

'Library movement a must to preserve true history'

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Library movement can play a vital role in promoting the culture and literature and upholding the spirit of the liberation war, said speakers at a meeting of the representatives of Muktijuddher Smrity Sangrakhhan Kendra Trust yesterday.

Such a movement is a must to teach

the new generation the true history of the liberation war, they added.

The Trust organised the representatives' meeting at the Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) auditorium in the city on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of its library movement.

It has set up about 65 libraries across the country with a view to projecting the true history of the country and

preserving the memories of the freedom fighters.

Representatives of the libraries presented annual reports and discussed various problems they are facing in running the libraries.

They said that they were facing strong resistance from the anti-liberation forces in their areas.

The library movement is essential to

awaken the inner power of the people and establish people's rights, said eminent journalist Wahidul Haque, who presided over the programme.

"Library is a place of learning. If we inculcate a reading habit in the young generation, they will preserve the true history of the liberation war, which has been distorted many times," he said.

Qazi Mukul, Lt. Col. (retd.) Abu Osman Chowdhury, architect Rabiul Hussain, Pradip Dewanji and Salma Haque, wife of a martyr, also spoke.

Unity Concert cancelled

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A concert of musical bands, which was scheduled to be held at the Water Kingdom in Ashulia yesterday, has been cancelled at the last minute after the government has withdrawn the permission for the event.

The Jetset PR and Mediacom Limited, organiser of the 'Unity Concert', has also cancelled today's performance, which was due to be held at the Uttara Club.

Members of JAL, a Pakistani band, and Shayne from India have already arrived in Dhaka to perform in the concert, but the government issued a letter withdrawing the permission for the events at the eleventh hour, said a press release of the Mediacom Limited yesterday.

Habib of Bangladesh was also invited to perform in the concert.

The Mediacom said the government's decision at the last minute has caused much embarrassment to the company.

It also said the ticket price would be refunded and the details would be announced through advertisement.

World Space Week begins Oct 4

BSS, Dhaka

The World Space Week-2005 will be observed from October 4 to 10 in the country.

To create awareness about space among school students, the United Nations in 2000 declared October 4-10 as the World Space Week, which is now observed in 52 countries across the globe, a press release said.

Bangladesh has been observing the space week since 2003.

FR Sarker, General Secretary of Bangladesh Astronomical Society, has been nominated as the National Coordinator for World Space Week in Bangladesh.

The inaugural function of the World Space Week-2005 will be held at the Mirpur Bangladesh High School auditorium in the city on October 4.