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Martyr's of the Liberation War

The innocent victims of Palash

PALASH, Narsingdi, Dec 11: A banana plant saved me and my entire family when the Pakistan army killed 14 of my family members just ten days before victory," a still shaken Abul Kashem of Atiagon of the Palash thana said looking back to the killing orgy on December 6 of 1971, reports BSS.

Abul Kashem said that it was twilight when the Pakistan army came to their houses, lined up 17 persons and sprayed bullets on them. His wife, and his two sons were hiding in a trench that was dug by his brother who died in the killing spree. They were saved when a tin from the rubble of their house, set on fire by the Pak army covered the trench. A banana plant which fell over the tin covering them added to army's conviction that none could be under the plant.

The army was standing on the tin firing at the lined up relatives of mine who had been hiding in a mud house when the army raided our houses," Abul Kashem recalls. Three of my relatives, one baby boy and two of my brothers, were saved by a miracle.

"The baby boy, a nephew, fell into a nearby pond when his mother was hit by the bullet. A dog saved the boy by pulling him out of the pond," Kashem said, "two of my brothers fainting just before the firing and so the army took them as dead. Thus they were saved."

Many like Abul Kashem in this thana where two hundred people were killed still remember that evening with heavy hearts remembering how innocent near one who were killed by the occupation forces. The Pak Army also killed 13 people in Kalipara and Ghagra bringing the total deaths of the three villages to 27.

The Pakistan Army also killed five people on the bank of the river Shitalakhya. Giasuddin, one of the lucky survivors of that brutal killing of Ghagra village, said he was taken away from his house on the evening of December 6 and lined up with other villagers who were later on shot. I received only a bullet on my leg but the army thought that all of us have died so they left us there," Giasuddin said, adding that nearby villagers later saved him.

The villagers mostly fled from their houses immediately after army took position in a local jute mill. But before they left they buried the dead in three mass graves.

Those who survived the brutal killings say that during the last 28 years nobody has ever tried to find out the real facts about the massacre. They complain that it looks like the nation is already about to forget the supreme sacrifices their relatives made just before the nation won independence.

However, the supreme sacrifices of the villagers have inspired their next generation to form a 'Naboprajanna Mukti-joddha Sangsad' (New Generation Freedom Fighters Council). The organiser of the council Syed Javed Hossain told BSS that after the war of liberation Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman sanctioned grant of Taka 2000 for each Shaheed family of the villages. But since the death of Bangabandhu, the martyred families seemed to have become a forgotten chapter in the history of the Liberation War, he complains.

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Corrigendum No. CMSD/G-ESP-8/99-2000/D-4/01

Dated: 02/12/99

Invitation for Bids (IFB)
Corrigendum

Invitation for Bids (IFB) No-CMSD/G-ESP-8/99-2000/D-4/02 dt 11/11/99 published in the Daily Star on 26/11/99 and the relevant portions of the bidding documents regarding the Procurement of Hospital Furnitures are hereby amended as under.

	Previous date & time	Amended date & time
1. Para-4 of IFB : Last date of purchasing bidding documents	Up to 09-01-2000	Up to 18-01-2000
2. Para-6 of IFB : Date & time of submission of the bids	Up to 11-00 AM on 10-01-2000	Up to 11-30 AM on 19-01-2000
3. Para-7 of IFB : Date & time of opening the bids	At 11-30 AM on 10-01-2000	At 11-30 AM on 19-01-2000

The other terms & conditions of the bidding document will remain unchanged.

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PM visits wife of Shahabuddin

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday visited Bangabhaban to see the ailing wife of President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, reports BSS.

Mrs Shahabuddin Ahmed, on the advice of a medical board, headed by National Professor Dr Nurul Islam, is leaving for Singapore for medical treatment.

The Prime Minister talked to Mrs Shahabuddin and wished her early recovery.

Khaleda hosts iftar for ulemas

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia hosted an iftar party for the religious leaders and ulemas at her Mintoo Road official residence in the city last evening, reports BSS.

Begum Zia exchanged greetings with them and inquired about their wellbeing.

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, standing committee member Abdul Matin Chowdhury and Jatiyabadi Ulema party chief Najibul Haq Majibbandari were also present.

City AL meets today

An emergency extended meeting of the City Unit of Awami League will be held at the party's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city today at 3 pm, a party press release said, reports BSS.

All leaders of the party's Dhaka City Unit including MPs, commissioners of the City Corporation, presidents and general secretaries of thana, ward and union units as well as Mahila Awami League, Sramik League, Shechhasevak League, Jubo League and Chhatra League have been requested to attend the meeting on time.

2 held with firearms in Ctg

From Our Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Dec 11: Two miscreants were held with two firearms in two separate incidents of terrorism and toll extortions here last night and this afternoon.

DB police of the city held a notorious terrorist and toll extortionist, Md. Hasan, also known as Hasan of Rauzan, 22, with 1 mark-4 rifle and 8 rounds of bullets from a hotel at Sadarghat road under Kotwali thana last night.

In the other incident one Lokman alias Kalaia, 23, was caught red handed with a loaded LG while extorting toll from a shop at Shoolshahar Railway station. A mobile team of Panchlaish thana police made the arrest at around 2.30 pm today.

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