Historic March 7 observed in dists

Rich tributes paid to Bangabandhu

The historic March 7 was observed in districts on Tuesday with renewed pledge to unite the nation imbued with the spirit of the Liberation War for building up a happy and prosperous country, reports BSS.

In observance of the day, Bangladesh Awami League, its front organisations and different socio-cultural forums chalked out elaborate programmes in Chittagong.

Hoisting of national and party flags, playing the recorded speech of the historic March 7 of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, garlanding the portrait of the Bangabandhu, discussions and milad mahfil were the highlights of the programmes.

To mark the day, Chittagong City Awami League organised a discussion at its Darool Fazal office in the evening.

Labour and Employment Minister M A Mannan attended the discussion as the chief guest while senior vice-president of the party Mohammad Ishaq Mia presided over it.

City AL leaders Abul Kalam Sowdagar, Dr Syadur Rahman, Kazi Enamul Hoq Danu, Nayeem Uddin, Mohammad Khalequzamman and M A Rashid, among others, took part in the discussion.

Paying glowing tributes to the Father of the Nation, the minister urged the party workers to remain alert of the conspiracies against the present government led by Bangabandhu daughter Sheikh Hasina.

Chittagong South District AL also organised a meeting to mark the day, which was addressed by party leaders Moslem Uddin Ahmed and Abu Saleh.

Different units of Bangladesh Awami League and Chhatra League, Russel Parishad, Bangabandhu Chhatra Parishad city unit observed the day through separate programmes.

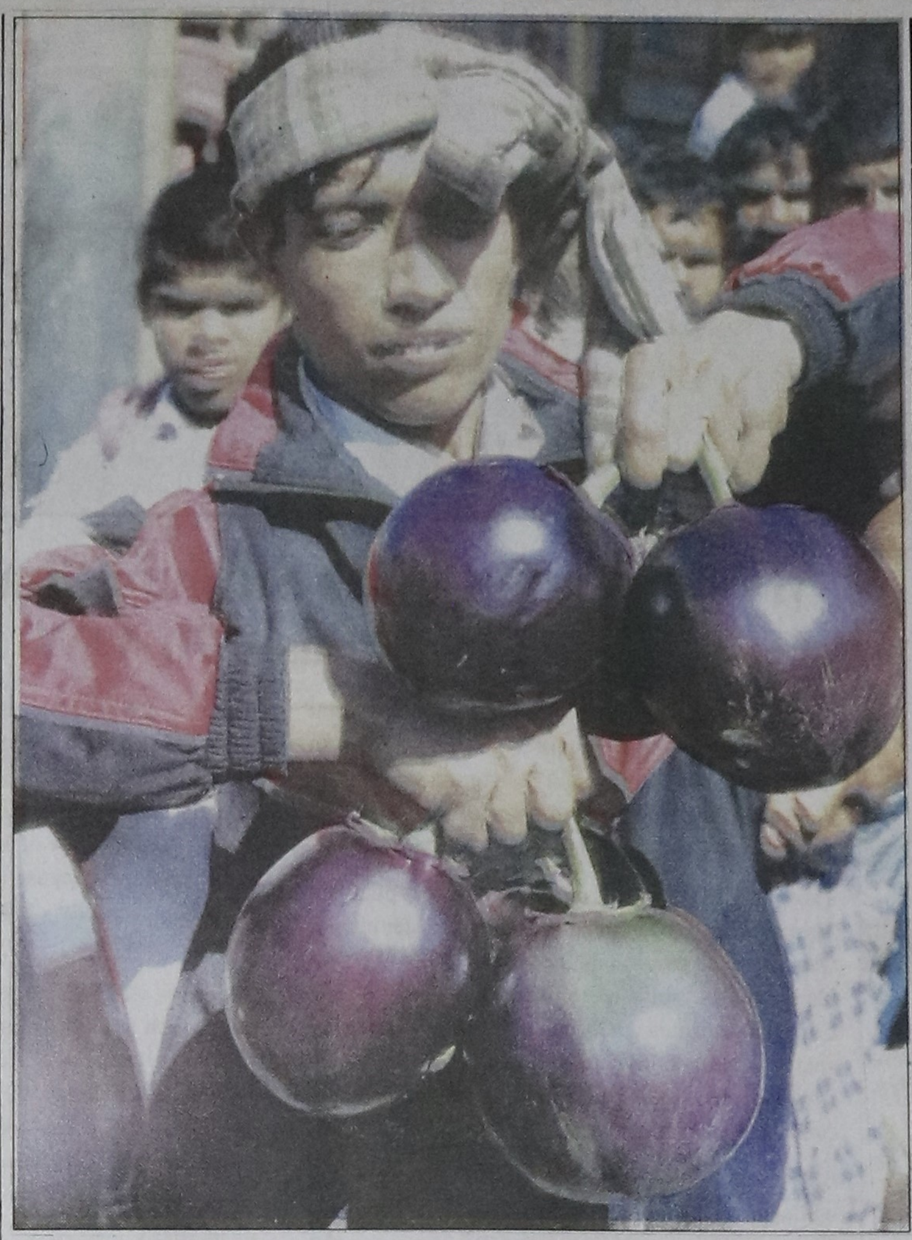
Bangladesh Betar and Bangladesh Television, Chittagong centres, aired special programmes while newspapers in the port city published special articles to mark the day.

