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Homage to martyred intellectuals

65 armed forces personnel granted honorary commission

Some 65 armed forces personnel have been granted honorary commission in different ranks of Bangladesh Army and Navy on the eve of country's 25th Victory Day on Monday, reports UNB.

Among them, 26 honorary lieutenants and 31 junior commissioned officers have been granted honorary commission in the rank of honorary captain and honorary lieutenant respectively in the active list of Bangladesh Army. Besides, eight master chief petty officers have been granted honorary commission in the rank of honorary sub-lieutenant in the Bangladesh Navy.

BSS adds: Those granted honorary commission in the rank of honorary captain are as under:

Honorary Lieutenant Md Ali Azam, Engineers, Honorary Lieutenant Mamtaz Uddin Majumder, Signals, Honorary Lieutenant Md Abdul Malek Mazi, Signals, Honorary Lieutenant Nazrul Islam Mollick, East Bengal, Honorary Lieutenant Fazul Hoque, East Bengal, Honorary Lieutenant Matiur Rahman, East Bengal, Honorary Lieutenant Md Idrish Miah, East Bengal, Honorary Lieutenant Md Mojibul Haque, East Bengal, Honorary Lieutenant Mohammad Ali, (Bir Protik), East Bengal, Honorary Lieutenant Md Abu Taher, East Bengal, Honorary Lieutenant Amnul Haque, East Bengal, Honorary Lieutenant Md Wali Ullah, East Bengal, Honorary Lieutenant Abdul Kader Sikder, East Bengal, Honorary Lieutenant Md Harun Miah, East Bengal, Honorary Lieutenant Abdul Kader Akond, East Bengal, Honorary Lieutenant Md Abdul Hai, East Bengal, Honorary Lieutenant Shamsul Haque, East Bengal, Honorary Lieutenant Ezzatul Haque Khan, Bir Protik, East Bengal, Honorary Lieutenant Md Delwar Hossain, ASC, Honorary Lieutenant Md Nazrul Islam, ASC, Honorary Lieutenant Md Nurul Islam, EME, Honorary Lieutenant Md Abdul Quader, ACC, Honorary Lieutenant A K M Belal Hussain, ACC, Honorary Lieutenant Md Ansar Ali Bhuiyan, ACC and Honorary Lieutenant Md Abdul Majid, AMC.

The recipients of honorary commission in the rank of Honorary Lieutenant are as under:

Subedar Major Md Abdul Bareque, Artillery, Subedar Major Md Yaqub Ali Patwari, Artillery, Subedar Major Al-Haj Md Abdus Sattar, Artillery, Subedar Major Mohd. Mohiuddin, Engineers, Subedar Major Md Monirul Haque, Signals, Subedar Major Md Tozammel Haq, East Bengal, Subedar Major Shahidur Rahman, East Bengal, Subedar Major Nur Mohammed Khan, East Bengal, Subedar Major Osman Goni, East Bengal, Subedar Major Bashir Ahmed (Bir Protik), East Bengal, Subedar Major Shafigur Rahman, East Bengal, Subedar Major Ali Ahmed, East Bengal, Subedar Major Md Eskander Ali, East Bengal, Subedar Major Abdur Rahim, East Bengal, Subedar Major Mohammad Nurul Islam Khan, East Bengal, Subedar Major Md Mukhlesur Rahman, East Bengal, Subedar Major Md Ali Akbar Patwary, East Bengal, Subedar Major Mofizur Rahman, ASC, Subedar Major Abdul Maleque, ASC, Subedar Major Md Kamal Uddin, Ordnance, Subedar Major Md Bashir Ullah, Ordnance, Subedar Major Md Farid Uddin, EME, Subedar Major Abul Hossain Miah, EME, Subedar Major Md Ruhul Amin, EME, Subedar Major Muslim Uddin Ahmed, EME, Subedar Major Md Fazlur Rahman, ACC, Subedar Major Md Sekander Ali Howlader, ACC, Subedar Major Md Jainal Abedin, AMC, and Subedar Major Abdul Wahab, AMC.

Meanwhile, eight master chief petty officers have been granted honorary commission in the rank of Honorary Sub-Lieutenant in the active list of the Bangladesh Navy on the occasion of the Victory Day.

The recipients of honorary commission are M H Uddin, MCPO (X), M A Ali, MCPO (X) (GB), M H Rahman, MCPO (X) (CD-1), A Hossain MCPO (COM), Q Muhammad MCPO (COM), M S Ali MCPO (E), M N Islam, Bir Protik, MCPO (E) and M E Uddin, MCPO (R).

The promotions will come into effect on December 16.



Different political parties and organisations placing wreaths at the Memorial for Martyred Intellectuals at Mirpur yesterday. (1) Awami League (AL) (2) Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) (3) Left Democratic Front (LDF), (4) Jatiya Party (JP) (5) Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) (6) Gano Forum (7) Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (JUTA) (8) Members of the families of Martyred Intellectuals

Soliva calls on Shahabuddin

President of Lions Club International Augustin Soliva made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday morning, reports UNB.

