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Message

A War of Liberation comes but once in the life of a nation. We are indeed blessed to have been part of that defining chapter in the history of our beloved Bangladesh.

On the auspicious occasion of the 54th anniversary of the commissioning of the officers of the 2nd Bangladesh Liberation War Course, I extend my warm felicitations and heartfelt congratulations to all members of the Course and their families.

I pay profound tribute to the valiant freedom fighters and martyrs whose courage and supreme sacrifice secured the independence and sovereignty of Bangladesh. The Great War of Liberation remains the most glorious chapter in our national history and the enduring foundation of our aspirations for freedom, justice, democracy and human dignity.

As the Liberation War intensified, 131 battle-hardened freedom fighters responded to the urgent need to strengthen the officer corps and volunteered for training as officer cadets. Organized into the 1st and 2nd Bangladesh Liberation War Courses, they underwent an intensive fourteen-week training at Murti, India. While officers of the 1st Course proceeded directly to the battlefield, members of the 2nd Course continued their training until Bangladesh achieved its cherished independence. Returning to Dhaka in 1972, they completed further advanced military training before being commissioned on 5 August 1972.

It was my distinct privilege to serve as one of their instructors and witness their exceptional discipline, courage, patriotism and dedication. Chosen from among countless freedom fighters, they became the pioneering generation of commissioned officers of the Armed Forces of independent Bangladesh, laying a strong foundation for the professional Armed Forces of the young Republic.

Today, enriched by experience, wisdom and distinguished service, the surviving members of the Course continue to command the nation's deepest respect and gratitude. Many shed their blood, while some made the supreme sacrifice in defense of the motherland. Their courage, sacrifice and dedicated service remain an enduring part of our national heritage.

As we commemorate this anniversary, let us renew our commitment to the ideals of the Great War of Liberation and work together to build a democratic, just, humane, modern and prosperous Bangladesh.

I wish all members of the 2nd Bangladesh Liberation War Course and their families good health, happiness, peace and prosperity.

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