Awami League and its front organisations in Khulna observed the day through holding a range of programmes. The programmes included garlanding the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Awami League office and hoisting national and party flags atop Awami League office and holding a discussion, highlighting the significance of the day.

A discussion was held at the Awami League office with vice-president of Khulna City Awami League F M Maksudur Rahman in the chair.

It was addressed, among others, by Alhaj Shamsur Rahman Naib, member of AL central committee, Whip of Jatiya Sangsad S M Mostafa Rashidi Shuja, MP, S M A Rob, Advocate Mohammad Ali, Gazi Shamsul Islam and Advocate Sohrab Hossain.

Similar befitting programmes have also been arranged in other districts to mark the day.



Mashed aubergine, aubergine fry or aubergine with hilsa fish are some of the mouth watering Bangla dishes. These round-shaped breed of aubergines from Sherpur brings in cash for a city vegetable vendor. — Star photo by A K M Mohsin

Bright prospect of mango production in Natore

NATORE, Mar 8: Even though the coming mango season is said to be the "Off-Year," growers here are giving a bright outlook for mango production due to fair weather.

With the spring leaves started grow in on the trees, mango orchids in greater Rajshahi wore bright emerald green looks, giving an indication of bountiful production.

Officials at Bangladesh Fruit Research Institute said the normal budding period of mango trees is from the end of Bangla month of Magh to mid Falgoon, but the persisting fair weather has caused the mango trees to bud much earlier this year.

Witnesses said buds have already appeared on over 80 per cent mango trees in the region, raising hope among the growers.

According to yielding nature of mango trees, this year is supposed to be the "Off-Year," as the previous year was the "On-Year" that broke the mango output record of the last 10 years.

The officials said mango production was over 2.5 lakh MF last year while 75,000 MF in 1998 and 1.25 lakh MF in 1997 in Natore, Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj districts, known as the bib bowls of quality mangoes.

Experts said if this favourable weather continues up to March, the mango production this year would surpass the outputs of the previous "Off-Years."

They said the age of a mango tree is a major factor for its productivity and the sound productive years for a tree are between 10-30.

To boost mango production, they said, the government should come up with both short and long-term measures, including training programmes for growers.

Most growers of this region are little aware of modern techniques of mango farming while many others do not know how to use fertilisers.

The experts also called for taking steps to stop indiscriminate felling of healthy and productive trees in the region.

— UNB Feature

Tributes to language martyrs
Activists of Bangladesh Chhatra Union proceeding towards Shaheed Minar to lay wreathes on the occasion of International Mother Language Day in Jhenidah. — Star photo

Fake examinee held at IU

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Mar 8: A fake examinee was arrested when he allegedly tried to appear at the first year (Hons) admission test of Applied Chemistry and Technology Department at Islamic University (IU) on Thursday.

He was identified as Masud Alam, 20. He was trying to appear at the test in favour of Mashiur Rahman of roll number 1223.

Uplift works progressing in various districts

Various development programmes have been progressing fast is different districts recently, report agencies.

In Rangpur, the Facilities Department has been executing new building construction programme of five government high schools and one college at a cost of Taka 80 lakh in the current fiscal year.