In Soliva's report, the President of various welfare activities of the Lions International in Bangladesh including surgical operation of cataract and blood donation.

President Shahabuddin appreciated the humanitarian assistance of Lions International to the people of Bangladesh and observed that the Lions may also initiate family planning programmes in the country.

International Director in Lm MA Khan, Lm Governors Syed Nasir Hossain, Rafiquddin Bhuiyan, Benajir Ahmed, Shafigul Anam and Ahsan Nazir were present on the occasion.

Young man shot in city

A young man was shot by an unidentified gang in Moghbazar area under Ramna thana in the city yesterday.

Md Anisuzzaman alias Apollo, son of MA Khaleq of Nayatala, sustained injuries when the gang fired on him near the T&T office at Moghbazar at about 1:30 pm, police said. A former general secretary of Ramna thana unit of the Jatiyatadabi Chhatra Dal, he was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

The reason behind the attack could not be known immediately, said police. A case has been filed with Ramna thana.

2 jute godowns gutted in Khulna, Chuadanga

Over five hundred tons of jute worth Tk fifty five lakh were gutted in a big fire in a godown of Wahab Jute Trading at Rajapur under Rupsha Thana Friday night.

The fire, which reportedly originated from an electric short circuit was extinguished by four fire brigade units of Khulishpur.

UNB adds: A jute godown was burnt to ashes in a fire at Koragachi village in Damarchanda thana of Chuadanga Friday night.

The fire that started at 11:30 pm lasted about half an hour. The cause of the fire could not be known immediately.

The owner of the godown claimed that the store-house was packed with some 900 mounds of jute.

President, PM greet Emir of Bahrain, King of Bhutan

President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday felicitated Shaikh Isa bin Salman al-Khalifa, Emir of the State of Bahrain on the occasion of National Day of his country, reports BSS.

In a message, the President said that the fraternal relations between the two countries that so happily exist would be further strengthened and expanded in the years to come.

In a separate message President Shahabuddin greeted King Jigme Singye Wangchuck of Bhutan on the occasion of his country's National Day on December 17.

On the same occasion Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday greeted Shaikh Isa bin Salman al-Khalifa, Emir of the State of Bahrain.

In another message the prime minister felicitated King Jigme Singye Wangchuck of Bhutan on the occasion of National Day of his country on December 17.

Sheikh Hasina said that the close bonds of friendship and cooperation that so happily exist between our two countries would be further strengthened in the years ahead.

Reception to freedom fighters

A documentary film project, '1971 Chittagong', will accord a reception in the city Tuesday for thirteen freedom fighters for their outstanding contributions in the Liberation War, reports UNB.

They are: Maj (ret'd) Rafiqul Islam Bir Uttam, MA Mannan, Dr Anisuzzaman, Prof Momtazuddin Ahmed, Abul Kashem (posthumous), Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, Dr Mahfuzur Rahman, Partha Pratim Barua, Kazi Arif, Dr ABM Zafar Ullah, Khaleda Khanam, Rabiul Hossain Kachi and Wahidullah Zamal.

He kept direct link with those who were associated with the Mujibnagar government.

To mark this day members of his family will place wreath on his grave in Azampur Graveyard in the morning.

Quarankhwan and milad mahfil will be held at his wife's residence after Magreb prayers. Food will be distributed among poor.

More than 100 photographs of Chittagong-based rare wartime collections by Abdel Mannan will be put on display from 10 am to 7 pm everyday.

Tariq Karim made envoy to South Africa

The government yesterday appointed Tariq Karim, present additional foreign secretary in the ministry of foreign affairs, as the High Commissioner of Bangladesh to the Republic of South Africa, reports BSS.

Born on September 11, 1944 at Calcutta, Karim was graduated with honours in English from the Dhaka University in 1965.

A career diplomat, Karim was first in his batch from then East Pakistan in the erstwhile Pakistan Foreign Service which he joined in 1967.

Weather Temperature may rise

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporarily partly cloudy sky across the country during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says slight rise in night temperature is expected over the country during the period.

Country's highest temperature yesterday was recorded 27.8 degree Celsius at Kutubdia and the lowest 9.5 degrees at Sirimangal.

The sun sets today at 5:14 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:34 am. Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	25.8	14.5	71	77
Chittagong	26.7	14.5	35	65
Kolkata	25.2	11.4	79	70
Khulna	27.0	11.8	91	67
Barisal	27.2	12.4	88	86
Sylhet	26.0	13.0	77	70
Cox's Bazar	27.2	15.0	77	76

President condoles Prof Ahmed's death

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday condoled the death of eminent educationist Prof. Muhiyuddin Ahmed, reports BSS.

Expressing deep shock at his death the President said "he was intimately known to me for a long time and I was charmed by his amiable and simple life-style."

Water treaty hailed

Yussuf Abdullah Harun, President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), yesterday congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for "her unparalleled leadership in concluding the historic Ganges Water Sharing Treaty with India," an FBCCI press release said, reports BSS.

