

Bir Shrestho Nur Mohammad Monument at last

From Atiur Rahman

JESSORE, Feb 25: Kashipur is a village far from the madding crowd. This is situated to the northern end of Sharsha thana near the Bangladesh border.

The bravest son of the soil, Bir Shrestho Nur Mohammad and six other valiant freedom fighters who embraced martyrdom during the Liberation War in 1971, were buried here.

Long after 28 years of obscurity and negligence, a monument was built on this graveyard recently in memory of Bir Shrestho Nur Mohammad.

Former chief engineer of Local Government Rural Development (LGRD), Quamrul Islam Siddik took up the project to erect the monument. He got it completed at a cost of Taka Three lakh and 65 thousand.

Except Bir Shrestho Nur Mohammad who are buried here include MCA elect in 1970's election Syed Ator Ali, Subedar Moniruzzaman, Bahadur Gerila, Sepoy Abdus Sattar, Sepoy Enamul Haque, and freedom fighter Abdul Ahad.

Incidentally, Bir Shrestho Nur Mohammad was killed by the Pakistan occupation army in the fight at Geahat under Gotebandapur union of Jhinkiracha thana on September 5 in 1971.

Syed Ator Ali, MCA-elect was also buried here.

Subedar Moniruzzaman was killed by the enemy in the Liberation War on June 27, 1971.

Bahadur Gerila, who was killed at Barabazar after killing 40 enemy soldiers.

Sepoy Abdus Sattar was killed by the enemy in a battle against them at Jadabpur under Jadabpur union of Moheshpur thana in greater Jessore on September 21 in 1971. Sepoy Enamul Haque was killed by the enemy troops in a battle at Makapura under Chowgacha thana on November 17, 1971.

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graveyard recently in memory of Bir Shrestho Nur Mohammad.

The monument was erected covering an area of 5,000 square feet. A road passed through it. There are a total of seven graves on the northern side and seven pillars have been erected touching these seven graves. Full life-sketch of the martyrs are inscribed on these pillars. The monument was erected along the southern side of the graveyard. Seven pillars are standing over the green grass field and the national flag of Bangladesh, has been made there in colour with red and green to signify the spirit and values of the National Liberation War.

Professor Khurshid Shahid of Sculpture Department of Khulna University is the sculptor of this monument.

The land required for construction of the monument was donated by Khairul Alam of the same village.

The importance of the place was increased following the construction of this monument.

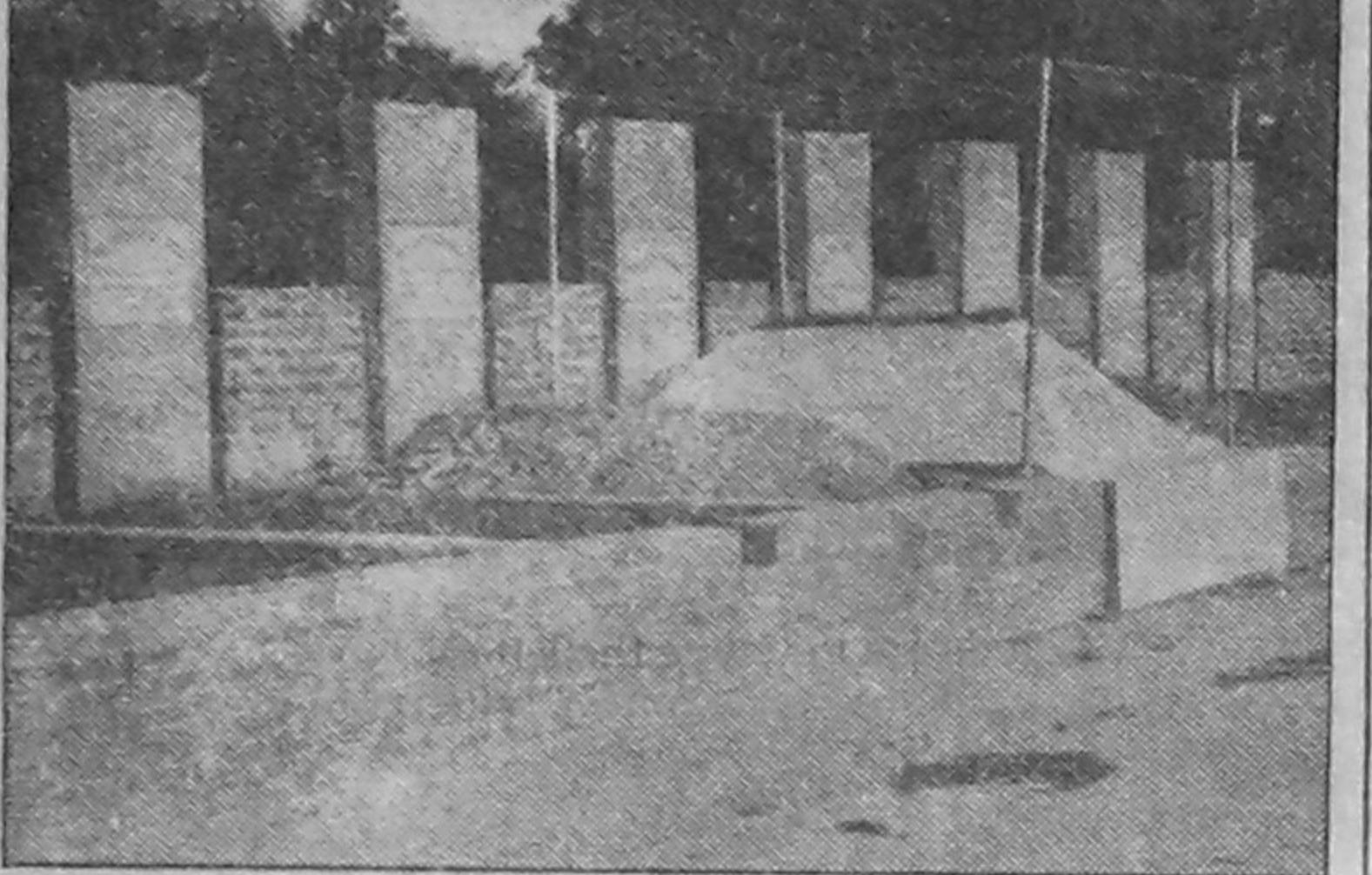
It has become a historic site worth visiting.

