

Mujib Borsho celebrations to launch today

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The nation is set to celebrate the inauguration of Mujib Borsho today, with programmes revised in light of the recent coronavirus cases.

"The celebrations will begin with fireworks at 8pm on Suhrawardy Udyan tomorrow, marking the moment of Bangabandhu's birth," Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, chief coordinator of the birth centenary celebration national implementation committee, told a media briefing yesterday at the International Mother Language Institute (IMLI).

Organisers selected Suhrawardy Udyan for the inauguration, considering the site to be historic as Bangabandhu had delivered his momentous March 7, 1971 speech there.

Chowdhury said the fireworks would be immediately followed by a recorded two-hour long inaugural programme, including addresses to the nation by President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The programme will be aired on all electronic media, including Bangladesh Television (BTV), Bangladesh Betar, online and social media simultaneously, he added.

Bangabandhu's younger daughter Sheikh Rehana will also express her feelings on Bangabandhu during the programme, he added.

Chowdhury said presidents and prime ministers of different countries, including Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Nepalese President Bidhya Devi Bhandari, Bhutanese Prime Minister Dr Lotay Tshering, Secretary General of the United Nations Antonio Guterres and Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Yousef bin Ahmad Al-Othaimen will deliver messages on the occasion.

The inaugural ceremony will end with another fireworks display at the South Plaza of the Jatiya Sangsad, Chowdhury added.

Bangabandhu's birthday is a public holiday, and is also observed as National Children's Day.

The countdown for the birth centenary celebrations

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Mujib Borsho Pvt banks to hold special programme

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All private banks of the country have taken a special programme marking the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

According to the programme details, all staff, including executives of the banks, will stand in line in front of their branches wearing t-shirts and holding placards with the "Mujib Borsho" logo for ten minutes, at 10am tomorrow.

All banking activities will be suspended for ten minutes for the programme.

Chairmen and director of the banks will also stand with t-shirts and placards in front of the head office, according to an official letter issued by the Bangladesh Association of Bankers (BAB) recently.

BAB took the decision to celebrate Mujib Borsho following an executive committee meeting on March 5, reads the letter signed by its secretary general.

Directors of the banks will also cut a cake at their respective banks' boardrooms, while branch

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1 held over death of man in 'drunken scuffle'

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A businessman was killed during a scuffle with his friend at the bar of a hotel in the capital's Banani area on March 11, police said yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Shehzad Khan, 45, an export-import businessman.

The incident came in light after Detective Branch of police arrested the accused -- Babu Hawlader (37) from North Badda in the capital early yesterday.

Babu works at a sub-registrar's office in the capital.

"Shehaz and Babu drank alcohol at the bar of Hotel Sweet Dream on

that night. When their bill came to Tk 8,000, an altercation ensued as Babu told Shehzad to share the tab," said Md Golam Saklain, additional deputy commissioner of the Detective Branch (north) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

During a scuffle at the ground floor of the hotel, some staffers mediated the situation.

However, they again engaged in altercation after going out of the hotel around 2am, he said.

"They punched and beat each other. At one point, Shehzad fell down on the street and Babu fled," the DB official added.

Later, some pedestrians took Shehzad to Uttara Crescent Hospital in a CNG-run auto-rickshaw where doctors declared him dead.

Shehzad's brother Kamal Hossain filed a murder case with Banani Police Station on March 11. Later, DB took charge of the investigation.

Morgue sources at Dhaka Medical College said Shehzad's body bore some injury marks. They also collected tissue samples for further assessment.

A Dhaka court granted two-day remand for Babu yesterday, after police produced him before it and

sought seven-day remand.

The Daily Star called a cellphone number from the hotel's website, and a staffer named Hasan answered.

He said police have been investigating the incident. They collected CCTV footage and interrogated some of their staff.

"You will get more information from police," the hotel employee said, refusing to share details of the incident.

Hailing from Bajitpur of Kishoreganj, Shehzad has an export-import company named BK Trade International, said one of his relatives.

