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## Silver Jubilee of Victory Day

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of the Independence and Victory Day.

Shahabuddin Ahmed urged the people of the country, specially the cultural activists, to devote themselves in nation building with the spirit of 71.

He paid glowing tributes to the great leader of the Liberation War, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, under whose leadership millions of people got united and finally achieved independence after a long struggle.

Paying rich tributes to the freedom fighters, he said that their unbounded courage and heroism would inspire the nation for all times. He also expressed gratitude to those countries who came forward with help during the Liberation War protesting the most heinous genocide in history.

"All the people of the country devoted themselves to build up the destroyed country with great patience," the President said.

"But, it is unfortunate that a number of storms blew over the country during the last 25 years in which democracy stumbled on and off, leaving behind its reflections in every aspect of life," he regretted.

"The dream of those valiant sons and daughters of the soil who sacrificed their valuable lives in the Liberation War, braving all odds, was to see a happy and prosperous Bangladesh, which is yet to be realised," the President noted.

"The day is now here for self-criticism and soul searching," the President said adding, "let us forget our moral obligations to the martyrs."

Termining the cultural activists as the 'conscience keepers' of the country, the President recalled that they played a glorious role in every mass movement including the language movement and the Liberation War.

"The Jote has united the cultural activists inspired by the spirit of the Liberation War and has become an organised force by dint of their commitment and courageous role," he said.

Earlier, the President placed wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar to pay homage to those who made supreme sacrifices in all the democratic movements.

The inaugural session began with playing of the National Anthem and a one-minute silence for the martyrs of the Liberation War.

Presided over by Jote president Ramendu Mojumder, the programme was also addressed by Prof Kabir Chowdhury, founder-president of the Jote Faiz Ahmed, Dr Sanjida Khatun, Nasiruddin Yusuf Bachchu, Asaduzzaman Nur and Jote general secretary Gollam Goudus.

Muktijuddher Chetana Manch yesterday organised a



Awami League MP and Chairman of the Muktijoddha Sanghati Parishad Col (ret) Shawkot Ali addressing a discussion at the TSC of Dhaka University yesterday, organised by the Muktijuddher Chetana Manch to observe the Silver Jubilee of Independence. —Star photo



Students of English Department, Dhaka University rendering songs at a function on the campus yesterday marking the Silver Jubilee of Independence. —Star photo

remembrance meeting at the TSC crossing of Dhaka University on 'Regional and Allied Forces in the Liberation War' as part of its fortnight-long programme celebrating the Silver Jubilee of Independence and Victory Day.

Presided over by Communist Party leader Ajoy Roy, the discussion meeting was also addressed by Gazul Huq, Nurul Islam Nahid MP, Mujahidul Islam Selim, Monam Sarker, Hemaetuddin Ahmed, BB, Mahbubur Rahman, AFM Ishaque, BP, Khairuzzaman, Khondker Abdul Baten, and Major (rtd) Rezaul Karim Reza.

The speakers at the meeting observed that the Liberation War of 1971 was not an isolated war, it was actually the culmination of a long movement for socio-cultural and economic emancipation that started in

1947, just after the separation of Pakistan from India. Another discussion meeting was held at the Ramna Batamul on 'Repeal of the Indemnity Ordinance, Victory of Rule of Law and Values'.

Organised by Joy Bangla Sangskritik Oikya Jote as part of its fortnight-long V-Day programmes, the meeting was addressed by Dr Muntasir Mamun, Fakir Abdur Razzak and Sheikh Abdul Kader. Poet Fazul Haque Sarker presided.

The week-long Victory-Day programme of the Bangla Academy began yesterday at the Academy premises. The Victory Day programmes of Jahangir Nagar University also started yesterday with book and cartoon exhibition. The Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof Amirul Islam, inaugurated the programme.

## Hasina-Gujral talks

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After the talks, Sheikh Hasina, accompanied by other members of the delegation, left here for Jaipur by a special Indian Air Force plane.

### Visits Ajmeer

In the afternoon, she offered prayer and performed ziarat at the dargah of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti in Ajmeer.

Sheikh Hasina spent nearly an hour at the dargah complex and offered a 'chadar' embroidered with gold and silver, to the mazar of the great saint.

The mayor of Ajmeer Bir Kumar received the Bangladesh Prime Minister, when she reached the holy city in a special helicopter.

