

## President at commissioning ceremony Navymen urged to develop mentality of serving people

CHITTAGONG, Dec 14: President Shahabuddin Ahmed today urged the members of the country's naval force to develop the mentality of serving people with professional skills, reports BSS.

"You have to develop yourself as an ideal man with high morale for professional interests as well as your personal life," he told the commissioning ceremony of the 96-B Batch of Midshipmen at the Bangladesh Naval Academy at Patenga here.

President Shahabuddin also called upon the new officers to follow the religious teachings for their moral development.

Earlier the President reviewed a smartly turned out parade and took salute marking the ceremony.

President Shahabuddin said Bangladesh Navy has developed proficiency in missile technology with continued efforts of the present government to equip its members with modern weapons to increase their surveillance capacity and turn the navy into a self-dependent force.

"Last year a big patrol vessel was added in our naval fleet, while a sophisticated frigate is being constructed at a foreign

shipyard for Bangladesh Navy," he said.

During the ceremony, the President distributed Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree conferred upon the midshipmen by the National University. Ten midshipmen were awarded the certificates.

Midshipmen Salahuddin Ahmed was adjudged the best all round midshipman and was adorned with the Chief of Naval Staff's Trophy. He also received the Chief of Naval Staff's Gold Medal for outstanding performance in professional subjects.

Midshipman Anmij Farooque was awarded the Osmany Gold Medal for his academic performance.

Navy Chief Rear Admiral Mohammad Nurul Islam and Commodore Commanding of Chittagong AKMA Azad earlier received the President on his arrival along with Begum Shahabuddin Ahmed at the BNS Issa Khan helipad.

Begum Shahabuddin, Labour and Employment Minister M A Mannan, Deputy Minister for Industries Hasibur Rahman and several members of parliament witnessed the commissioning ceremony along with diplomats and guardians of the midshipmen.

# Martyred Intellectuals Day in picture



Awami League leaders led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina placing wreaths at the Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial in Mirpur yesterday. —Star photo



BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia along with party leaders placing wreaths at the Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial in Mirpur yesterday. —Star photo

## Weather

### Night temperature may fall

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Slight fall in night temperature is expected across the country during the period, according to Met Office forecast.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 31.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Bogra and the lowest of 13.2 degree Celsius at Dinajpur.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	29.2	15.3
Chittagong	31.2	18.3
Khulna	30.0	16.9
	Morning	Evening
	67	70
	82	70
	87	87

## Flute and keyboard concert delights audience

By Staff Correspondent

Mandoline Witlesey on the flute and Alain Delaune on the electrical keyboard delighted the rapt audience at Alliance Francaise last evening.

The duo played "Sicilienne and Allegro de la sonata in F Major" by George Frederick Haendel; "Minuet and dance of the Spirits," by Christopher Gluck; "Sonata in F Minor TWV 41 f1" and "Sonata in F Major TWV 41 f2" by George Philip Telemann; Serenade opus 41 (extracts) by Ludwig Van Beethoven; "Entr'acte" by George Bizet and "Bereuse" and "Sicilienne of Pelleas and Melisande" by Gabriel Faure.

Alain, who played the electrical piano said that the music appeared a little flint at the beginning because the pieces were turned to the harpsichord of the 18th century, when the piano did not exist. He added that a harpsichord would be too expensive and too fragile an instrument for Dhaka's humidity.

Alain has been playing the piano for 27 years and chooses to teach French, as he feels he is not gifted enough to play in big French cities. At present, he is the Deputy Director of Alliance Francaise. He says he has given 10 formal performances as a vocalist and pianist in Dhaka since he came here. He says he loves Bach, Haendel, and Baroque musicians in general. He also loves to play Schubert, Shumann and Debussy.

Mandoline, who is of American-French origin, taking a year off before college, is teaching flute to students at the American International School.



