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The cultural affairs ministry has chalked out a two-day programme to observe the National Revolution and Solidarity Day.

The programmes include discussions, cultural programmes, photo exhibition and book fair.

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Mobile courts yesterday fined hotels, food shops, a bakery and a Chinese restaurant Tk 5.50 lakh in the capital during their drive against food adulteration and unhygienic condition.

During a raid on Aktrium Chinese Restaurant in Gulshan area, a mobile court fined it Tk 20,000 after the magistrate found its kitchen very unhygienic.

The court also fined Tangail Sweetmeat at Narda Bazar Tk 20,000 for preparing sweetmeats in an unhy-

gienic condition.

Another mobile court conducted a raid on the food shops at Basundara City where six food shops, including Basundhara Café, were fined Tk 39,000 for selling adulterated foods.

The Bhai Bhai Bakery at West Jurain

Bazar in Shyampur was using date-expired flour in bread and biscuit when a mobile court appeared there. The bakery was fined Tk 70,000 for such malpractice.

The court also fined Tiptop Hotel and Samrat Hotel in the same area Tk

10,000 and Tk 5,000 respectively for selling adulterated foods.

Another mobile court slapped a fine of Tk 25,000 each on Keya Hotel and Badda Hotel in Badda area for selling adulterated foods.



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Vendors selling new notes are doing a brisk business as demand for new currencies has gone up ahead of Eid. A wad of 100 notes of Tk 10 denomination is being sold at Tk 1,050. This picture was taken from Gulistan area yesterday.

Jail Killing Day tomorrow

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The nation will pay homage to four national leaders and independence war heroes tomorrow, marking their 30th death anniversary.

The day is known as Jail Killing Day.

A group of disgruntled army men gunned down Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, AHM Qamruzzaman and Captain M Mansur Ali, four close associates of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in Dhaka Central Jail on November 3, 1975.

The killing episode came two months and 18 days after Bangabandhu along with most of his family members were assassinated in a military putsch.

The four leaders led the Bangladesh government in exile during the Liberation War. Syed Nazrul Islam was the acting president, Tajuddin Ahmed prime minister, M Mansur Ali finance minister and AHM Qamaruzzaman was the minister for home affairs, relief and rehabilitation.

After a long delay, the verdict of the historic Jail Killing Case came last year, but it could not soothe the families of the great leaders as they rejected the verdict and called it a politically motivated farcical trial.

On October 20 last year, a Dhaka court sentenced three to death, awarded life imprisonment to 12 and acquitted five others in the long-awaited verdict of the case.

Ruling BNP lawmaker KM Obaidur Rahman, Shah Moazzem Hossain, Nurul Islam Monzoor, Taheruddin Thakur and Additional Secretary to foreign ministry Khairuzzaman, who were freed on bail soon after the ruling coalition came to power in 2001, were acquitted of the charges.

But, while delivering the verdict, Judge Mohammad Motiur Rahman came down heavily on the investigation officer (IO), saying all the killers could not be punished due to the "farcical investigation."

All the convicts are former army personnel. Of the total 21 charge-sheeted accused, three are in custody, five on bail, 12 have been evading arrest, and one died.

To mark the Jail Killing Day, the main opposition Awami League and its front organisations have drawn up elaborate programmes.

The AL will hoist the national and party flags at half-mast and black flags at party offices in Dhaka and elsewhere across the country. Leaders and workers will also wear black badges.

The programmes include garlanding the portrait of Bangabandhu, placing wreaths at the graves of the national leaders at Banani graveyard and offering fatha and organising milad mahfils and special prayers.

The party will also hold a discussion at the auditorium of Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh on November 12, with party chief Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

