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On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the 'Nakba' (the 'Catastrophe'), on behalf of the people of Bangladesh, I express my deepest sympathy and unwavering solidarity to the Palestinian Arabs and their families who were displaced and dispossessed *en masse* from their own land on this day in 1948 and afterwards, which continues till today.

I thank the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People for observing this day for the first time at the Headquarters of the United Nations. Nakba was not only an act of violent expulsion of Palestinians from their own land, it marked the beginning of what is known today as Israeli apartheid.

The observance of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 'Nakba' is a timely reminder of the historical injustice caused to the Palestinians, and the duty of the United Nations and its members to end the sufferings that this shameful catastrophe inflicted upon them through generations. They deserve justice and remedy, which can only be done by holding the perpetrators of this tragic event accountable and by securing a just solution for the Palestine refugees, and the Palestinian people living under continued occupation, including their inalienable rights to self-determination.

On this day I reiterate our call for the peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine in all its aspects on the basis of international law and United Nations resolutions and for the achievement of an end to the Israeli occupation and establishment of an independent, sovereign and viable State of Palestine, on the basis of the pre-1967 borders.

I urge the international community to step up efforts to reverse the consequences of 'Nakba' and restore the legitimate rights and aspirations of the Palestinian people to live in safety, stability, and dignity in a sovereign homeland.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu  
May Bangladesh Live Forever

**Sheikh Hasina**