

TRIBUTE TO BIRSHRESHTHA JAHANGIR TODAY Foundation laid 10 years ago, no fund yet for memorial

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
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Today is the 38th death anniversary of Birshreshtha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir.

On this day in 1971, just two days before the final victory, he embraced martyrdom in a battle with the Pakistani occupation forces at Rehaichar in Chapainawabganj town.

But no memorial has been constructed at the place during 38 years of independence.

In 1999, a foundation was laid for construction of memorial there but it is yet to be done for lack of funds, said local freedom fighters.

On December 10 in 1971, Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir along with 50 freedom fighters crossed Mohananda River and engaged in a fight against Pak army.

On December 13, Jahangir took position near Rehaichar Mohalla in Chapainawabganj town. The valiant freedom fighter went ahead of his



group and charged grenade in the trench of Pak army on December 14. Hit by a bullet from the Pak army, he died on the spot.

The next day, he was buried on the premises of Sonamsajid in presence of Commander of Sector 7 Lt Col Kazi Nuruzzaman and local Awami League leaders.

Another martyred freedom fighter Major Nazmul Haque was also buried on Sonamsajid premises.

As district Muktiyoddha

Sangsad and the principal of Birshreshtha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir College took an initiative to construct a monument, martyred Jahangir's father Abdul Motalab Howlader came to Chapainawabganj from Barisal and laid the foundation stone at the place of martyrdom in 1999.

"There has been an attempt to raise funds from local people to construct a memorial for the great martyr. A fund is kept with the deputy commissioner of Chapainawabganj but it is too inadequate to construct a memorial," Alauddin Ali, convener of district unit of Muktiyoddha Sangsad said.

When asked, Chapainawabganj DC KM Ali Azam said, "I have joined here recently. I will see the matter."

Freedom fighters and locals have arranged Qurankhani, milad mahfil and discussion on Sonamsajid premises today.



Hundreds of people join a human chain on engine boats on Kaptai Lake near the DC bungalow in Rangamati demanding compensation to the victim countries for the harmful effect of climate change. Global Village and Rangamati Environment Conservation and Development Organisation arranged the human chain yesterday to create awareness about the impact of worldwide climate change, mainly caused by the industrialised countries.

RU recalls martyrdom of three teachers today

A RU CORRESPONDENT

Observing the Martyred Intellectuals Day today, Rajshahi University (RU) will commemorate the sacrifices of three RU teachers who borrowed martyrdom during the Liberation War.

On the occasion, the university authorities have chalked out elaborate programmes including placing wreaths, rally, reminiscence and Qurankhani.

The Pakistani army killed RU mathematics department teacher Prof Habibur Rahman, Sanskrit department teacher Prof Sukhranjan Samaddar and Psychology department teacher Prof Mir Abdul Kayum during the Liberation War.

Prof Habibur Rahman, a protesting voice of the univer-

sity, directly took part in protest against the atrocities of Pakistani army in March 1971.

He stayed on the campus with his family although most of the residents left the campus when Pak army attacked the area.

He kept regular contact with the Mukti Bahini and Bangali members of the then East Pakistan Rifles (EPR).

On April 15, Pak soldiers led by Brig Aslam and Col Taj picked him up from his house and took him to Jubery Bhaban on the university campus.

The building was used as Pak army's 'concentration camp and torture centre'.

Prof Habibur Rahman never returned nor was his body found.

Prof Sukhranjan Samaddar gave shelter of a tired EPR

soldier at his house for a night. Getting the information, Pak army searched the house on April 14.

Failing to find the EPR man, the Pak soldiers took Prof Samaddar to Jubery Bhaban as a RU psychology department teacher, who worked as a collaborator of the occupation forces, identified him (Prof Samaddar) as a Hindu.

Later his body was found in a mass graveyard adjacent to the university near Binodpur Bazar.

On the night of November 25 in 1971, Pak soldiers picked up Prof Mir Abdul Kayum from his father-in-law's house at Goramara in the city with the help of a university staff.

His body with slit throat was found in a mass graveyard on the bank of Padma River on December 30.

Khulna finally to have memorial

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Khulna

Construction work on an independence memorial at Gallamari in Khulna City under the supervision of Khulna Zila Parishad finally began on December 1.

Decision to build an independence memorial on three acres of land at Gallamari was taken by the ministry concerned on May 22 in 2007. Tenders were invited on June 23 last year for building the memorial at a cost of Tk 4 crore.

A construction firm of Khulna named Azad Elora has got work order as the lowest bidder on November 15 this year.

It is being built in memory of those who laid down their lives for liberation of Bangladesh and also in fulfilment of the long felt desire of

freedom fighters in particular and the people of Khulna in general. KCC Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque said.

The government has so far allocated Tk 2.16 crore for this project which is expected to be completed by May next year, the mayor said, adding that the LGRD and Cooperatives Ministry will provide the rest of the fund.

Gallamari has been chosen for building the memorial as bodies of hundreds of innocent men and women, killed by Pakistani occupation forces and their local collaborators, were dumped here.