After performing ziarat, Hasina offered a prayer for peace and prosperity of the nation and well-being of the people. Conducted by chief khadem of dargah, prayers were also offered for the peace of souls of all those who laid down their lives in the Language Movement of 1952 and the subsequent movements to attain democracy in Bangladesh. Prayers were also offered for the peace of soul of country's founding father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and further improvement of friendly relations between Bangladesh and India.

Earlier on arrival in Jaipur from New Delhi in the morning, Hasina was received by Bhairon Singh Sekhawat, Chief Minister of Rajasthan.

### Formal talks

Hasina will return to Delhi tomorrow morning.

Sheikh Hasina will be ceremoniously received by Indian Prime Minister Deve Gowda tomorrow at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on her return from Jaipur.

The formal talks between the two prime ministers are scheduled to begin at 7 pm at New Delhi's Hyderabad House after she holds series of meetings with Indian politicians and government leaders.

The talks will cover the entire gamut of bilateral relations with the issue of water sharing at the top of the agenda.

During her stay in Delhi, Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to call on Indian President Shankar Dayal Sharma and Vice President K R Narayanan. The Prime Minister is likely

to have a second round of talks with Deve Gowda on Thursday morning before she leaves New Delhi for home.

The Times of India in a front-page news quoting analysts in the Indian Foreign Office today said the visit is bound to generate a lot of goodwill for promoting bilateral relations between the two neighbours.

"The water-sharing agreement to be signed now can be a prelude to other important deals which both countries have wanted to negotiate but could not do so in the past due to bitterness against India in Bangladesh," the paper reported.

### Departure

Sheikh Hasina left Dhaka for New Delhi this morning.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman, Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria, Food and Agriculture Minister Motiur Chowdhury, dean of the Diplomatic Corps, chiefs of the three services, acting Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Ms Parbati Sen Vyas and high government and military officials were present at the airport to see off the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister's entourage include Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak, Sheikh Rehana, Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan, Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, Water Resources Secretary ATM Shamsul Huda, Press Secretary to the PM Jawadul Karim, Additional Foreign Secretary Mohammad Tariq Karim and Joint River Commission member Dr Alnus Nisat.

## Jai Jai Din

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begged the court for apology the rule is discharged with due admonition.

The same bench issued the rule suo moto for publishing the editorial under caption, 'Ingiter Adalat' in the 12th November issue of the Jai Jai Din regarding grant of bail to former President Hussain Mohammad Ershad in several cases.

During the judgement Shaik Rehman with his counsel Barister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed was present in the court.

## Cultural centre to be built at Pairaband

RANGPUR, Dec 10: State Minister Obaidul Qader today said a cultural centre will be established at Pairaband here to preserve the memories of Begum Rokeya, reports BSS.

This centre will have a musical centre, a library and an auditorium, besides other facilities, he said while speaking at a function organised in observance of the 116th birth and 64th death anniversary of Begum Rokeya.

## Human Rights Day observed

By Staff Correspondent

Different organisations in the country observed the World Human Rights Day yesterday, according to a press release. The organisations have also declared a set of recommendations aimed at improving the human rights situation in the country.

Coordinating Council for Human Rights in Bangladesh (CCHRB) has pledged a 13-point recommendations which included preservation of human rights of individual in police custody, formulation of a proper 'Jail Code', repeal of all 'black laws' including Special Powers Act '74, taking appropriate measures to curb child and women trafficking, introducing human rights education in the curricula of schools, colleges and universities etc.

The Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) held a seminar in the city that was addressed by its executive director Advocate Md Abdul Mannan, Advocate Intiaz Ali Khan, Advocate Jahanara Begum. The speakers emphasised on the rule of law to improve the condition of human rights.

The National Garments Workers' Federation held a protest rally against the garments factory owners those who were 'responsible' for massive human rights violation of the workers. The leaders of the NGWF demanded to stop 'forced labour' and payment of all dues to the workers.

The Sammilita Manobadhikar Parishad also held various programmes to mark the day.

## Tofael urges Indian minister in S'pore

### Remove non-tariff barriers to Bangladeshi goods soon

Commerce Minister Tofael Ahmed has requested New Delhi to remove quickly all para-tariff and non-tariff barriers to make way for greater access of Bangladeshi products to India as pledged, reports UNB.

