



A child artiste of Ghungur Sangskritik Academy performs a dance number at a cultural function at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday. Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha organised the function to mark the Victory Day.

'Resist distortion of liberation war history'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Resisting the distortion of history of the War of Liberation is the responsibility of all and everybody should do this from their own position, said eminent economist Prof Muzaffer Ahmad at a discussion yesterday.

Prof Ahmad, chairman of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Trustee Board, also called on all to revive the spirit of the War of Liberation in order to resolve any crisis.

The discussion followed the inauguration of 'Alokchhitre Ekattor' (1971 in photograph), an album of unpublished photographs taken by freedom fighter SM Shafi, and launching of a web site at the National Press Club.

Talking about the photographs, Prof Ahmad said Shafi's photographs are not only snapshots of the battlefields, rather those are the documents of the struggle of people during the War of

Liberation.

Litterateur Selina Hossain said it might be possible to come to power through distorting history, but real history could not be suppressed for a long time.

About the album, she said the role of women in the liberation war has been portrayed in Shafi's photographs.

Sector Commander Lt Col (retd) Abu Osman Chowdhury, Country Director of Hunger Project Bangladesh Dr Badul Alam Majumdar and Shafi's wife Jamila Khatun also spoke.

Elderly woman shot in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An elderly woman was shot by a gang of hoodlums in the city yesterday.

The victim was identified as Mamta Begum, 60, a resident of Shipahibagh in Khilgaon area.

The gang stormed into the house of the victim at around 2:45pm looking for her grandson Khurshed Alam, said the police.

Failing to find out him, the gang ransacked the house and shot Mamta in her abdomen.

Robbery in 14 buses, cabs

UNB, Savar

Armed robbers looted Tk 5 lakh, 16 mobile phone sets and other valuables from passengers of 14 buses and taxicabs on Turag-Bhakuria road in Savar on Thursday night. Witnesses said a gang of around

35 robbers put up a barricade on the road and looted the cash and valuables from the passengers from 8:00pm to 9:30pm.

The gang also stabbed five passengers with sharp weapons while they tried to resist them.

Of the injured, Sumon, 25, was

taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and two others -- shop owner Idris Ali, 30, and farmer Prohbab Chandra, 32, -- to local clinics.

Later, the police visited the spot but none was arrested in this connection.