Members of Rajakar, Al Badr and Al Shams assisted Pakistan army in the killings at different torture centers set up in the city during the War of Independence and dumping the bodies at Gallamari, which was then a marshy land.



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Plants and creepers start growing around the foundation stone of the memorial for Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Birshreshtha, laid by the martyred freedom fighter's father 10 years ago at Chapainawabganj, as the construction work is yet to start due to lack of funds.

Pabna has no memorabilia of its great son Rabbi

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Pabna

People from all walks of life in Pabna have demanded preservation of the memorabilia of martyred intellectual Dr Fazle Rabbi and naming Pabna Medical College after him in recognition to his supreme sacrifice for the country's independence.

"Dr Fazle Rabbi laid down his life for the country. But it's a shame for us that we did not preserve any of his memorabilia in the last 38 years," said Gopal Sanyal, president of Pabna Drama Circle yesterday.

Dr Fazle Rabbi, an illustrious son of the nation, was born on September 21 in 1932 at Chhatiani village in Pabna Sadar upazila. He passed Matriculation examination from Pabna Zilla



School in 1948 and studied at Dhaka College and took MBBS degree in 1955, family sources said.

On completion of higher medical education in England, Dr Rabbi returned to country in 1963 and joined Dhaka Medical College as an associate professor.

According to family sources and publications on

his life and works, Dr Rabbi helped the freedom fighters risking his life as he believed that Bangladesh must be freed from occupation forces and shackles of poverty.

The then Pakistan army with the help of their local collaborators caught Dr Rabbi on December 15 from his residence in the capital and killed him along with other intellectuals days before the country's independence.

Abdul Matin Khan, president of Sammito Sangskritik Jote in Pabna said, people from all walks of life want naming of Pabna Medical College after Dr Fazle Rabbi.

A campaign for it is going on and a human chain would be formed in Pabna today to press the demand, he added.

'I want to see war criminals tried before my death'

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Valiant freedom fighter Taramon Bibi Bir Protik has said freedom fighters will continue to suffer disgrace until war criminals are tried.

"I want to see the trial of war criminals before my death," she said in her speech as the chief guest at a meeting at *bijoy mela* (victory fair) on Hasan Ali Government High School ground Saturday night.

"I took part in the Liberation War out of love for the soil and people of the country, not to get anything. But the freedom fighters are neglected now. I want to see that that the heroic sons of the soil remain well."

"Razakars and Al-Badr against whom we fought now live in multi-storied buildings and use costly cars while many of the freedom fighters are passing days amid hardship."

I and other freedom fighters cannot accept it," Taramon Bibi said.

She recalled different events during the 1971 Liberation War.

In the beginning of the function, a Liberation War-based drama on the life of Taramon Bibi was staged. A woman from Chandpur, Mukta Rahman played the role of Taramon.

Former additional director general of health directorate Dr Syeda Badrun Nahar Chowdhury, also a freedom fighter, presided over the function.

Noted writer and journalist Kazi Rafique, freedom fighter Abdul Hye Sarker, chairman of the Victory Fair Observation Committee Zahirul Islam, secretary general Salim Ullah Selim, women leaders Prof Masuda Noor Khan and Shahin Sultana Fancy spoke, among others.



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Taramon Bibi Bir Protik addressing as chief guest at the *bijoy mela* (victory fair) on the ground of Hasan Ali Government High School in Chandpur Saturday night.

Dense fog disrupts ferry services

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Ferry services on Paturia-Daulatdia route remained suspended for 11 hours yesterday and on Mawa Kaurakandi route for 13 hours on Saturday due to dense fog.

According to our Manikganj correspondent, the nine ferries stopped running while vehicles and passengers remained at Paturia and

Daulatdia ferry points for hours.

Manager (Commerce) of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) at Aricha Ashraf Ullah Khan told the correspondent that the services came to a halt at 12:00 am and resumed at 11:00 am with the disappearance of dense fog.

Nearly 300 goods loaded trucks and 500 buses and small vehicles were stranded at Paturia and Daulatdia ghat till 11:00 am.

The disruption of ferry service created immense sufferings to passengers, especially women and children.


A Correspondent from Munshiganj adds: Ferry movement on Mawa-Kaurakandi route remained suspended for 13 hours from 10:00 pm Saturday due to dense fog.

The ferry disruption created a long traffic jam on the both ferry points.

Six ferries—Shahid Barkat, Shah Makhdum, Renting, Kishori, Ranikhet and Jamuna—were stranded on mid-river. Hundreds of passengers suffered due to severe cold and hunger for night-long stay on the river.

BIWTC Mawa ghat manager Md Sirajul Haque Sokal said, the fog was so dense that it was impossible to see any object even two feet away.

More than 100 river vessels including 12 passenger launches were forced to anchor at Dhaleswari, Padma and Meghna rivers at Munshiganj, he said.



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ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন



PHOTO: STAR

Amra Muktiyoddhar Santan Bogra district unit set a stage at Satmatha intersection in the town yesterday to express hatred to the war criminals.