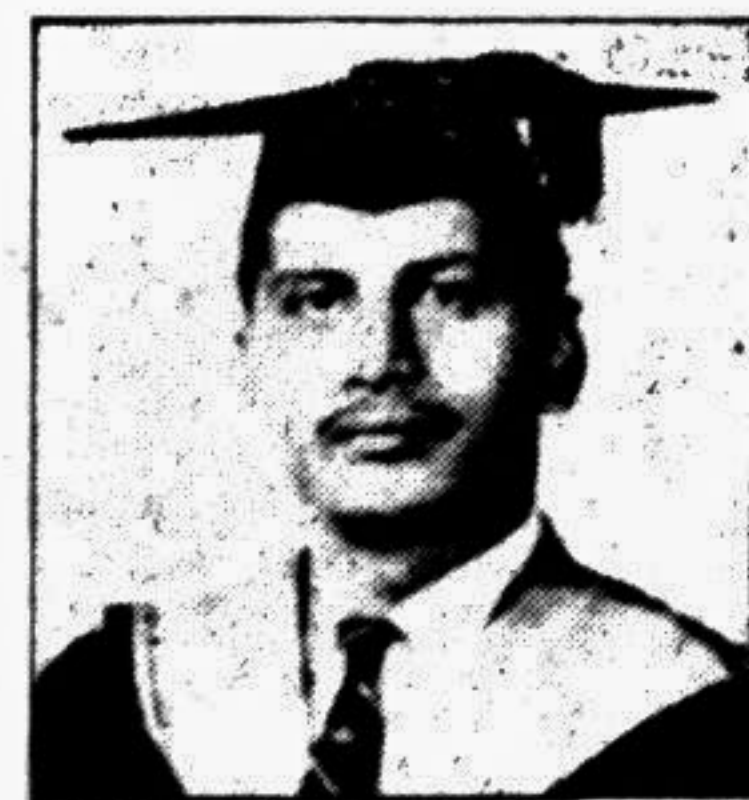
## Death anniversary of Dr Rabbee today

Today is the 27th death anniversary of Dr. Md. Fazle Rabbee, Professor of Cardiology and Professor of Medicine of the Dhaka Medical College, says a press release.

Dr Rabbee was picked up by the Pakistani occupation forces and their local collaborators — Rajakar, Al-Badar and Al-Shams — from his Siddheshwari Residence on this day in 1971 and was brutally killed the following night.

A meritorious scholar all along his student life, Dr. Rabbee had Honours in all the three MBBS examinations. He received the Gold Medal from the Dhaka University in 1955. He got his MRCP from the Royal College of Physicians at Edinburgh in Cardiology in 1961. He got his second MRCP from the Royal College of Physicians at London in Internal Medicine in 1962.

In observance of his death anniversary, wreaths will be placed at his grave and *fateha* will be offered this morning. *Quran khwani* and *milad mahfil* will be held at his wife's residence after Magreb prayers. Friends, admirers and relatives have been requested to attend the *milad*.



## Anniversary of Dr Azad's death tomorrow

The 27th death anniversary of martyred intellectual Dr Md. Abdul Kalam Azad will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.

Azad, a professor of mathematics at the Institute of Science and Technology Training under Dhaka University, was brutally killed by Al-Badr gangsters at the fag end of the Liberation War. His body was recovered from the mass grave at Rayer Bazar on December 16, 1971.

A *milad mahfil* and *Quran khwani* will be held at the residence of Shaheed Azad's brother Habibul Bashar, Editor, Daily Morning Post at House No. 35/B, Road No. 7, Block-G, Banani at 2 pm on December 16.

Another *milad mahfil* will also be held today after Asr prayers at the office of the Daily Morning Post.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the *milad mahfil*. Shaheed Azad was born in Kushtia on February 1, 1933.



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Various political and socio-cultural organisations placed wreaths at the Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial yesterday to pay homage to the worthy sons of the soil who were brutally killed by the Pakistani occupation forces and their local collaborators at the fag end of the War of Liberation. —Star photo

## Murtaza elected RAOWA chairman

Flying Officer (Retd) Mohd Gholam Murtaza, has been elected Chairman of Retired Armed Forces Officers Welfare Association (RAOWA) at the AGM held at Raowa Complex, in the city on December 12, says a press release.

The other office-bearers are: Sr vice chairman & president, Raowa Club-Brigadier Mufizur Rahman Chowdhury; vice chairman (Dev) & vice president, Raowa Club-Major Khandker Badrul Hasan; vice chairman org & welfare-Lt Col M Rezaul Karim Khan; secy general-Lt Col Khalid Azam; org secy & secy, Raowa Club-capt Md Mahbubul Matin; treasurer-Major A K M Fazlul Bari; Jt secy & welfare secretary-Capt Jamilur Rahman Khan; asst secy dev and coordination-Maj M Abdul Bashar; asst secy, Raowa and asst secy, Raowa Club-Major Md Afuzzaman Joarder; asst treasurer & treasurer, Raowa Club-Lt Col S M Amin.

The members of the executive committee are: Maj Khandker Abdul Rahman; Maj Kh A Alam; Major S Chaklader; Capt Q K Z Utpal; Capt B M Nowsher Alam; Lt Col Masoudul Hossain Khan; Maj Syed Ashfaq Ahmed; Capt (BN) M Badrul Amin; Capt (BN) M A Baset; and Group Capt A K M Khalilur Rahman.

## Obituary

Kabiruddin Ahmed of Agarpur, Miabari, Babuganj under Barisal district died yesterday at the age of 93.

His *qul khwani* will be held on December 16 after Magreb prayers at 1/3, Shahjahan Road, Mohammadpur.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend his *qul* and pray for salvation of the departed soul.