People from across the country flock to this place almost daily to have a glimpse of the graves of martyrs.

Kashipur stands on Sharsha-Dhaka highway via Chowgacha. It is 18 kilometres from Sharsha and only eight kilometres from Chowgacha. It is 30 kilometres off Jessore, connected with Jesso-e-Kashipur Road via Kayemkola and Chutipur. Four-kilometre road from Chutipur to Kashipur is still kutch while the rest up to Chutipur is pucca.

A project to construct a rest house near the monument was taken up and the construction work was progressing.

People of this village are proud of having the grave of Bir Shrestho Nur Mohammad here.



Epitaphs erected near the seven graves of martyred freedom fighters.

—Star photo

Matia says PSA for eradicating terrorism

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Feb 25: Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury has said that the Public Safety Law has been enacted for eradicating terrorism from society, reports BSS.

She said those who are involved in killing, extortion, snatching and terrorism could only oppose the Public Safety Law.

The agriculture minister was speaking as the chief guest at a public meeting organised by district Awami League at Chapainawabganj Municipal Park on Tuesday.

Parliament Member Shahid Monowara Hoq, State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Prof Zinatunnesa Talukder and State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Prof. Abdul Quddus spoke on the occasion as special guests.

The agriculture minister said that massive development activities of this government under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has brought dynamism in the economy and earned good name and fame at home and abroad.

The opposition, she said, was trying to halt this economic dynamism by their destructive activities. She urged the opposition to stop it for the interest of the public.

Earlier, the agriculture minister visited Darialpur Shad Tajuddin Ahmed Irrigation

Project and Ganka Agrani Irrigation Project at Chapainawabganj.

A total of 2,000 acres of land has been brought under irrigation by implementing these two projects. Besides, the agriculture minister visited Chapainawabganj Mango Research Centre and Kallangpur Horticulture Centre.

During the visits, State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Prof Zinatunnesa Talukder and Shaheed Monowara Hoq MP accompanied the minister.

**Punishment to
killers of Kushtia
trader demanded**

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Feb 25: A procession was brought out in Kushtia thana headquarters last week, demanding the punishment to the killers of local trader Monwar.

Body of Monwar, 40, was recovered from the river Gora on February 15. He was missing from February 10. Police said Monwar, a trader in local bazaar, was murdered.

Rabi Thakur, business partner of Monwar, was arrested in this connection.

69 outlaws surrender in Pabna dist

PABNA, Feb 25: Police on Thursday arrested Abdus Samad, alias Mota Samad, a district leader of the outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party, from house in village Shakharpur, Harnarayanpur, reports BSS.

At about the same time 69 followers of Samad surrendered with some six pipe guns at a police-arranged function at Ataikola High School ground at 4 pm.

The 40-year-old Samad who was brought to the function and one of his aides Yunus Ali, 37, who surrendered admitted they had a wrong path and sought apology to the people.

We were misguided to a wrong course. Please forgive us for the wrong we have done to you so long. Mota Samad made a passionate appeal to hundreds of people assembled at the func-

tion. Similar appeal was made by his follower Yunus Ali.

Jannatul Ferdous, Lady MP from the district present at the function, was delighted at the arrest of Samad and presented police Super Asaduzzaman Mia a gold replica of boat for the success of his force.

Deputy Commissioner Mahbubul Rahaman announced an award of Tk 10 thousand for the policemen who arrested Samad.

ASP Abul Khair and SI Amannullah led the force that succeeded in arresting Samad at about 3:30 pm and a 9.5ML pistol with ammunition was recovered from his possession.

A senior police official later told that they would examine track records of those surrendered, if there is no specific case against any one, he will be set free.

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