

Nation pays homage to martyrs

34 YEARS OF LIBERATION WAR

No DU move yet to write history

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Although 34 long years have already gone by, the authorities of Dhaka University (DU) hardly took any initiative to preserve the memories of the war.

Being at the centre of the anti-Pakistan struggle, the DU had to endure the first onslaught by the Pakistani military forces on the night of March 25, 1971.

At least 20 teachers, 105 students and around 35 employees of DU were killed in the nine-month-long bloody war, according to an incomplete list prepared by Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducus) Collection Centre.

The DU authorities neither have a proper account of the numbers of martyrs and their identifications, nor did they take any initiative to make one.

In a scattered manner, individuals and groups tried to give a sketch of the martyrs of the DU.

Ratanal Chakrabarti wrote a book titled 'Muktijuddhe Shaheed Jagannath Hall'. Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) also published a souvenir on the martyred teachers.

Various departments of DU, especially those of Bangla, English, history and philosophy, published souvenirs on different occasions, but those cannot be claimed as

complete history either.

'Shadinata Juddhe Dhaka Bishwabiddalaya (Dhaka University in liberation war)' by Prof Dr Rafiqul Islam and 'History of Dhaka University' by A Rahim, and some other publications contain partial history of DU in the war.

DU authorities published a number of publications, including Dhaka Bishwabiddalayer Gouraber Ashi Basar (Glorious Eighty Years of Dhaka University) by Rejanur Rahman, which contained a chapter on the War of Independence.

But all these do not cover the complete history and contributions of DU in the war, and DU authorities remain in a state of apathy to publish a complete version of the contributions.

They neither have any plan to set up any museum or anything like that to preserve the memories of the war.

"We need a complete publication and a museum on the DU contribution in the liberation struggle for the next generation," said Duta President AAMS Arefin Siddique.

DU Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof AFM Yusuf Haider said, "We don't have any plan for publication of the Liberation War history or setting up of a museum this year."

He, however, assured that that the authorities would consider any proposal in this connection.



President Iajuddin Ahmed



Bangladesh Awami League



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Jatiya Party



Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor



Bangla Academy



Bangladesh Muktijuddha Central Command Council



Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad



Dhaka University Teachers' Association



Bangladesh Mahila Parishad



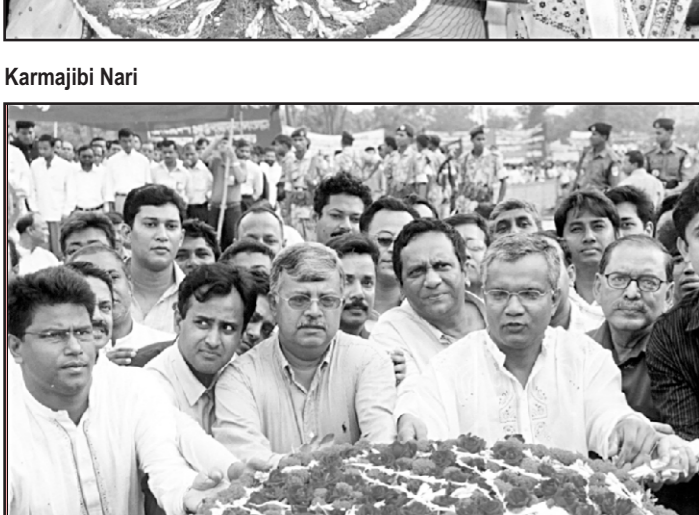
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'AL uses FFs as tools for achieving power'

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The Awami League has used the freedom fighters as a ladder to rise to power but has done nothing for them, said BNP Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan

yesterday. Although BNP has done a lot for the freedom fighters, it has never tried to use them as tools for achieving power, he added.

Mannan was speaking at a discussion on the occasion of the Independence Day, organised by the Jatiyatabadi Samajik and Sangskritik Sangstha (Jasass) at Paltan Maidan in the city.

The LGRD minister said the country does not belong to any particular party.

Criticising the role of the opposition, he said the AL does not think of the welfare of the country; its leaders do politics only for the sake of the party and individual interest.

He also called on all to be aware of the destructive politics of the opposition parties.

Presided over by Jasass President MA Malek, the function was also addressed by Health Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain, Environment Minister M Tariqul Islam, Deputy Minister for Land Rulul Kuddus Talukdar Dulu and city BNP General Secretary Abdus Salam.

Qulkhwani of Amena Serbiabat today

UNB, Dhaka

Qulkhwani of Amena Serbiabat, wife of late Abdur Rab Serbiabat, will be held today at Dhanmondi in the city after Asr prayers today.

Amena Serbiabat, sister of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibar Rahman, died on Thursday.

Her elder son Abdul Hasnat Abdullah requested relatives, admirers and leaders and workers of Awami League to attend the qulkhwani at Dhanmondi House-74, Road-12/A.

DHAKA TODAY

Film show
Bishwa Sahitya Kendra will screen a film titled 'Broken Wings' directed by Neer Bergman of Sweden. Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra Auditorium, Bangla Motor. Time: 6.00pm.

Publication ceremony
The publication ceremony of a book titled 'Shatabdi Periae' by Haider Akbar Khan Rono. Venue: VIP Lounge of the National Press Club. Time: 4.00pm.

Roundtable
The Nari Uddog Kendra, a centre for women's initiatives, organises a roundtable titled 'Compliance development in the garment industry in Bangladesh'. Venue: Biam Auditorium, New Eskaton. Time: 10.00am.

Founding anniversary
The 39th founding anniversary of Kranti, a cultural forum, will be held. To mark the occasion, noted litterateur Hasan Azizul Haque will be awarded Kranti Award-2005. Venue: Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library. Time: 5.00pm.

WEATHER TODAY

Rise in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions till 6.00pm today.

Day temperature may rise 1-2 degree Celsius over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 17.6 degree Celsius at Dinajpur and Sayedpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:12pm today and rises at 5:55am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.8	21.8	76	39
Chittagong	29.8	19.8	71	70
Rajshahi	32.5	19.2	84	39
Khulna	32.5	22.5	91	68
Barisal	31.5	22.0	87	71
Sylhet	27.4	18.8	83	74
Cox's Bazar	30.8	19.4	73	77

President Iajuddin Ahmed and different socio-political organisations place wreaths at the National Memorial at Savar yesterday to pay homage to the martyrs of the War of Liberation.

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