According to official sources, the programme includes construction of buildings of Rangpur Government Girls' School, Samaj Kalyan Bidda Bithi School, Rangpur High School, Daradi High School and Haragacha College.

About 60 per cent work has, so far, been completed and the rest is expected to be completed by the end of June, 2000.

With the completion of work at least 15,000 students of both sexes will enjoy better educational facilities in these educational institutions, official sources added.

Another report says: One hundred and fifty nine development projects are being executed in seven northern districts at a cost of Taka one hundred fifty nine crore during the current fiscal year.

The districts are Rangpur, Gaibandha, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat, Dinajpur, Panchagarh and Joypurhat.

The projects included water supply, extension of Pally Biddut lines, river erosion protective scheme, construction of buildings of medical colleges, municipalities and union parishads, fire stations, school buildings, roads, bridges, culverts and iron removal plants.

A high official told that about 60 per cent work of the development projects has, so far, been completed and rest 40 per cent work is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

In Sunamganj, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) implemented 42 projects of reconstruction of bridges, culverts, roads last year.

The construction cost of Taka 1.60 crore was provided from ADB assisted maintenance programmes.

LGED official sources said, flood in 1998 damaged some bridges, culverts and roads in different places. Due to the damage, the roads became unsuitable for transportation. After implementing the reconstruction programme about five lakh people are getting better communication facilities.

In Jessore, LGED, Jessore has been implementing a project of reconstruction of 19 rural roads.

The approximate cost of the reconstruction is Taka one crore eighty lakh. According to Executive Engineer of LGED, Jessore, the present government is relentlessly working for the advancement of industry and agriculture. LGED has taken up the project to materialize this goal. Reconstruction programme for 19 roads, out of the total devastated rural roads has been taken up primarily on priority basis.

Fifty-five per cent of the total work has already been completed.

In Madaripur, twenty development projects, taken up by LGED Madaripur at a cost of Tk 22.57 lakh, is likely to be completed in a month.

In Panchagarh, the government has sanctioned 877 tons of wheat under 'Food for Works Programme for implementation of 82 development schemes.

News snaps

Show on edn materials

JHALAKATI, Mar 8: A daylong show on educational materials was held on the premises of Udbodhan High School here on Monday, reports UNB.

A total of 155 government primary schools in Sadar thana took part in the show where 1,500 educational materials and drawings have been put on display. Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Abdul Hamid inaugurated the display organised to raise awareness of children and adolescents about education and familiarise them with different educational materials. Local elite and senior government officials visited the show organised by Primary Education Directorate.

Body recovered

CHUADANGA, Mar 8: Police recovered the body of a businessman from a river in Dakatir Char area under Sadar thana on Sunday after 78 days of his abduction, reports UNB.

Police said the body of Abdul Matin, kidnapped on Dec 18, was found capped in a bag. The cause behind the killing could not be known. Police had recovered another beheaded body from the same place on Dec 17.

Agri-fair begins

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Mar 8: A weeklong agriculture fair began on the premises of Agriculture Extension Department here on Monday, reports UNB.

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Prof Muhammad Abdul Quddus opened the fair. Deputy Commissioner of the district Muhammad Nazrul Islam, AED officials and local political leaders also addressed the inaugural function. A total of 20 stalls have been set up in the fair.

Technical fault in tele circuit

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Mar 8: People of Chapainawabganj are facing much difficulties in sending important messages by telegraph to different parts of the country due to technical faults in the telegraphic circuit, reports BSS.

Local people said the process of sending message is being hampered. As a result all the important messages have been sent by post for the last one year. The telegraph office sources said a machine of telegraph circuit is out of order from January 20, 1999 paralysing the whole network. The matter was informed to the concerned authority but no action has yet been taken.

Six arrested for smuggling

SATKHIRA, Mar 8: Assasuni thana police in a special drive arrested six smugglers from Kholardanga village under Assasuni thana and recovered two magnet pins and one border pillar from their possession on Friday night, reports BSS.

Police sources said, acting on a tip off Assasuni thana police led by OC Abdul Mannan raided the Kholardanga village area and arrested six smugglers while they were taking preparation for smuggling the border pillar and two border pillar's pins (Magnet) to India. Police arrested Siddique Sheikh, Abul Hossain, Sadaruddin, Ebrahim, Golder and Salima Khatun for their alleged involvement in the smuggling. A case was filed with Assasuni thana police in this connection.

