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### **Bangladesh condoles sad demise of world boxing legend Muhammad Ali**

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has sent a condolence message to US President Barack Obama at the sad demise of global boxing legend Muhammad Ali who was an honorary citizen of Bangladesh.

Prime Minister Hasina described Ali as one of the greatest sports icon of all time and said he has long been a household name in Bangladesh and is regarded with great respect and passion by its people for his extraordinary talent and skills in boxing, and “also for his bold voice to uphold the dignity of all human beings and challenge all wrongs.”

“The greatest boxer in the history was a bridge between our two friendly countries and would remain so for generations to come. The people of Bangladesh would always remember their brother, Muhammad Ali, with love and reverence,” the Prime Minister said in her condolence message issued from Dhaka on June 4.

Sheikh Hasina conveyed her deepest condolence to the US President and through him to the members of the bereaved family and to the people of the United States. She prayed for the salvation of Ali's departed soul.