

Woman FFs' rally held

By Staff Correspondent
 Woman freedom fighters held a rally at Central Shaheed Minar for the silver jubilee reunion yesterday.
 Organised by the Narin-grantha Prabartana the rally was attended by woman freedom fighters from Dhaka, Tangail, Sylhet, Narail, Bogra, Sherpur and other places. Among them were Ms Taramon Bibi, Bir Pratik and Captain (rtd) Dr Setara Begum, Bir Pratik.

Captain (rtd) Dr Setara Begum said she was proud of being a freedom fighter.
 Taramon Bibi demanded justice for all, especially freedom fighters.

Besides Selina Parveen, Sumon Zahid, Lubna Marium, Dr Sultana Zaman, Tauhid Reza Noor spoke at the rally.

234 arrested on various charges

Police rounded up 234 people from different parts of the city in last 72 hours on various charges, reports UNB.

Of the arrested, 73 were wanted criminals and 161 were held on charge of murder, dacoity, snatching, toll extortion and terrorist activities.

Hasina opens book fair

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Sunday inaugurated the 3rd Dhaka Book Fair with a call for a united and integrated thrust to free the society from the curse of illiteracy, reports BSS.

"We have to build up reading habit among the people by setting up libraries upto village, union and thana levels", she said.

Referring to the already announced policy of her government to free the nation from the curse of illiteracy, the prime minister sought cooperation of all including well-to-do people of the society to help attain the objective. "Only government efforts were not enough for this uphill task of eradicating illiteracy from society, she added.

Commemorative stamps released

Bangladesh Post Office issued a set of two commemorative postage stamps valued Taka 4 and 6 denomination on the occasion of Silver Jubilee of Victory Day, reports BSS.

First day cover valued Taka 6 was also issued and a special cancellor was also used.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina formally released the stamps in a simple ceremony at her official residence.

What's on today . . .

NSU Convocation: The first Convocation ceremony of the North South University (NSU) will be held. Venue: Army Stadium. Time: 9:50 am. The President and Chancellor of NSU Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed will confer degrees on graduating students.

Mahila Parishad: The 9th annual conference of the city unit of the Mahila Parishad will begin. Venue: Ramna Green. Time: 10:30 am.

Discussion: A discussion on 'Peoples' Initiative for Water Sharing' will be held. Chief guest: Kuldip Nayar. Venue: VIP room, Nat'l Press Club. Time: 4 pm.

Drama festival: As part of a 9-day Theatre Art Drama Festival '96 Theatre's 'Mera Fakir Ma' will be staged. Venue: Mahila Samity auditorium. Time: 6:30 pm.

Painting competition: A juvenile painting competition organised by the Serov Academy of Fine Arts will be held. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 3 pm.

Exhibition: A month-long art exhibition of 145 eminent artists on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Independence will begin. Managing Director of Grameen Bank Prof Muhammad Yunus will inaugurate the show. Chief guest: US Ambassador in Bangladesh David N Merrill. Venue: Safu Art Gallery, DCC, North Super Market, 2nd Circle, Gulshan. Time: 4:30 pm. The show will remain open till Jan 18 from 10 am to 8 pm daily.

BGS Discussion: The Bangla-German Sampreeti has arranged a discussion meeting and cultural function in observance of the Silver Jubilee of Independence and Victory Day. Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra auditorium, 16/A Mymensingh Road (New Bangla Motor). Time: 6 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm. It will be a closed meeting.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown: The meeting of the club will be held. Venue: White Castle Restaurant, 20 Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani. Time: 5:30 pm.

Film show: A French film 'Love Songs' (Paroles Et Musique), organised by the Zahir Raihan Film Society will be screened. Venue: Alliance Francaise, Road No 3, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30 pm.

Science lecture: A popular science lecture on 'Chemistry in soil science' will be held. Venue: Nat'l Museum of Science and Technology auditorium. Time: 4 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West: The meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Space festival: The first Bangladesh space festival 'Beximco Spacefest' organised by the Bangladesh Astronomical Association in memory of Astro-physicist Meghnad Shaha will begin. Venue: BUET play-ground. Time: 10 am.

