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other families yet," said MA Rahim at the press conference.
At Thursday's programme, DSCC Mayor Sayeed Khokon said of the victims, only 31 applied for compensation, and that is why they were giving compensation to them.
He said bureaucratic process has taken them a long time to hand over the compensation to the victim families.
Ashik Uddin, a cousin of Wasi Uddin

Mahid who was killed in the fire, said, "None of us who are here is a chemical expert. We do not know what harmful chemical was stored inside Hazi Wahed Mansion, which resulted in the fire ripping through the structures and its surrounding ones so severely."
He urged landlords not to rent out any more houses for storing such chemicals for money.
Later on the day, the victim families also formed a human chain there.

Breaking the barrier

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our mother tongue," he said.
Bangladesh lawmaker Sheik Afil Uddin presided over the event. He hoped such a gathering would bring people of the two countries closer.
Swapan Bhattacharjee, state minister

for Local Govt, Rural Development and Cooperatives, also paid tributes to the language heroes.
Several socio-cultural and political organisations also took part in the programme.

Of pride and inspiration

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an Ekushey Padak make up the display of his personal items.
"Names of Salam, Barkat, Rafique, Jabbar, Shafur... are synonymous to Ekushey February. I've read about them in textbooks. But visiting this place helped me understand their struggle, how they stood up for what's right and made the ultimate sacrifice for our mother tongue," said Saima while looking at a photo of students at the historic Amtala.
There is also a digital information booth beside the stairs, which leads to the second floor, and a balcony-like library where shelves are stacked with books on the Language Movement and Liberation War.
Readers can utilise the reading space or buy books at 10 percent discount, said Md Abdul Mumin, security in-charge. He said around 20-25 people visit the place every day on an average. The number goes up in February. "It is also open for all," he added.
Enamul Haque, an official at the museum, said, "We also arrange programmes in observance of Ekushey February."
Standing on the second floor, Khairul Alam, a student of social sciences at DU, was looking at the ground floor wall.
It contains a wall-to-wall painting of the events of the day -- protest, police brutality, portraits of the martyrs and nation paying homage to language heroes at Central Shaheed Minar.
"Every time I come here, I feel a sense of responsibility towards my culture and

heritage," Khairul told this correspondent.
His friend, Mohaimanul Islam of Titumir College, was visiting the memorial for the first time. He said he was feeling melancholic, yet grateful at the same time.
Contacted, Dr Abu Md Delwar Hossain, director of the memorial, said, "Like every year, we have arranged a three-day programme to observe Amar Ekushey."
He said they also host events for children with Down syndrome.
"Usually, we organise the events on February 22-24. But we had to change the dates to 27-29 as it was colliding with Charukala's (Faculty of Fine Arts) programmes," said Prof Delwar, also dean of the Arts faculty.
"We have already notified schools in this regard," he added.
Meantime, Shahana and her daughter were about to leave the museum.
"Ekushey is not just about a nation's struggle for its right; it's also about enhancing awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions and to protect and promote linguistic diversity," said Shahana.
Shahana was right. Ekushey is also an achievement.
Such a passionate saga of sacrifice to establish an innate and sacrosanct right to a people's mother tongue was recognised as International Mother Language Day on November 17, 1999 by Unesco, and thanks to that, it has today become a source of inspiration worldwide for linguistic diversity and the right to express in one's own voice.

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Invitation for Tender (Works)

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e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following packages:

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1	428017	GSIDP/MNK/SD W-95	Improvement of Titumir Eastpara Near Danaz Ali House Jame Mosque Union Kolia Latitude 23.9595 Longitude 89.8991 under Daulatpur Upazila, Dist: Manikganj	LTM
2	428018	GSIDP/MNK/DW -155	Improvement of Anjuman-E-Kaderia Jame Mosque Union Shibalaya Latitude 23.813513 Longitude 89.786972 under Shibalaya Upazila, Dist: Manikganj	
3	428019	GSIDP/MNK/DW -156	Improvement of Annoyur Jame Mosque Union Shibalaya Latitude 23.813409 Longitude 89.786772 under Shibalaya Upazila, Dist: Manikganj	
4	428020	GSIDP/MNK/DW -157	Improvement of Dhakin Teola Jame Mosque Union Teola Latitude 23.8686 Longitude 89.7819 under Shibalaya Upazila, Dist: Manikganj	
5	428021	GSIDP/MNK/DW -158	Improvement of Jamunabad Purbopara Jame Mosque Union Shimulia Latitude 23.8001 Longitude 89.89080 under Shibalaya Upazila, Dist: Manikganj	
6	428022	GSIDP/MNK/DW -159	Improvement of Shibalaya Tapra Mondir Union Ulail Latitude 23.848086 Longitude 89.829584 under Shibalaya Upazila, Dist: Manikganj	
7	428023	GSIDP/MNK/SD W-160	Improvement of Amdala Koyra and Bhoukandi Surbojanin Durga Mondir Union Ulail Latitude 23.817647 Longitude 89.813182 under Shibalaya Upazila, Dist: Manikganj	
8	428024	GSIDP/MNK/DW -162	Improvement of Rehaj Durgapur Jame Mosque Union Bachamara Latitude 23.99227 Longitude 89.70140 under Daulatpur Upazila, Dist: Manikganj	
9	428026	GSIDP/MNK/DW -163	Improvement of Somethpur Westpur Eidgah Jame Mosque Union Chakmirpur Latitude 23.97644 Longitude 89.82005 under Daulatpur Upazila, Dist: Manikganj	
10	428027	GSIDP/MNK/DW -164	Improvement of Singair Kailimondir Union Singair Pourashava Latitude 23.4855 Longitude 90.841 under Singair Upazila, Dist: Manikganj	
11	428029	GSIDP/MNK/SD W-161	Improvement of Birapur Jame Mosque Union Ulail Latitude 23.816566 Longitude 89.844796 under Shibalaya Upazila, Dist: Manikganj	
12	429893	GDP-3/MA-46	Improvement of Nayrhat GC-Dhulshura GC Road at Ch. 6500-8500m under Dhushura union Upazila Harirampur, District: Man	