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### International Mother Language Day

Sir,

I can't help expressing my profound happiness and satisfaction over a recent decision by the UNESCO to observe the February 21 as "International Mother Language Day" throughout the world. We feel proud that as many as 188 member countries of the United Nations would now observe February 21 internationally alongwith us. Really it's an unprecedented and unique honour by the international community to our great martyrs who in 1952 sacrificed their lives for the cause of our beloved mother tongue.

In this connection, through these columns of B.O. I take the opportunity to congratulate very heartily the concerned expatriate Bangladeshi group who first took the initiative for declaration of an international mother language day on the basis of our 52's great language movement.

Finally I congratulate the UNESCO on adopting the historical draft resolution for giving international honour to our mother language and all supporting countries for their respective historical role in this regard. Long live the Bengali language.

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