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PRIME MINISTER
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BANGLADESH

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Excellency,

I, on behalf of the Government and the people of Bangladesh, and on my behalf, convey to you the most profound shock and grief, and through you, our heartfelt condolences and sympathies to the people of the United Kingdom at the sudden passing away of Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth The Second. Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved Royal family members and the mourning people of the United Kingdom as we pray for the eternal peace and salvation of Her Majesty's departed soul.

Her Majesty was not only the pillar and strength of our Commonwealth family of 2.5 billion people but also an epitome of grace, dignity, wisdom, and service. As the most legendary and longest reigning Monarch in the world's contemporary history, Her Majesty set the highest standards of duty, service, and sacrifice and left an unmatched legacy of dedication to her countless people around the world.

Her Majesty remains a tremendous source of inspiration, courage, and strength for our nationals, who recall with great reverence her two historic royal visits to the home of the Bengali people. The memoirs between Her Majesty and our Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the UK and two Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings in Ottawa and Kingston will remain everlasting. I greatly admire our last personal interactions at the 2018 CHOGM in London. Her Majesty's most passionate message of felicitation extended to the people of Bangladesh on the Golden Jubilee of our independence - 'We share ties of friendship and affection, which remain the foundation of our partnership and are as important today as fifty years ago.' - shall be carried forward heart to heart over and over again while nourishing the relations between the two Commonwealth Nations. With her saddest demise, the people of Bangladesh and I, personally, have not only lost a most trusted friend but also a true guardian.

May the Almighty bequeath courage and fortitude to the members of the Royal family and the people of the United Kingdom, the realms, and the Commonwealth to withstand this irreparable loss.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sheikh Hasina

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