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Vision of the young

The Daily Star in cooperation with the Independent University of Bangladesh, Rotary International and North South University will organise a special seminar entitled 'Vision of the Young' on December 17 at 4 pm at the Jatiya Press Club.

This special seminar, organised in celebration of the 25th anniversary of victory in Liberation War, will bring together young people, below the age of 29 of various professions, business, academia and politics, to share their vision on how they would like to see Bangladesh develop in the next 10 years.

The Daily Star will publish their views with a view to sharing the vision of the young people with the rest of society.

Interested persons have been invited to attend the seminar.

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DSE MARKET

DSE price index 2670.80
Market capital Tk 1907.19 cr
Transactions in volume 1.49 lakh
Transactions in value Tk 75.52 cr

CSE MARKET

CSE price index 1294.68
Market capital Tk 15152.20 cr
Transactions in volume 22730
Transactions in value Tk 775995 cr

Supplement

Today's 16-page issue of The Daily Star contains a 4-page special supplement on the Silver Jubilee of Victory

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Holiday

The offices of The Daily Star will remain closed today and tomorrow (Sunday & Monday) on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Victory.

Therefore, there will be no issues of the newspaper on Monday & Tuesday (Dec 16 and 17).

NEWS BRIEFS

2 Shantibahini men arrested

KAGRACHHARI, Dec 14: Security forces arrested two activists of outlawed Shantibahini along with firearms at Naikapara area in Mahalchhari thana on Friday evening, reports UNB.

Official sources said the Shantibahinians named as Chua Chakma, 50, and Bangota Chakma, 25, were caught red-handed when they were engaged in collecting tolls from the villagers.

Rain leaves 64 dead in India

NEW DELHI, Dec 14: Week-long rains triggered by a low pressure area over the Bay of Bengal have left at least 64 dead in a southern state recovering from two cyclones that hit this year, a local news agency reported today. Most of the victims in the state of Tamil Nadu died when the mud walls of their huts fell on them, while a few others drowned. United News of India news agency reported.

Silver Jubilee of Liberation War Victory

By Staff Correspondent

The nation celebrates tomorrow the Silver Jubilee of victory in the War of Liberation amid jubilation and with a renewed pledge to uphold the country's independence and sovereignty.

Twenty five years ago, on December 16, 1971, Bangladesh came into being as an independent and sovereign country at the supreme sacrifices of millions of sons of this soil in a nine-month war.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed will inspect the parade and take salute. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will attend the programme.

Special prayers will be offered at mosques, temples, churches, pagodas and other places of worship for peace, progress and prosperity of the nation.

The National Flag will be hoisted atop all public and private buildings. Many government and private buildings have already been decorated with kaleidoscope lights.

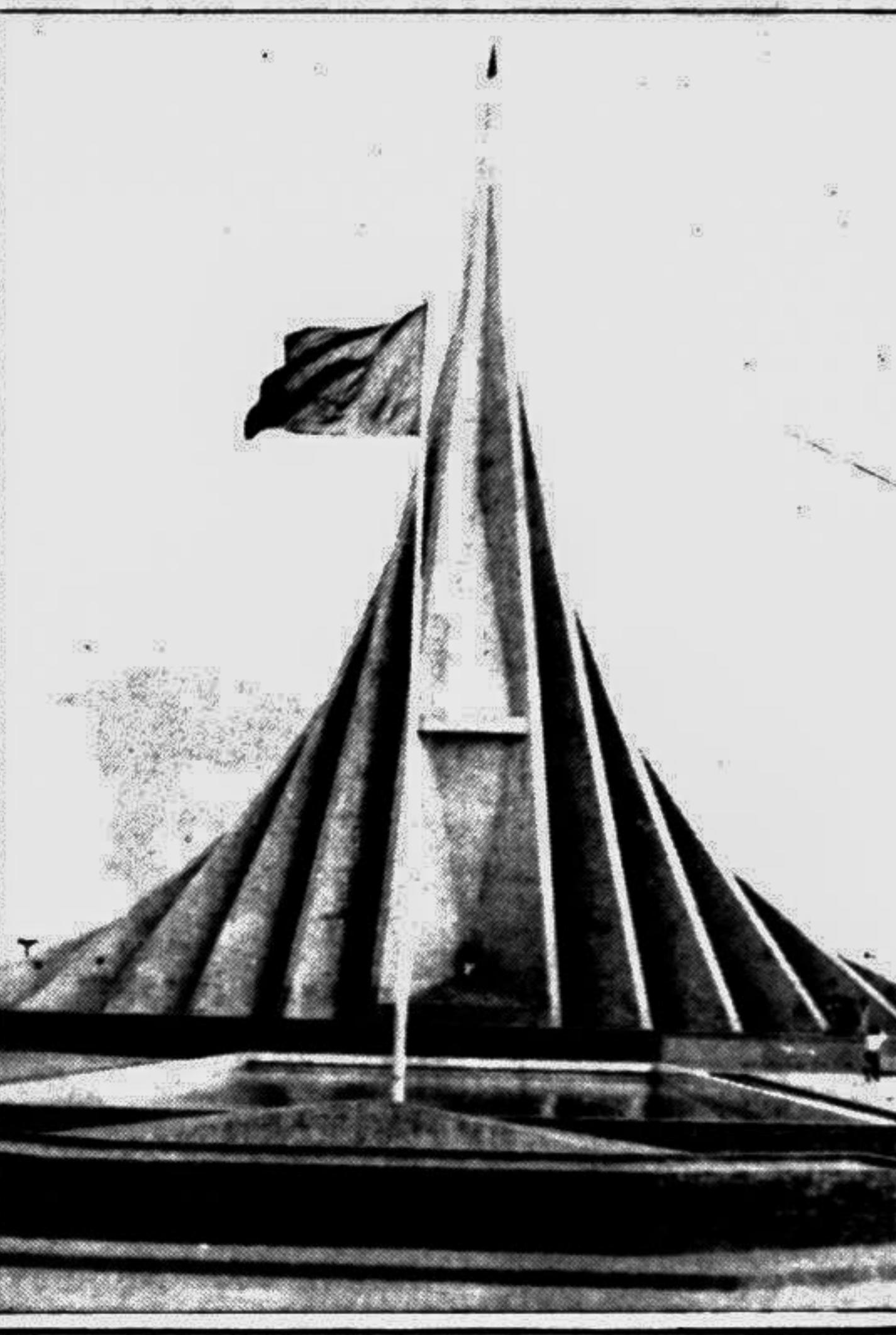
National dailies will bring out special supplements and the Bangladesh Betar and Bangladesh Television will put up special programmes on the occasion.

