



Dhaka Day by Day

A Noble Initiative that Fails to Serve Purpose

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Today we are able to write freely, live a secured, respected life because of these brave men, who fought defying all odds, standing against injustice, to fulfill their dream of a free Bangladesh. They gave us — the next generation, the honour of being brought up in a liberated country.

Few months after our country became independent, the idea of Muktiyoddha Kalyan Trust (Bangladesh Freedom Fighters Welfare Trust) was conceived. The proposal was accepted by the Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. In July 1972, the Trust came into effect.

This is an unique organisation. It is working to ensure stability to the future of our war injured freedom fighters (WIFF) and members of shaheed families.

What we are dealing with, is a very sensitive and emotional issue. These men were injured and many lost their dear ones in the war. And now it has become one of our important moral responsibility to look after the freedom fighters, says the Managing Director, Brigadier Mohammad Shahidul Islam (Bir Pratik).

During last twenty years, the number of enlisted WIFF and members of shaheed families is around 5000. There are many unknown equally courageous men, who might need the help of the trust more.

The main responsibility of the trust is to give a monthly allowance, to these WIFF and the members of the shaheed families.

This they do on a regular basis. A totally paralysed WIFF gets Tk 4,200 (inclusive of medical allowance) and an injured fighter without job gets Tk 1440. Tk 975 is given to each of these men who are rehabilitated with jobs. Separate allowances are also given for Eid, marriages, education and entertainment.

However the problem is hardly solved by allocation of funds of this size.

In this inflationary period, this is a very small amount. It is just not possible to make ends meet every three months. We are not asking for any body's pity, neither are we begging. Why this humiliation when we went to war, we never dreamt of returning, but now that we are back, injured both emotionally and physically, why are we being treated as burdens? grieved a freedom fighter.

This country is soaked in our blood. The ones who gave their lives are better off. They are honored, but the problem is with those of who are injured. It seems our honesty, our past, has made us social outcasts.

The Trust which is working for us should take stronger steps to improve our neglected condition," he added.

While talking to The Daily Star, Brigadier Islam spoke about the present situation of the Trust. He said, "We have to treat each of them differently, according to their temperament. At present, the Trust has 22 industries under its control and their profits are actually distributed for allowance for the WIFF and shaheed family members."

"Ninety-six per cent of the industry owners before '71 were Pakistanis. When they left, they diverted all the cash, raw materials, everything to Pakistan, leaving behind only the worn out ones and huge debts in banks. The abandoned properties were given to us. Their ancient technology and machineries are useless for the modern industry, which hamper the production and profit where competition is concerned.

Moreover, the banks do not want to disburse loans to improve industry because of the pre-war liabilities. The name of the banks were changed not their books, which have long list of dues against these industries, allotted to us.

"Actually what we really want the government to do for us is to make the Bangladesh Freedom Fighters Welfare Trust a Tax Free Organisations, modernise our industries and increase our funds. All this, so that a respectable amount of money can be given to these men."

Few of these industries have had profitable years, with government and other sources providing funds. Why is it so hard to bear the responsibility of these men, less than 5000 in number?

There is no doubt that the Trust is faced with many problems. Its members are concerned over their problems, while the management is uncertain as to how to revitalise the industries placed under the ownership of the Trust. One good thing is that the Trust is there. All that we need to do is to give it a new lease of life, instead of starting a new organisation from scratch.



Muktiyoddha Kalyan Trust office stands at the city centre.



President Abdur Rahman Biswas placing wreath at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial yesterday. — Star photo

Martyred Intellectuals Day observed

People's basic demands yet to be guaranteed: Badruddoza

Deputy Leader of the House Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday criticised the recent trend of politicising everything and said the intellectuals who embraced martyrdom in 1971 for this soil didn't belong to any party, reports UNB.

"They were all patriots, one need not belong to a party to be a patriot," he said speaking as chief guest at a discussion meeting arranged in the Shilpakala Academy auditorium in observance of the Martyred Intellectuals Day.

Paying glowing tributes to the martyred intellectuals, Prof Chowdhury stressed united efforts for ensuring basic needs of the people.

"Twenty-one years have elapsed since independence, but people's basic demands — food, shelter, clothing, medicare and education — for which millions of people sacrificed their lives are yet to be guaranteed," he said.

Prof Chowdhury also called upon the people to realise the dreams of martyred intellectuals and resist any attempt on democracy.

Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Emajuddin Ahmed presided over the meeting where State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahannara Begum was the special guest.

Editor of the Bangladesh Times Mahub Anam, Artist Haseem Khan, Dr Syed Manjurul Islam and Shilpakala Academy Director General Mobarak Hossain Khan also took part in the discussion.

