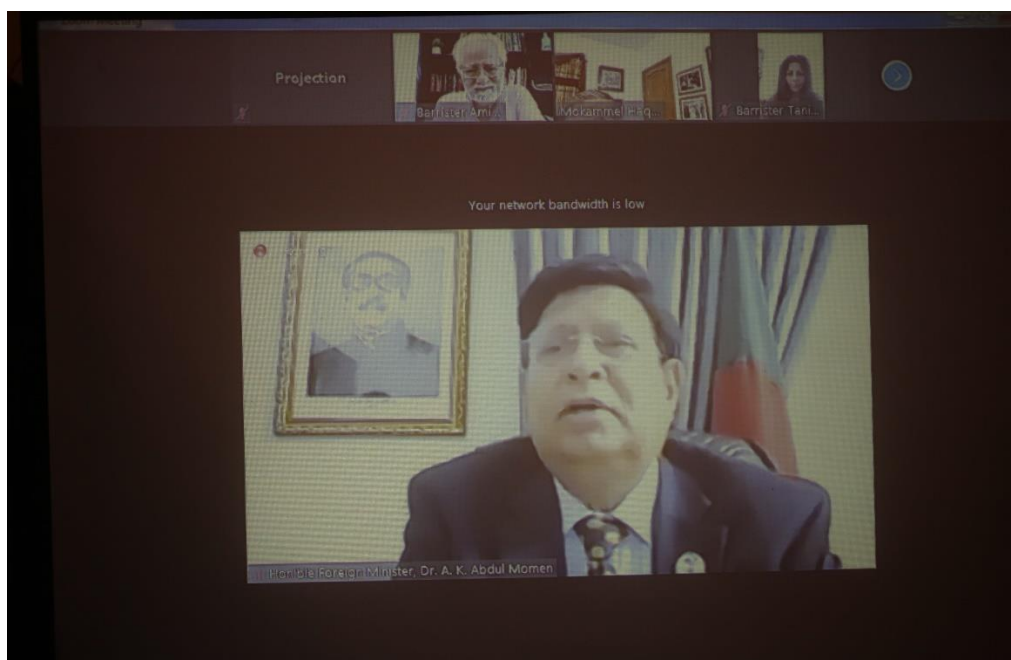
Musical Tribute to Bangabandhu



Musical Tribute to Bangabandhu by Shahrina Tanjim Arni and her friends

After the welcome address, a live musical performance showing tribute to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was excellently performed by Shahrina Tanjim Arni and her friends.

Chief Guest's Speech



H. E. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, GOB

The chief guest of the ceremony, H. E. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, started his speech with the observation that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's sacrifices and struggle for the establishment of democracy, rights of people, justice, socio-economic development has given us today's Bangladesh. Following the footsteps of Bangabandhu, our honorable Prime Minister, Shaikh Hasina, has turned Bangladesh into a land of opportunities and economic miracles from a land of the bottomless basket. Bangabandhu's unprecedented and charismatic leadership brought us independence. He was a man of courageous soul whose mission was to make Bangladesh independent. He established the rights of common people and ensured humanity. He reunited the whole Bengali nation to establish an independent country with secularism, peace, harmony, democracy, and tolerance.

After the independence of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu created a foreign policy based on peace and tolerance which are ingrained in our current foreign policy framework. Today Bangladesh's foreign policy clearly depicts the notion of Bangabandhu that 'friendship towards all and malice towards none'. He firmly believed in democratic rights and social justice for building a peaceful world. The Honorable Minister further stated that Bangabandhu's policy and struggle, perseverance, and sacrifice have inspired us and it will continue to encourage and motivate us, particularly the young generation will be motivated towards peace and harmony. The Minister then suggested involving various stakeholders to hold seminars, symposiums, and short films on Bangabandhu which will make this Corner more attractive to the new generation and disseminate knowledge on Bangabandhu's contribution to nation-building.

Unveiling the Corner



Ambassador Mohammad Zamir, Mr. Justice Shamsuddin Chowdhury and Prof. Dr. Mizanur Rahman unveiling the corner on behalf of the Honorable Minister

Thereafter, the Bangabandhu corner was virtually inaugurated by the chief guest H. E. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Dr. Momen shared his enthusiasm to inaugurate the corner and lamented his inability to join the event physically. He then requested Mr. Justice Shamsuddin Chowdhury, Former Judge, Appellate Division, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Ambassador Mohammad Zamir, Alternate President, BILIA, and Prof. Dr. Mizanur Rahman, Director, BILIA to unveil the corner on his behalf. They did accordingly, the corner was unveiled with huge applause from the audience.

Ambassador Mohammad Zamir in his speech appreciated the initiative of BILIA to establish the Bangabandhu corner at BILIA library. He proposed to the honorable minister that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and BILIA can jointly organize seminar-symposiums on different relevant issues.

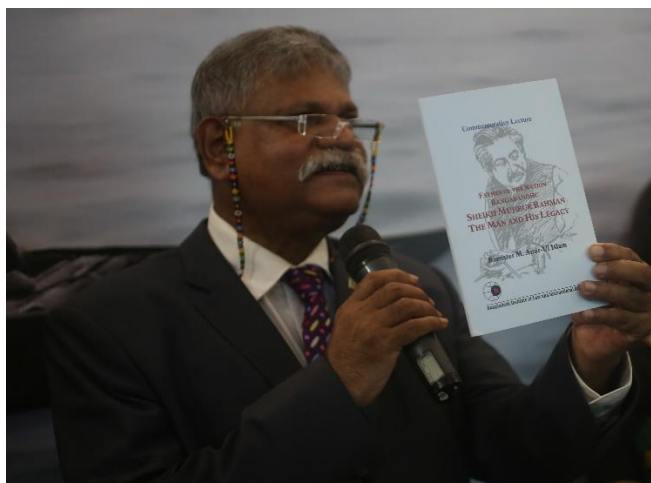


Guests participating the ceremony via zoom video conferencing

Barrister M. Amir-Ul Islam, Honorable Chairman, BILIA, concluded the program with his valuable remarks. He thanked the distinguished guests who have given their precious time to

join the ceremony. He warmly accepted and appreciated the Minister's suggestion to make Bangabandhu Corner more attractive through collaboration with various stakeholders.

The event was ended by launching a book on Bangabandhu titled 'Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman: The man and His legacy' written by Barrister M. Amir-UI Islam. The event was conducted by Tasmiah Ali and Sumaiya Sarwat of BILIA.



Prof. Dr. Mizanur Rahman launching a book on Bangabandhu titled 'Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman: The man and His legacy' written by Barrister M. Amir-UI Islam

The event was graced by the presence of many distinguished guests including eminent journalist Ajay Dasgupta, Mr. Arifuzzaman, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Dr. S.M. Masum Billah, Associate Professor of law at Jagannath University, Mrs. Arpeeta Shams Mizan, Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Dhaka among others.



Guests participating the event physically

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