

English translation:

There is no sign of inequality anywhere. Our national flag is so beautiful, and its representation is so wonderful. Under this flag, all our countrymen are like brothers. There is total tolerance for people of all faiths. There is not that much of a gap between the rich and poor. Everyone has equal rights to the wealth of the country. Our flag bears the message of an independent Bangladesh and people's equality. It influences us in our education, culture and hopes. It is an exemplar of love and parity.

The national flag has given us the rights to claim nationalist pride. It is hoisted in schools, colleges, and other educational institutions, and students are taught to treat it with due respect. Every citizen should revere the national flag. The person/people who will be responsible for running the nation in the next generation should be taught how to treat the flag with the utmost respect. That is the reason why, before starting the day's work, students assemble in front of the national flag in educational institutions. The national flag is also exhibited in movie theatres before the movie begins. The audience has to stand in silence to show respect. We should always pay respect to the national flag whenever we see it. Anyone who does not do so can be said to be heartless and inhuman. Our national flag is very dear to us. It is a relic of our pride, an object of admiration. If needed, one should be willing even to shed his/her own blood to protect the honor of the national flag. Tens of thousands of brave young men have sacrificed their lives, without the slightest hesitation, to save the dignity of the flag. The national flag is an object of high esteem. Not treating a national flag with due respect and betraying one's nation is the same thing.

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