AGM of Gregorian Assc Dec 20
 The Gregorian Association will hold its annual general meeting (AGM) on Friday. It will be followed by a picnic at Rajendrapur (opposite to Bhawal National Park), says a press release.

Picnickers will start for Rajendrapur from National Museum at 8:15 am. Interested persons are requested to contact Grn S Azam Tel 9551413 (O), 893448 (R) Grn Munadir Islam Tel 818151 (O), 863074 (R) Grn Osman A Khan Tel 834733 (O), 842324 (R).

Silver Jubilee of V-Day celebrated in missions abroad
 Silver Jubilee of the country's independence was celebrated in Bangladesh missions abroad with due solemnity and enthusiasm, according to messages received in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Missions in — New York, London, Paris, Tokyo, Brussels, New Delhi, Islamabad, Colombo, Kathmandu, Teheran, Dubai, Beijing, Canberra, Riyadh, Bonn, Cairo, Bangkok, Karachi, Bahrain, Calcutta, Nairobi and Baghdad — celebrated the day, through colourful programmes including hoisting of national flag, discussion, cultural function and special prayers.

Urs of Azangachhi begins Dec 20
 Pilgrims for the annual (urs) of the renowned holy Muslim saint of the sub-continent Shah Sufi Hazrat Moulana Azangachhi (RA), will leave today for Calcutta in the evening by special bus from 36 Rankin Street, Wari, Dhaka, reports BSS.

The ten-day Urs Majlis of the holy saint will begin on December 20 at Bagmati, Calcutta.

Obituary
 DM Choudhury, a former controller of imports and exports, died of old age complications at his residence in the city yesterday, family sources said. He was 75, reports BSS.

He left behind his wife three sons, two daughters. His qukhvami will be held at his residence at House -37, Road-14A, Dhanmondi residential area on Friday after maghreb prayers.
 Ummie Salma Mashrura Begum, wife of a close associate of Bangabandhu and a minister of his cabinet late Sohrab Husain, died of old age complications at the Holy Family Hospital in the city on Dec 15. She was 63, reports BSS.

V-Day celebration Foreign observers call on Samad

The guests from different countries who are visiting Bangladesh to observe the Victory Day celebration on the occasion of Silver Jubilee of Independence called on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at Padma State Guest House on Monday, reports BSS.

The foreign minister congratulated the guests for sharing the joy of Victory Day celebration with the people of Bangladesh.

The foreign minister hosted a luncheon in honour of the guest observers from 16 countries at the State Guest House Padma.

Victory Day observed

People from all walks of life on Monday celebrated Silver Jubilee of Victory Day with varieties of programmes in the cities of Chittagong, Rajshahi and Khulna, reports UNB.

Chittagong district administration took up an elaborate programme to mark the historic day in the port city, a place from where the proclamation of Independence was made in March 1971.

Report from Khulna says: The V-Day's programme started in Khulna as the pendulum struck 12 O'clock, heralding 21 gun salutes in the Police Lines in Rajshahi, different socio-cultural and welfare organisations and political parties took up colourful programmes marking the Silver Jubilee.

World leaders greet Hasina

A number of distinguished personalities from abroad have felicitated the government and the people of Bangladesh on the occasion of the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of Independence and the Victory Day on December 16 this year, reports BSS.

In a message of felicitations to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali has said for 25 years, Bangladesh has taken its rightful place on the world stage as a proud and sovereign nation.

Others who sent message of felicitations include US Congressman Bill Richardson, US Senator Charles Perse, former prime ministers of UK Sir Edward Heath and Lord James Callaghan and former member

of US Senate Bayh Vee and US Senator Edward M Kennedy.

BIWTC introduces paddle steamer

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) yesterday introduced a rehabilitated paddle steamer 'PS Ostrich' in its rocket service on Dhaka-Barisal-Khulna route, reports BSS.

Shipping Minister ASM Abdur Rob formally inaugurated the service of the steamer on board at a function which started its voyage from Pagla Ghat of Narayanganj.

The steamer, rehabilitated at a cost of Taka over four crore with financial assistance of the Belgium Government at the Dockyard of BSEC.

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