



President Iajuddin Ahmed, Army Chief General Moeen U Ahmed, Navy Chief Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam and Air Chief Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman pay tributes to the armed forces members martyred during the Liberation War after placing wreaths at 'Shikha Anirban' at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

UPCOMING PARLIAMENT

'Ensure neutral role of speaker'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday called on the political parties to make a pledge to ensure that the next president and the speaker of the next parliament would play a neutral role.

They also urged the parties to announce that they would accept the results of the upcoming parliamentary elections,

even if they are defeated.

The Citizens' Rights Movement (CRM) organised the discussion at the National Press Club, with its founder vice-president Fakir Delwar Hossain in the chair.

CRM Secretary General Tuskar Rehman presented a keynote paper where he also placed a 26-point demand, including the autonomy of Bangladesh Betar and

Bangladesh Television.

Former lawmaker of Awami League Col (ret'd) Faruk Khan said the post of the speaker should be neutral and that two posts of deputy speakers should be created -- one from the opposition and the other should be a woman.

GM Kader, Prof HKS Arefeen, Prof Mahbuba Nasrin and Ruhin Hossain Prince also spoke.

Call to stop using tannery waste in poultry feed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The members of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) at a view exchange meeting yesterday stressed the need for stopping the manufacturing of poultry and fish feed using tannery waste.

They demanded that setting up of effluent treatment plant be made compulsory to stop dumping of untreated waste into the Buriganga and its adjoining waterbodies.

Styled 'Tannery waste and public health and environmental disaster in Hazaribagh', the meeting was organised by Bapa at Hazaribagh Samaj Kalyan Samity office in the city.

The speakers said some unscrupulous businessmen at the adjacent flood protection embankment of Nabipur lane, Kalunagar and Battala of the area are manufacturing poultry feed using tannery waste which is very harmful.

They further said that

Hazaribagh tannery has been polluting the Buriganga, the lifeline of Dhaka, as untreated tannery waste are being dumped into the river regularly.

To save the river, it is necessary to stop dumping untreated tannery waste into the river, they added.

Bapa President Prof Muzafer Ahmad, Vice President Sayed ANM Wahed, General Secretary Dr Md Abdul Matin and architect Iqbal Habib addressed the meeting.

OFA executives elected unopposed

METRO DESK

The election of the Central Governing Body (CGB) of Old Faujians Association (OFA), an organisation of former cadets of Faujdharhat Cadet College, will not be held today as all the 15 members of the body have been elected unopposed, says a press release.



Bishwa Kala Kendra takes out a colourful procession on Dhaka University campus yesterday to mark its 16th founding anniversary.

Bangladeshi art exhibition in Pakistan

UNB, Dhaka

A month-long painting exhibition of Bangladeshi artists titled 'Colours of Bangladesh' will begin at National Art Gallery in Islamabad on December 5.

Pakistan Minister for Information and Broadcasting Sherry Rehman is expected to inaugurate the exhibition, jointly organised by Bangladesh High Commission in Islamabad and Pakistan National Council of Arts, said a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

Four renowned Bangladeshi painters are also expected to attend the inaugural ceremony.

About 100 paintings by 19 Bangladeshi artists will be displayed in the exhibition. The painters would also conduct four workshops on varied techniques of painting.

The main object of the art workshops is to familiarise the students and art-loving people of Islamabad city with an art and culture of Bangladesh.

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