Science fair begins

SHERPUR, Mar 8: The 23rd Fair on Science and Technology began here at Sherpur Government College auditorium on February 29, reports BSS.

Minister for civil Aviation and Tourism Engineer Mosharraf Hossain inaugurated the fair, as the chief guest. Atiur Rahman Atik, MP, Dr Shamsher Ali, Prof of Physics of Dhaka University, Noufel Mian, Deputy Commissioner and Idris Ali, Vice-Principal of Sherpur Government Mohila College, addressed the inaugural function. The function was presided over by Manindra Saha, Acting Principal of the college. All the schools and colleges of Sherpur district took part in the fair. Twenty stalls were set up in the fair.

Flower is a source of joy for ever
A flower show was organised by Faridpur Shilpakala Academy inside its premises on February 15. Photo shows Faridpur DC Atiqul Islam visiting various stalls following the exhibition's inauguration. — Star photo

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
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Bangladesh Secretariate, Dhaka

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Notice

Subject: Scholarship at Post-Graduate level offered by the Government of China: 2000

Applications are invited from Bangladeshi nationals for studying in the following subjects at the Post-Graduate levels under a scholarship on merit basis offered by Chinese Government during 2000-2001 academic session.

	Department/Subject	Requisite educational qualification
a)	1) Fine Arts 2) Music	Should have 1st division/class in all examinations

2. Candidates already selected finally for any scholarship by the Ministry of Education need not apply. Their applications will be treated as rejected.
3. A candidate will not be allowed to apply for more than one subject. If someone is nominated for a scholarship for a country, then he is not considered as a candidate for a scholarship for any other country. Someone who is not interested in availing this scholarship are advised to refrain from applying for it.
4. Two copies of application in English in plain paper as per following proforma will have to be submitted by 15/03/2000. Certificate of passing of the both examination and marksheet and a passport size photograph duly attested by a class I gazetted officer will have to be enclosed along with one copy of application, while in the other copy of application a similar attested photograph will have to be attached by a gems clip in such a way that two applications can be separate at ease. Any other application is not needed to be submitted.
5. Proforma for the application form will be as follows:
Application for scholarship at Post-Graduate level by the Government of China-2000.
Name of the subject applied for:
a) Name of the candidate :
b) Father's name :
c) Present address :
d) Permanent address :
e) Date of birth :
f) Age :
g) Nationality :
h) Present address (telephone number, if any) :
i) Statement of examination passed :

Name of examination	Board	Year	Roll number	Total marks obtained	Percentage rate
SSC					
HSC					
BA, BSc					
MA, MSc					

I do hereby declare that I shall go to China, if selected for scholarship of Chinese Government and myself shall bear additional educational expenses for studying that subject.

Signature of the applicant

6. Applications should reach by 15/03/2000 in the address of the undersigned. Incomplete application will be treated as rejected. Section/subject of the "Post-Graduate scholarship offered by the Government of China" and total marks obtained in all the examinations will have to be mentioned legibly on the envelope of the applications.
7. Candidates will be selected on the basis of total marks obtained in the Secondary and Higher Secondary Examinations. Authenticity of the papers of candidates will be verified.
8. The decision of the authority in selecting candidate will be treated as final.

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Office of the Executive Engineer
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Kazla, DESA, Dhaka.

