

HOMAGE TO LIBERATION WAR MARTYRS



Political and socio-cultural organisations and individuals place wreaths at the National Memorial at Savar yesterday to pay homage to the martyrs of the War of Liberation on the occasion of the Independence Day. (1) Awami League, (2) BNP, (3) Chiefs of three services, (4) Sector Commanders Forum, (5) Gono Forum, (6) People from all walks of life, (7) Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad, (8) Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad, Kendriya Command Council, (9) CPB, (10) 11 Dal, (11) JSD, (12) Dhaka University Teachers' Association, (13) Grameen Phone, (14) Families of Birshreshthas, (15) Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, (16) Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralysed, (17) Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, (18) Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, and (19) War-maimed freedom fighters.

Help bring anti-liberation forces to book

Speakers urge young generation

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Speakers at an Independence Day programme yesterday called on the young generation to help bring anti-liberation forces to book. In 1971, the young generation forced the Pakistani occupation forces to surrender, they said, adding that now it is the duty of the present young generation to put the members of Razakar and Al-badr on trial. Kendriya Kachi-Kanchar Mela organised the programme at its auditorium in the city. Recalling the memories of the Liberation War, Lt Gen (ret'd) Harun-ar Rashid said that not only adults, but also many juveniles took part in the Liberation War. "Jasim, who was only 14 during the war, is one of them. Nothing could stop him from

being a freedom fighter as he had an indomitable desire to vanquish the enemies," he said. Like Jasim, hundreds of juveniles helped the freedom fighters by passing secret information and carrying weapons from one place to another, he added. He also said that the surrender of 93,000 Pakistani troops in the Liberation War is the biggest surrender of armed forces by any country. Although Pakistani army surrendered, Razakars, Al-badrs and other anti-liberation forces did not surrender, said Lt Gen (ret'd) Harun-ar Rashid. Rather, the anti-liberation forces killed hundreds of intellectuals, politicians, and freedom-loving and progressive people after independence, he said, adding that the recent massacre of army officers at the BDR headquar-

ters is another example of their most heinous acts. He called on the children to know the true history of independence. Director of Kachi Kanchar Mela Khandaker Ibrahim Khaled called on the children to be equipped with knowledge of science, commerce, arts and culture and start a second war against Razakars and Al-badrs. Qulkhwani STAFF CORRESPONDENT Qulkhwani of Syed Mohammad Zobaer, secretary to the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism, will be held at his residence at House 5, Road 113, Gulshan 2 in the city after Asr prayers today, says a press release. He passed away due to a cardiac arrest on Tuesday night.

WEATHER TODAY

Rise in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at few places over Khulna and Barisal divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Sylhet and Chittagong divisions in next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today. Day temperature may rise by 1-2 degrees Celsius over the country, Met office said. The sun sets in the capital at 6:12pm today and rises at 5:55am tomorrow. Country's highest temperature 35.4 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rangamati and lowest 18.2 degrees Celsius at Srimongal. 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	31.9	29.5	65	33
Chittagong	32.0	22.8	72	67
Rajshahi	32.8	21.8	50	42
Khulna	31.7	24.0	72	49
Barisal	32.2	24.4	83	60
Sylhet	33.7	21.2	53	43
Cox's Bazar	31.8	22.0	91	

MK Rahman, Murad Reza made AAGs

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Supreme Court lawyers MK Rahman and Murad Reza were appointed additional attorney generals (AAGs) on Wednesday. The number of the AAGs now stands at three. President Zillur Rahman appointed the law officers. Law ministry sources said the president also accepted the resignation letter of former AAG Mansur Habib who was appointed by the caretaker government. Habib tendered his resignation to the attorney general for forwarding it to the president for approval on March 12. Earlier on January 29, the president appointed M Enayetur Rahim as AAG.

Woman dies after taking formalin by mistake at clinic

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A woman died after drinking formalin by accident at a clinic in Chapainawabganj on Wednesday night. The victim, Nadira Begum, 40, who was attending to her daughter at the post-operative room at Sheba Clinic, drank formalin mistaking it for water. Hospital and family sources said Nadira came with her pregnant daughter Sumi to the clinic. After her caesarian operation, Sumi was taken to the post-operative room. When Nadira was attending to her, she found a bottle of formalin near her daughter's bed. Mistaking it for water, she drank it around 10:30pm. Soon she felt irritation and pain in the stomach. As her condition deteriorated, Dr Moej Uddin of the Sheba Clinic sent her to Adhunik Sadar Hospital where she died around 11:45pm. When Dr Moej Uddin came to the hospital to see Nadira, her relatives and local people became agitated and tried to attack on him. On receiving information, the police came to the hospital and rescued the doctor and took him to the police station. Mizanur Rahman, a nephew of the victim, said clinic staffs did not attend to Nadira despite repeated requests. Even no staffs took her to the hospital. He also posed a question why formalin was kept in the post-operative room. Amirul Islam, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station, said an unnatural death case has been filed.