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Dear Friends:

It is a great honor to congratulate and wish a most heartfelt appreciation to all the organizers and participants of the International Bangla Festival Parade & Rally for bringing this event to Queens County.

This traditional festival will be taking place for the first time in North America right here in Jackson Heights, Queens. During this event, thousands of Bengali speaking members of the Bangladeshi and Indian communities will visit from across the United States, Canada and from all corners of the world.

This event will share rich the culture, history and heritage of Bengaladeshi heritage with all New Yorkers. Local residents will be treated to a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet distinguished authors, noted poets and be greeted by esteemed Bangladesh governmental dignitaries. Those participating in the event will be provided with an education and understanding of this great culture.

New York City is the most ethnically diverse place in the world. This melting of cultures and the understanding of different backgrounds make our city great, strong and vibrant. Therefore, it is fitting and proper to thank the Muktadhara Foundation for sponsoring this important cultural event and to afford our City the great honor of hosting this spectacular Bengali Festival.

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