The speakers called for all to work unitedly in the spirit of Liberation War to ensure a better future for the next generation.

ISS adds: Speakers at a discussion meeting yesterday criticised the sole claimant of the spirit of the Liberation War saying a particular political party and a section of intellectuals aligned to it were out to divide the nation in the name of pro and anti-Liberation forces.

They said the killers of the martyred intellectuals were given clemency by the government who took over immediately after the independence and that particular force was now raising various issues to create division among the people and hinder the process of democracy and development.

The speakers also said that the people of this country who had shed their blood for achieving independence were ready to sacrifice their lives for thwarting any intrigue against our national independence.

They were addressing a discussion meeting organised by the Jatiyatobadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha (JASAS), cultural wing of BNP, in observance of the Martyred Intellectuals' Day at the Ramna

Batalmal. Presided over by noted film maker and JASAS convener Amjad Hossain the meeting was addressed by BNP Secretary General and the Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Abdus Salam Talukder, Mir Showkat Ali, Sector Commander of No 5 Sector during the War of Liberation and President BNP Dhaka city unit, former chairman of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad Mahfuzur Rahman, Syed Zafar, acting Editor of Dainik Dinkal, Amanullah Kabir, Secretary General of Bangladesh Federation of Journalists (BFJ), Haris Chowdhury, special assistant to BNP chairperson and Zahid Hossain Chhunu, joint convener of JASAS.

DU Correspondent adds: Speakers at a discussion at the Dhaka University yesterday urged all to resist the anti-liberation forces to fulfil the dreams of the intellectuals who sacrificed their lives for a free and democratic country.

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Emajuddin Ahmed of Dhaka University presided over the discussion held at the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) of the university yesterday morning to observe the Martyred Intellectuals' Day.

The VC Professor Emajuddin in his speech said that we have to protect the democracy what we have achieved.

Regarding the demolition of Babri Masjid (mosque) the VC urged all concerned to maintain communal harmony across the country.

The discussion was also attended by Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Wakil Ahmed, Ajay Roy, Professor Sayed-ur-Rahman, Mohammed Salim and Sayed Abdur Rashid.

Chittagong

The Martyred Intellectuals' Day was observed here with due solemnity and renewed pledge to translate the dreams of the martyrs into realities, reports BSS.

Various political parties, socio-cultural and student organisations, educational institutions and trade unions observed the day through placing wreaths at the Shaheed Minar, holding discussions and seminar highlighting the importance of the day and mourning processions.

Vice-Chancellor of the Chittagong University along with teachers, officers and staffs placed wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar at the university this morning. Chittagong Press Club, Chittagong Union of Journalists and Bijoy Mela Parishad also placed wreaths at the central Shaheed Minar at one minute past 12 last night.

Jatiyatobadi Ainjibi Forum brought out a procession here today in protest against demo-

lition of the historic Babri Masjid in India by Hindu fanatics.

The procession, led by member-secretary of the forum, Advocate Abdus Salam Mamun, passed through Andarkilla, Momin Road, Jamal Khan Road and was terminated in front of the press club.

Khulna

Our Staff Correspondent from Khulna adds: The Martyred Intellectuals Day observed in the city yesterday by various political, socio-cultural and student organisations through organising discussion meetings.

The organisations include, Awami League, CPB, BSD, Khulna Press Club, Khulna Union of Journalists, Sammilito Sangskritik Jote, Communist League, Projanmo-71 and Ghatak Dalai Nirmul Committee.

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BSRS Officers Welfare Assoc
The executive body of Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (BSRS) Officers Welfare Association at a meeting Monday called upon the government to include the actual history of Liberation War in the text books.
The meeting organised on the occasion of the Martyred Intellectuals Day was addressed among others by the association's general secretary Khalilur Rahman, M S Salam, Amirul Islam, Munshi Bazul Rahman, Akhtaruzzaman, Kazal
Mitra and Ataur Rahman with Shamsul Haq Alinoor, president of the association in chair.

BCS General Education Association
A 25-member executive body of BCS General Education, Dhaka College unit was formed on December 10 with Latifur Rahman as president, Mahfuzur Rahman as vice-president and Selim Khondoker as the secretary.
The body sat at a meeting of the unit with Prof Latifur Rahman in chair.



3 brothers' martyrdom anniversary today

The 21st anniversary of martyrdom of three freedom fighters of the same family — Badruzzaman, Shahadat and Karimuzzaman — will be observed today.
The three brothers were killed by the local collaborators of the occupation force on this day in 1971. Their bodies were recovered from the marshy land of Rayerbazar on the day of victory after a nine-month-long bloody struggle for independence.
In observance of the day, milad mahfil and Qurankhwan will be held and destitutes would be fed at the martyred family's 98, Ram Krishna Mission Road residence in the city.

