

## **I Testify That**

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I testify that I am the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 1971.

Although my genesis is seemingly visible on this mortal earth,

I'm eternally immortal in the realm of time eternal.

My human icon is Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib, alive forever.

I testify that Bangabandhu is the Father of Bangali nation;

I testify that he has given a judicious lesson for freedom

Of all nations leading to worldwide human emancipation.

'Who on this earth wants to live without freedom, who?'

Let free humans of this free world gaze with amazement

At the red-green flag of Bangladesh, the nation-state.

I testify that

Bangabandhu's historic declaration from the Tower of Freedom on 7<sup>th</sup> March

Upholds universal proclamation for unchaining humankind on this earth.

I testify that

The struggle of 7<sup>th</sup> March is the struggle for freedom of all individuals on this earth,

The struggle of 7<sup>th</sup> March is the struggle for independence of all nation-states.

I testify that

I am an ever-evolving moment renewing time past, present and future;

The tri-partite estuary of the wise ones knowing epochs and spheres;

I am a vibrant icon of all creatures and essence of life in this universe;

I am the cosmic clock of time celestial, ticking and ticking without pause.

I am victory to Bengal – land and people; I am victory to time auspicious.

I am victory to all human beings and ages on this never-ending universe.

Translated by the poet