Chamok, a socio-cultural organisation, arranged a cultural evening in the city on the occasion of the Victory Day, where promising singer Mukta gave a solo performance.

## Discussion on martyred intellectuals

By DU Correspondent

A discussion meeting on Role of Intellectuals in the Liberation War was held at the Teachers and Students Centre (TSC) of Dhaka University yesterday afternoon to mark the Martyred Intellectuals Day.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad was present as chief guest while State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed addressed the programme as special guest. The meeting was organised by Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student wing of the ruling Awami League. Speaking on the occasion, Samad Azad said, "Though we gained independence in 1971, we have not achieved real freedom because 'Razakars' and 'Al-Badr' are still roaming around us". He said all political murders after liberation were committed in continuation of the killings of the intellectuals in 1971.

Prof Sayeed urged the students to unite against the anti-liberation forces. He also criticised the main opposition BNP for calling hartal frequently.

Presided over by BCL president Bahadur Bepari, the discussion meeting was addressed, among others, by Akhtaruzzaman MP, Prof Hossain Monsur and Iqbalur Rahim.

## Bir Shreshtha Rouf's grave to be renovated

RANGAMATI, Dec 14: Rangamati Hill Local Government Council today announced its decision to renovate the grave of one of the country's highest gallantry award recipients which was traced 25 years after his death in the Liberation War, reports BSS.

Independence War hero Bir Shreshtha Munshi Abdur Rouf, a Lance Naik of the then East Pakistan Rifles (EPR), killed in a front fight with Pakistani troops at the remote Burighat area of Naniarchar thana of the district on April 20, 1971.

He was decorated with the highest "Bir Shreshtha" gallantry award for his heroic role in the Liberation War, but his grave remained untraced until the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) authorities identified it in 1996 after a long investigation.

Chairman of the Hill District Council Chingkeu Roza along with local officials and political leaders today paid tributes to the martyred war veteran placing wreaths at his grave at Burighat, 45 km from the district town, marking the Martyred Intellectuals' Day.

He said the council would erect a monument at the grave site at a cost of Taka 10 lakh to pay homage to his memory.

## Reception to Amartya Sen Dec 19

St Gregory's High School and The Gregorian Association will jointly hold a reception in Honour of Gregorian Dr Amartya Sen, the 1998 Nobel Prize Winner in Economics.

The function will be held on December 19 at 7:30 am at St Gregory's High School, Luxmi Bazar.

Invited Gregorians are requested to be present at the school premises on time, says a press release.

## Bank holiday

Bangladesh Bank and the scheduled banks will remain closed on Wednesday on the occasion of the Victory Day, said a BB press release yesterday, reports APB.

## 63 undertrial prisoners freed

The government has freed 63 undertrial prisoners from different jails of the country on the eve of the Victory Day, an official handout said in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The prisoners who were under custody with minor offences were released on special consideration, it added.

## Mannan visits injured JCD leader

By Staff Correspondent

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan visited injured Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader Mamun at a city clinic yesterday.

Mamun sustained injuries as he was beaten up allegedly by some activists of pro-Awami League Chhatra League on the Dhaka University campus during the dawn-to-dusk hartal on Sunday.

Mannan Bhuiyan stayed for some time with the JCD leader and inquired about his treatment.

Party leaders Abdullah Al Mamun, Mirza Abbas, Sadek Hossain Khoka, Amanullah Aman, Nazimuddin Alam, Khairul Kabir Khokon, Abdus Salam, Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu and Mosharraf Hossain accompanied him.

Meanwhile, in a statement Bhuiyan strongly condemned the attack on Saidul Islam, a leader of Kamarkhand, Sirajganj, unit of the party.

He blamed the attack on Awami League activists and demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of those involved.

The injured leader is undergoing treatment in Sirajganj General Hospital.

## BNP discussion on Victory Day today

By Staff Correspondent

BNP will hold a discussion meeting on the occasion of Victory Day at 3 pm today at 29 Minto Road, the official residence of the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament.

BNP Standing Committee member Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed will address the function as chief guest, while Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, Prof. Afab Uddin Ahmed, Rezauddin Ahmed, Shahjahan Omar, Mirza Abbas, Sadek Hossain Khoka and Rezabudowillah Chowdhury will take part in the discussion.

Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha (Jasas), the cultural wing of BNP, will present a cultural function after the discussion meeting, said a press release.

Meanwhile, a joint meeting of Dhaka city BNP and its different front organisations will be held at 4 pm today at the party's central office. City convenor Sadek Hossain Khaka will preside.

City unit joint convenors, thana units presidents and general secretaries, BNP commissioners at DCC and presidents and general secretaries of all front organisations have been asked to attend the meeting in due time, said a release.