

Condolence Message of the National Executive Committee Bangladesh Nationalist Cultural and Sports Association

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In a joint statement, the leaders expressed profound grief at her demise. They stated that Begum Khaleda Zia's life of struggle began during the turbulent period of the Great War of Independence. Following the martyrdom of President Ziaur Rahman on May 30, 1981, she stepped out from domestic life and actively entered politics, embarking on a relentless journey of struggle at the national level.

In the 1991 national parliamentary elections, she was elected with an overwhelming mandate from five constituencies and made history by becoming the first female Prime Minister of Bangladesh under the parliamentary system, earning the trust and affection of the people.

Until her last breath, Begum Khaleda Zia remained deeply revered in the hearts of the marginalized people of Bangladesh. Her passing marks the loss of an uncompromising national leader who stood firmly for independence, sovereignty, and democracy. Her absence is irreparable. The leaders expressed their deepest condolences and extended heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.