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Tender Notice

Tenders in sealed envelopes under terms and conditions of Form No-T-1 of Bangladesh Power Development Board from Ka, Kha and Ga classes of enlisted contractors of Dhaka Electric Supply Authority/Dhaka Power Development Board for the work mentioned below under the Operation and Maintenance Division, DESA, Kazla, Dhaka a) Repairing work of Dhania 11 KV, 11/0.4 KV line and distribution transformer under Operation and Maintenance Division, DESA, Kazla b) Repairing work of 11 KV-Mir Hazirbagh and 11 KV Sayedabad Feeder c) Repairing work of 11 KV Kadamtali Feeder 11 KV, 11/0.4 KV LT line d) Repairing work of 11 KV Muktisarani Feeder e) Repairing work of Matuail 11 KV, 11/0.4 KV line and distribution transformer f) Repairing work of 11 KV line of Dhalpur Overhead Feeder, 11/0.4 KV line and 0.4 KV g) Repairing work of 11 KV, 11/0.4 KV and 0.4 KV line of 11 KV Zenith Overhead Feeder, h) Emergency repairing and maintenance work of external KV Feeders of 33/11 KV Kazla Substation. Each set of detailed tender form will be available on payment of Taka 150/- (One hundred and fifty) only (non-refundable) till 22/3/2000 on all working days from (1) General Manager, Client Service (South) DESA, 12/A, Motijheel, Dhaka b) Superintending Engineer, Client Service, Kazla Circle, DESA, 12/A, Motijheel, Dhaka c) Executive Engineer, O&M Division, Siddhirganj, DESA, Dhaka d) Executive Engineer, CO Division, Siddhirganj, DESA, Dhaka c) Executive Engineer, CO Division, Kazla, DESA, Dhaka and f) Sonali Bank, Jatrabari Branch, Dhaka. Prior permission will have to be taken from General Manager, Client Service (South), DESA, 12/A, Motijheel, Dhaka; Superintending Engineer, Client Service, Kazla Circle, DESA, 12/A, Motijheel, Dhaka; Executive Engineer O&M Division, Siddhirganj; Executive Engineer, CO Division, Siddhirganj; Executive Engineer, CO Division, Kazla or the undersigned and will be received on 23/3/2000 (till 12-00 Noon) in the above-mentioned offices of Dhaka Electric Supply Authority and tender box will be opened the same day at 12-30 PM before the tenderers or their approved representative present (if anyone remains present). Earnest money at the rate of 2.5% (two decimal five) of the estimated cost in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of the Additional Director (Accounts), Regional Accounts Office, Dhaka will have to be submitted along with the tender. Rate analysis of the tenders for above 5 (five) per cent or more or less than that will have to be submitted. 10% of the additional estimated rate of the specific 2.5% (two decimal five) will have to be submitted as security with estimated tender. Tenders will be treated as rejected if failed to deposit earnest money. The undersigned reserves the power accept or reject any lowest tender without assigning any reason.

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ব্যয় ব্যবস্থাপনা বিভাগ
(যানবাহন শাখা)
প্রধান কার্যালয়
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গাড়ি বিক্রয়ের পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়ের ০৩ (তিন) টি পুরাতন কার বিক্রয়ের জন্য প্রকৃত ক্রেতাদের নিকট হইতে নিম্নে বর্ণিত শর্তসাপেক্ষে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছেঃ

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১। দরপত্র ২১-০৩-২০০০ইং তারিখ সকাল ১১-০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক প্রধান কার্যালয়ের ৩০ তলা ভবনের ৯ম তলায় অবস্থিত ব্যয় ব্যবস্থাপনা বিভাগে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাক্সে ফেলিতে হইবে। ঐ দিন সকাল ১১-১৫ মিনিটের সময় দরপত্রদাতাদের সামনে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র বাক্স খোলা হইবে। এক বা একাধিক গাড়ির জন্য দরপত্র পেশ করা যাইতে পারে।

২। প্রতিটি গাড়ির মূল্য সুনির্দিষ্ট ভাবে কথায় ও অংকে লিখিতে হইবে।

৩। সকল দরদাতাগণকে তাহাদের উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% হারে জামানতের টাকা কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংকের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে মহাব্যবস্থাপক, ব্যয় ব্যবস্থাপনা বিভাগ, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকার অনুকূলে দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

৪। কৃতকার্য দরদাতাকে বিক্রয় অনুমোদন লাভের ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে সম্পূর্ণ মূল্য পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে; অন্যথায় জামানত হিসাবে প্রদত্ত টাকা সরাসরি বাজেয়াপ্ত করা হইবে।

৫। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র সম্পূর্ণ বা আংশিক বাতিল অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করে।

৬। কৃতকার্য দরদাতাকে সরকারী নিয়মানুযায়ী উদ্ধৃত দরের উপর উৎসেকর পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে এবং উৎসেকর পরিশোধ সাপেক্ষে গাড়ি ডেলিভারি দেওয়া হইবে।

আগ্রহী দরদাতাগণ যে কোন কার্যদিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ব্যাংকের প্রধান ভবন চত্বরে রক্ষিত যানবাহনগুলি দেখিতে পারিবেন।

যানবাহনসমূহের বিবরণঃ

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