The minister made the request when Indian State Minister for Commerce Dr B B Ramiah called on him yesterday in Singapore, where both are attending a meeting of the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

According to a message received in the city, the Indian minister of state consulted the outstanding issues of WTO with Tofael, who is the spokesman and coordinator for the least developed countries (LDCs).

On the sidelines of the first ministerial conference of the WTO, the minister of LDCs met separately and discussed the latest position of the LDCs on the outstanding issues of WTO, the international watchdog for trade.

## One stabbed to death in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Dec 10: One person was stabbed to death at Halishahar road under Doublinmohar thana this morning, police said.

Abu Taher, 25, came under attack by his rivals at 6.30 am today while he was taking breakfast in a hotel at Halishahar road, police said.

During the attack, Taher received serious stab injuries and was immediately rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries, hospital sources said.

Police arrested one Abul Kasem in this connection.

## BNP accuses police of damaging erected gates

Dhaka City BNP convenor Sadek Hossain Khoka MP has accused police of damaging a number of gates erected by BNP in the city on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Independence, reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday, Khoka said his party has got the permission of Dhaka City Corporation to erect 46 gates at different points of the city but Dhaka Metropolitan Police is deliberately delaying in giving its permission.

## Body to probe ZH Hall gunfire incident

By Staff Correspondent

Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University Prof A K Azad Choudhury yesterday formed a five-member committee to investigate the gunfire incident at the Zahurul Haq Hall area on Saturday, said a press release.

The committee, headed by Provost of Zahurul Haq Hall Prof Khandakar Bazul Haq, has been asked to submit its report within three days.

## Natore Sugar Mills employee hacked to death

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Dec 10: An employee of Natore Sugar Mills was hacked to death by an unidentified gang near the town on Monday night.

Md Jalaluddin, 38, came under attack by the gang on Natore-Naldanga road at around 8 pm when he was returning home in the town from his duty at Bashudevpur sugarcane purchasing centre, police sources said.



The Sammilita Manobadhikar Parishad brought out a procession in the city yesterday on the occasion of World Human Rights Day. —Star photo

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Manna Dey addressing a press conference at a city hotel yesterday. —Star photo

## Manna Dey against new trend of Bangla songs

Renowned Indian singer Manna Dey yesterday refused to accept the 'new trend of Bangla songs' of Sumon, Anjan or Nachiketa, as genuine songs, reports UNB.

"This is not my cup of tea. Those are not songs, rather recitations or speeches," said Dey who arrived in the city yesterday afternoon to perform at two functions.

Alpha Tobacco Company has organised the shows, titled "Senior Gold Night", to be held on Thursday and Friday at Hotel Sheraton in the city.

Speaking at a press briefing at a city hotel, Manna Dey, popular both for his Bangla and Hindi songs, regretted that the young audience even in Calcutta nowadays want to listen to popular Hindi songs and call my songs 'vegetarian'.

"Bangla is my mother tongue and I feel very happy singing Bangla songs," he said.

Replying to a question, Manna Dey said: "I have not come on the occasion of your celebration of the Silver Jubilee of Independence. It is just a coincidence that I am here now. However, as a Bangalee, I feel very proud of you."

Manna Dey, noted for his individual style of singing, is visiting Bangladesh for the second time. He first came here to receive the Michael Madhusudan Dutta Award.

## Two alleged terrorists held in city

Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested two alleged terrorists from Mirpur and recovered a revolver from their possession last night, reports BSS.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of DB police led by assistant commissioner (AC) Md Humayun Kabir, arrested Mozammel Hossain alias Rubel from Mirpur Section Number 2.

According to the statement of Rubel police later arrested another alleged terrorist Jahurul Islam alias Bipul from the same area and recovered one foreign revolver loaded with two bullet from his possession.

Police said the arrested persons are said to be members of an organised gang of terrorists and involved in criminal activities for a long time in the city, police said.

A case under arms act was registered with Mirpur police in this connection.

## DSE trading

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18708.61 crore from the previous days closing of Tk 18666.34 crore.

Out of a total of 97 traded issues 39 gained and 56 suffered losses while 2 remained unchanged.

"Trading at the floor started with full enthusiasm and market will surge again within a couple of days," said Ahmed Iqbal Hasan, vice president of the DSE.

Buying pressure prevailed at the floor for most of the blue chip issues while other issues witnessed selling pressure, he said.

