

Martyred Intellectuals Day programmes

By Staff Correspondent

The nation observes the Martyred Intellectuals Day tomorrow to pay homage to those who were killed by the collaborators of the Pakistani occupation forces on the eve of victory in the Liberation War in 1971.

The collaborators — Razakars, Al-Badr and Al-Shams — killed the pro-Bangladesh teachers, writers, journalists, poets, doctors and cultural activists in order to cripple the emerging nation intellectually.

The killers picked up most of the intellectuals from their homes and murdered them in groups. The mutilated and decomposed bodies of many of them were later recovered from Rayer Bazar and Mirpur in the city.

There was no trace of many others.

Among those killed were Professor G C Dev, Jyotirmay Guhathakurta, Mofazzal Haider Chowdhury, Munir Chowdhury, Dr Abdul Khair, Anwar Pasha, Dr Fazle Rabbi, Sirajuddin Hossain, Nizamuddin Ahmed, Syed Nazmul Haq, Shahidullah Kaiser, A S M Rashidul Hasan, Altaf Mahmud, and A N M Golam Mustafa.

To pay tribute to them, people from all walks of life will visit the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial in Mirpur from early tomorrow morning.

Different political parties and socio-cultural organisations have drawn up elaborate programmes which include hoisting of black flags, wearing black badges, laying wreaths at the Mirpur Smriti Soudha and offering fateha there and holding discussions.

The Awami League will pay homage to the martyred intellectuals by hoisting national

and party flags at half-mast and black flags at the party central office and visiting the memorial in Mirpur and Rayer Bazar. The party will also place wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The Bangabandhu Parishad will place wreaths at the graveyard of the martyred intellectuals beside the University Central Mosque, the graveyard at the Jagannath Hall compound, the Mirpur Memorial and Rayer Bazar.

The Mukti Joddha Chhatra Andolan will begin a four-day cinema festival at the Central Public Library auditorium today. The films, based on the Liberation War, will be screened every day from 10.30 am till 7 pm.

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The programme includes staging of dramas, poetry recital and musical soirees.

Our Sylhet correspondent adds: A five-day Bijay Mela and photographic exhibition on the Liberation War began at the premises of the Sylhet District Sports Association (DSA) yesterday afternoon.

Divisional Commissioner of Chittagong Md Shafiqul Islam inaugurated the mela.

Some fifty stalls have been opened. The photographic exhibition has been organised by the Sylhet Photographic Society (SPS). The inaugural ceremony was followed by a cultural function.



Awami League chief and leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina addressing a BCL rally at Shapla Square in the city yesterday.

— Star photo

Nepal's foreign policy won't be guided by Marxism

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KATMANDU, Dec 12: Nepal's new communist government's foreign policy and its economy will not be guided by Marxist ideology, Prime Minister Manmohan Adhikary said today, reports AP.

In his first meeting with Katmandu-based diplomats, Adhikary said that the impoverished landlocked Himalayan nation would instead look to the future.

"Nepal is a developing country and the process of economic development is still in its infancy," he said.

"It is with this realisation that we will continue to adopt the policy to welcome foreign investment by offering attractive opportunities," Adhikary said.

Nepal receives dhs 400 million foreign assistance every year. The money covers about 70 per cent of the nation's annual development budget.

Adhikary, 74, was elected prime minister after the Communist Party of Nepal (Marxist-Leninist) secured the highest number of seats in parliamentary elections, defeating the centrist Nepal Congress Party.

On foreign policy, Adhikary said: "Given the geo-strategic setting of the country, we cannot afford to have a tilt in our relationships."

Two more victims of Fakirapool fire die

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Hassan of Morocco greeted Begum Zia at the royal saloon of the Casablanca International Airport.

The Moroccan Prime Minister took Begum Zia to the saluting dais while the national anthems of Bangladesh and Morocco were played.

A 19-gun salute boomed into the air to herald the arrival of Prime Minister Begum Zia.

The Moroccan Prime Minister introduced Begum Zia with the members of the royal family, cabinet ministers and high civil and military officials of the government of the Kingdom of Morocco.

Begum Zia took salute from a smartly turned-out contingent of the Moroccan Royal Guard Regiment.

Airport ceremony over, the Prime Minister drove in a ceremonial motorcade to VVIP villa where she will be staying.

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman, who is already in the city attending the pre-summit meeting and Bangladesh ambassador in Morocco Abdul Quayyum and his wife were at the airport to receive the prime minister.

The Bangladesh delegation include Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman, Farida Hasan MP, Foreign Secretary M R Osmany, Secretary to the Prime Minister Abdullah Haroon Pasha, OIC Assistant Secretary General Mohammed Mohsin, Press Secretary to the Prime Minister M Mozammel Hoq, and Bangladesh Ambassador to Saudi Arabia CM Shafi.

Earlier Mostafizur Rahman held a bilateral meeting with the Saudi Foreign Minister

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storey New Super Market building when an alleged terrorist Nurul Islam was rounded up by some people around 4 in the afternoon.

Witnesses said the mob crowded upstairs to beat Nurul Islam who was abounding (after committing) a murder in the area early this month.

"In the pressure of the crowd the grille railing gave way and over 20 people mostly shopkeepers fell on the ground," said A K M Mahbubur Rahman, secretary of newly formed Anti-Terrorism Committee of the market.

Dhanmondi police said Nurul Islam who was wanted in connection with the murder of a musician Noni Gopal Hawaldar was handed over to custody in the evening.

"Nurul who was beaten by the mob was given first aid at the DMCH and later taken to custody in the evening," said a police officer.

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