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## ADAB hails declaration of Mother Language Day

The Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) on Saturday welcomed the declaration of Ekushey February as the "International Mother Language Day" saying that this decision has enhanced the dignity of Bangla language and the Bengali nation as a whole, reports BSS.

In a joint statement in Dhaka ADAB Chairperson Dr. Qazi Faruque Ahmed and Director Shamsul Huda said with the historic declaration our position as a nation has been glorified in the global community among the four thousand languages of the world.

They expressed their gratitude to the UNESCO for this epoch-making decision while extended their deep appreciation to the Canadian organization 'Mother Language of the World' and handful of Bangladeshi expatriates in Canada who initiated the move.

The ADAB executives also felicitated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Education Minister ASHK Sadeque for their timely and correct initiative in this regard. They also paid glowing tributes to the heroes of great 52 language movement who made supreme sacrifices for establishing Bangla as the state language.