MEENABAZAR
In Aid of Free Medical Centre and Free Literacy Complex—
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What's on today

Symposium at USIS

Worldnet, the US government's international satellite television network, will be the forum for a discussion on how foreign policy is framed in a democratic government at the United States Information Service (USIS) auditorium at the 3rd floor of Jiban Bima Bhaban, today (Tuesday) at 6.30 pm.

The Washington guest of the symposium will be David Tanks, a senior staff member of the Institute for Foreign Policy analysis.

Seminar on the politics of last two decades

Bangladesh Jatiya Sahitya Sangsad and Nazrul Jatiya Smriti Sangsad in observance of the Victory Day will jointly hold a seminar on "Politics of the last two decades and Economic Development," followed by a cultural programme at the Jatiya Grantha Kendra auditorium today (Tuesday) at 4 pm.

Principal Dewan Mohammad Azraf will inaugurate the seminar and Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury will attend as chief guest.

Kranti discussion meet

Kranti, a cultural organisation has organised a discussion meeting on "The Spirit of the Freedom Fight Strengthens Me" and a cultural programme to be held at the Biswa Shahitya Kendra today (Tuesday) at 4.30 pm.

The programme will be presided over by Dr Ahmed Rafiq and addressed by Kranti President Mahubul Alam Chowdhury, Kamal Lohani, Prof Abul Kasem Fazlul Haq and others.

Lions Club of Dhaka Golden meet

The monthly board meeting of the Lions Club of Dhaka Golden will be held today (Tuesday) at Sundarban Hotel at 5 pm.

Commemorative lecture

Prof Anisuzzaman will present a paper titled "Dharmarashtra, Dharmantirapckhata O Rashtadhama" (theocratic state, secularism and state religion) at a programme today (Tuesday) marking the martyred Intellectuals Day. Hosted by the Department of History of the Dhaka University, the commemorative lecture session will begin at 11 in the morning at the IBA auditorium.

BIBM seminar

A seminar on Development of Capital Market in Bangladesh will be held today (Tuesday) at the Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM), Mirpur.

Rotary Club of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar

Rotary Club of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka will hold the 4th Installation Tea Meeting of the club for 1992-93 today (Tuesday) at 9:30 pm at Hotel Sonargaon.

Ushashi wall paper display

Ushashi, a literary and cultural organisation will organise a display of a mammoth wall paper on historical chronology of Bangladesh from 1757 to 1990 today (Tuesday) in Dhaka Medical College.

Unmesh Film Society

Unmesh Film Society will screen the film La Beauté Du Día Ble today (Tuesday) at 5:30 pm at the Alliance Française auditorium.



Dr Rabbee's anniversary of death today

The 21st death anniversary of Dr Md Fazle Rabbee will be observed today with due solemnity, says a press release.

Dr Rabbee who actively supported the Freedom Fighters during Liberation War was picked up on this day by the Pakistani occupation forces in collaboration with local Al-Badar, Al-Shams and Razakars from his residence. Later he was brutally killed at Rayer Bazar killing centre.

His body was recovered and buried at New Azimpur graveyard.

The programmes to mark the day include offering floral wreath on his grave, Quran khwani and milad mahfil at HC-13, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

Painting show of Italian painter begins today

A week-long exhibition of water colour paintings by the Italian painter Coliuseppe Rigi on will begin today (Tuesday) at La Galerie, says a press release.

The exhibition has been arranged by the Italian Embassy in Dhaka.

Ambassador of Italy Dr Claudio Pacifico will inaugurate the exhibition today at 5.30 pm.

Weather

Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather with fair sky may prevail over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Tuesday). The Met office forecasts, night temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The minimum temperature of 9.2 degree Celsius was recorded in Rajshahi and Srimangal yesterday (Monday) and the maximum of 27.2 degree was reported from Teknaf.

The sun sets today at 5.14 and rises tomorrow at 6.34 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity of some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	25.6	12.0
Chittagong	26.4	14.8
Rajshahi	25.8	9.2
Khulna	25.7	12.0
Cox's Bazar	26.5	15.8
Sylhet	25.6	13.5
Dinajpur	24.3	10.7
Barisal	26.0	12.2
	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	80	64
Chittagong	84	69
Rajshahi	77	76
Khulna	83	80
Cox's Bazar	77	74
Sylhet	73	53
Dinajpur	95	78
Barisal	92	85

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