He said the signing of the treaty will play a vital role in the economic emancipation of the people of Bangladesh and pave the way for closer understanding and cooperation between the two friendly countries.

Meanwhile Dr M Anwarul Azim and Mohammad Nurul Huda, President and Honorary General Secretary of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh yesterday thanked Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for signing 30-year long agreement on water-sharing with India.

In a statement they said the signing of the agreement had manifested the political sagacity, patriotism and responsibility Sheikh Hasina and diplomatic success of the present government.

Bangladesh Water and Power Engineers Association, in a separate statement, also congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for signing 30-year long water sharing agreement with India.

Leaders of Bangladesh Muslim League have congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for signing the historic water sharing agreement with India.

The notes are printed with "Bijoy Divas Rajat Jayanti 96" below the water mark, the press release added.

Martyred Intellectuals Day observed in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Dec 14: Martyred Intellectuals Day was observed in a befitting manner here today, reports BSS.

Different political, educational and socio-cultural organisations of Rajshahi observed the day through separate programmes to pay homage to the shaheed intellectuals.

Bangladesh Awami League, Rajshahi City Unit, Muktiyoddha Sangsad, Rajshahi Unit, Rajshahi University Teachers Association (RUTA), Rajshahi Press Club, Hindol Sangket School, Sammilito Sangkritik Jete and other organisations of the city organised discussions highlighting the significance of the day.

The speakers at the discussions paid rich tributes to the shaheed intellectuals and urged upon all to take a fresh vow to materialise the dream of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to make Bangladesh a real Sonar Bangla.

Rajshahi University teachers, officers, students and employees placed wreaths at the central shaheed minar as mark of respect to shaheed intellectuals.

Special prayer was offered at Central Jame Mosque of Rajshahi University after Zohr prayers for eternal peace of the departed souls of intellectuals.

Social worker honoured

Zeena Ara Bhuiyan president, women's federation for world peace has been selected by the International Biographical Centre (IBC) in the "International Women of the Year" for 1995/96, says a press release.

In 1992, she was honoured by this (IBC) centre as "The World Who's Who of Women" (11th edition) for outstanding contribution in the field of social work.

Postponement

The sixth national conference of Bangladesh Sociology Association scheduled for December 20-21 will now be held on February 26-27, next year, reports UNB.

The date has been changed due to an unavoidable reason.

Journalists pay homage to martyred colleagues

Journalists community yesterday paid their rich tributes to the martyred journalists, recalling their contribution to and sacrifices for the emergence of the independent Bangladesh after a long bloody struggle, reports BSS.

Senior journalists recalled the painful memories of their martyred colleagues at a memorial meeting, jointly organised by Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) in observance of the Martyred Intellectuals Day at the Jatiya Press Club in the city.

Renowned journalists A B M Musa said the occupation Pakisthan forces and their collaborators had killed the leading intellectuals during or on the eve of independence not because they had fought war with weapons.

They were assassinated in a planned way as they generated a spirit to prepare the nation for independence," he added.

Noted journalist K G Mostafa proposed that a memorial plaque inscribed with the names of the martyred journalists should be raised before the next martyred Intellectual Day at the open premises of the Press Club.

He said he himself is writing the biographies of journalists shaheed Sirajuddin Hossain and shaheed Shahidullah Kaiser.

Recalling the personal memories with his martyred colleague Sirajuddin Hossain, Abed Khan said despite being a sharp political analyst he had failed to predict the extent of brutality of the Pakistani occupation forces.

"In a civilised society newspapers cannot be attacked," Abed quoted shaheed Sirajuddin as saying when he was warned against the possible attack on The Ittefaq on the night of March 25, 1971.

Minor boy rescued from alleged child trafficker

The Detective Branch (DB) of police rescued an eight-year-old boy and arrested a woman, allegedly a child trafficker from Rampura in the city Friday.

The woman, identified as Hasni Begum, 30, is a member of an organised gang of child traffickers said police. Details about Hasni who hails from Comilla, could not be known immediately.

The father of the boy, identified as Amir Hossain, is a rickshaw puller. Police handed over the boy to his parents yesterday.

The DB team raided different areas of Rampura after a tip-off that a gang was staying there for lifting children.

According to police, the child lifters have a network to smuggle children out of the country. Most of the children finally land in the Middle East for use as camel jockeys.



Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad briefing the diplomats and chiefs of international organisations on the signing of water sharing treaty with India at his office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday.



Dr M A Hasan, president of Shahid Lt Selim Mancha, (right) addressing a press conference at a city restaurant yesterday.

Ctg TV centre opens this month

CHITTAGONG, Dec 14: The full-fledged television centre in Chittagong, built at a cost of about Taka 67 crore is expected to be opened within this month. State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed told this while exchanging views with the journalists here today, reports BSS.

The minister had free and frank discussions with the journalists at the Circuit House and said initially one hour long programme, projecting the tradition and cultural heritage of Chittagong will be telecast nationwide from Chittagong through the Nandankanan relay transmitter.