Different political parties, socio-cultural and student organisations have chalked out programmes.

The Mukti Juddha Museum, the only museum exclusively dedicated to the War of Liberation, will remain open from 10 am to 6.30 pm today to tomorrow.

Awami League leaders and workers will place wreaths at the

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Homage to martyred intellectuals

By Staff Correspondent

A grateful nation yesterday paid glowing tributes to its leading intellectuals who had embraced martyrdom on this day in 1971 for liberating the motherland, since observed as Martyred Intellectuals Day.

Various political parties, socio-cultural and professional bodies and educational institutions arranged different programmes in remembrance of the shaheed intellectuals.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed placed wreath at the Mirpur memorial at 6:40 am, followed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at 6:50 am.

Pakistani occupation forces and their local collaborators — Al-Badars, Al-Shams and Razakars — had picked up the intellectuals mainly from their residence, tortured them at concentration camps and butchered them in cold blood under a blue print to make the new nation intellectually bankrupt.

In the city, people from various strata of the society marched towards the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial at Mirpur and to Rayer Bazar to pay

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From M Anwarul Haq

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US welcomes water treaty

The United States has welcomed the signing of the agreement on sharing the water of the Ganges river between India and Bangladesh on December 12 in New Delhi, an official handout said in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The accord, signed by the prime ministers of the two countries, is a fine example of amicable resolution of a formerly contentious issue between the neighbours, said a statement issued on Friday by State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns.

Besides the immediate benefits to the two signatories, we believe, the agreement augurs well for greater bilateral and regional cooperation among all the nations of South Asia. This is a positive step forward," Burns said.

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SAARC FM's meet in Delhi Dec 19

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Fertiliser shortage may affect potato output



Star photo by AKM Moin

PM lays foundation of Rayerbazar Memorial

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, paying rich tributes to the martyred intellectuals, said the country's independence, earned at the cost of three million lives, must be made meaningful by achieving economic prosperity and social progress.

No longer do we want to be dubbed as a nation of beggars, pray so that we can build a progressive, progressive Bangladesh where all will have basic needs like food, cloths, shelter," she told a gathering after laying the foundation of a monument at Rayerbazar yesterday morning.

Addressing the gathering near the Rayerbazar killing field, Hasina said eminent doctors, engineers, journalists and intellectuals were brutally murdered at the end of the war in pursuance of the policy "We don't want people... We just want soil" that the Pakistani occupation forces perpetrated through nine months of the war.

Laying the foundation-stone

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Hasina to lay foundation stone of Independence Memorial tomorrow

By Special Correspondent

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will lay the foundation stone of the Independence memorial at Suhrabuddo Udyan on Victory Day tomorrow, said State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader yesterday.

The memorial will be built on the southern side of the Shishu Park.

The site is where Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman delivered his historic March 7, 1971 speech.

It is the same site where the Pakistani army led by Lt Gen AK Niazi surrendered on December 16, 1971, ending the nine month-long Liberation War.

The cultural ministry is co-

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Thousands of potato farmers in Munshiganj are facing an acute shortage of fertiliser due to faulty distribution system that may affect potato production in the district this year, farmers said.

They complained that higher prices of available fertiliser and virtual absence of Triple Super Phosphate (TSP) has forced them to use a combination of Single Super Phosphate (SSP) and potash. This will affect production in the district, which accounts for bulk of the country's potato harvest.

The farmers also complained that the SSP available in the market is of poor quality. Often, it is adulterated with

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