Meanwhile, a large number of small investors were seen busy in share transaction at the kerb market till 9 pm as the agitating kerb market traders announced their withdrawal of their sit-in programme through microphone.

They urged the outside traders for doing business with confidence as the Prime Minister had assured them of taking measures to protect their interests.

According to some kerb market traders, prices of most of the issues went up rapidly. "Those who bought shares in previous week's dull market made about 50 per cent profit in the first day of starting business," an outside trader said.

He said that although gathering at the kerb market was slightly thinner than that of previous weeks, it would go to its earlier position within a few days.

## BNP: Task Force

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Sangsad and possible logistic support to it. The project is funded by the UNDP.

Delwar said that in a letter on Monday, he urged Speaker Humayun Rashid Choudhury to take necessary steps so that his party could participate in the Task Force activities. Copies of the letter were also distributed among the newsmen. Delwar also said he had written another letter to the Speaker on November 17 registering BNP's objections to the formation of the JSTF and alleging the ruling party's unilateral role as regards the formation of the body.

But the Speaker did not reply to his previous letter he said and questioned the authority of the acting secretary of the parliament secretariat who replied to it. "It is unprecedented that an acting secretary replies to the letter of the Opposition Chief Whip or a member of parliament, written to the Speaker," Delwar said. "I felt insulted at the conduct of the Speaker."

He also said that the contents of the letter of the secretary was irrelevant to the points he made to the Speaker.

The BNP leader also termed 'baseless and motivated' the content of the secretaries letter that an UNDP official had contacted the Leader of the Opposition on the formation of the JSTF.

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## Suranjit

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Bangladesh official sources said.

Earlier, it was learnt that he was asked to go back to Dhaka. An official of the Bangladesh government here said, "Suranjit is not in Delhi as the representative of the Bangladesh government."

Suranjit was quoted by the Asian Age, a leading daily published from Delhi, as saying that the Bangladesh government could only take Jyoti Basu, Chief Minister of the Indian state of West Bengal, into confidence on the water sharing issue between the two countries.

In a recent interview with the daily, he also mentioned that Basu had maintained good relations with the previous government of Bangladesh.

"It is precisely why the previous governments can not protest if Mr Basu is involved in an agreement," the Asian Age quoted him as saying.

"Why else do you think Mr Basu's ancestral home was safe, while those of others became vested property? Why else did Ershad send Hilsha to Mr Basu every week?" Suranjit told the daily.

Following his remarks on the West Bengal leader, some other leading Indian politicians, who have considerable goodwill for Bangladesh felt disturbed and embarrassed, according to sources.

Suranjit, however, told reporters here that the interview was not correctly presented. It was learnt that he has written to the Asian Age stating that the comments were fabricated. The paper is still to carry its clarification.

**ঢাকা আন্তর্জাতিক বাণিজ্য মেলা '৯৭ সচিবালয়**

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**দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

গুপ-১ : ডিআইটিএফ '৯৭-এর উদ্বোধনী অনুষ্ঠানের প্যাভেল নির্মাণ ও সজ্জিতকরণ।

গুপ-২ : ডিআইটিএফ '৯৭-এর রোড আইল্যান্ড সাইন, ডাটবিন, কাপড়ের ব্যানার ও উদ্বোধনী প্যাভেলের ব্যাকড্রপ তৈরী ও সরবরাহ।

গুপ-৩ : ডিআইটিএফ '৯৭-এর লে-আউট গ্রানের ৫'x৪' সাইজের ৫ (পাঁচ) টি ব্রো-আপ বোর্ড তৈরী ও সরবরাহ।

উপরে বর্ণিত ৩ (তিন) গুপের কার্য সম্পাদনে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রতিষ্ঠিত ও নির্ভরযোগ্য প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে আগামী ২৯-১২-৯৬ ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে প্রতি কাজের জন্য পৃথক পৃথকভাবে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। প্রাপ্ত দরপত্র একই দিনে উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাদের সম্মুখে বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকায় খোলা হইবে।

২। আগামী ২৯-১২-৯৬ ইং তারিখ বেলা ২.৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে রঙানী উন্নয়ন ব্যুরোর হিসাব শাখা হইতে গুপ প্রতি নগদ ৪০০.০০ (চারশত) টাকা মূল্যে সিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাইবে।

৩। মেলা কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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