

MARTYRED INTELLECTUALS' DAY OBSERVED

# Call to start trial of war criminals without delay

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Socio-political and cultural organisations yesterday observed the Martyred Intellectuals' Day in a befitting manner yesterday with a call to start the trial of war criminals soon.

The Sector Commanders' Forum (SCF) formed a human chain in front of the Rayer Bazar Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial and observed one-minute silence in memory of the martyred intellectuals.

The forum leaders vowed to put pressure on the government to start the trial without delay.

Sector commander Maj Gen (retd) KM Shafiqullah said, "We will launch a campaign

again to make the people aware about the trial and the people will force the government to begin the trial."

Sammitito Sangskritik Jote, a platform for cultural organisations, held discussions at five separate places in the city to mark the day.

They also presented cultural programmes, including drama, musical performance and screening of documentary films.

Dhaka University teachers, students and employees took part in a silent procession from the base of Aparajeyo Bangla at around 8:00am to pay tributes to the martyred teachers, students and employees of the university.

Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique led the procession and placed wreaths at different memorials on the campus.

Later, they placed wreaths at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial at Mirpur.

DU authorities also organised a discussion at the Teacher-Student Centre auditorium at noon.

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Bangladesh Chhatra League, Left Democratic Front, National Awami Party (Bhashani), Bangladesh Juba Moitri, Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote, Samajtantrik Mohila Forum, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Jatiya Party (JP), Bangladesh Mohila AL, Shadhinata Chikitshak Parishad, Bangladesh garment Workers Unity Council, Chhatra Oikya Forum, Kendrio Khelaghar Ashor, National Front of Teachers and Students, Crime Reporters Association of Bangladesh and Biswa Bangalee Sammelan, placed wreaths at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial at Mirpur.

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Sector Commanders' Forum forms a human chain near the Rayer Bazar Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial in the city yesterday demanding immediate trial of the war criminals.

# 16 killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

Sixteen people were killed in separate road accidents in Gaibandha, Narsingdi, Chandpur and Gazipur yesterday.

BSS in Gaibandha reports: Eight people were killed and 32 others injured in separate road accidents in Gaibandha, Sadar upazila yesterday.

Hospital and police sources said the first accident took place this morning when a Belka-bound minibus collided head-on with a tempo at Kabiler Bazar on Gaibandha-Belka road of sadar upazila, leaving five passengers of the tempo dead on the spot and injuring six others.

In another accident at Panch Jumma of the upazila three persons were killed and 26 others injured when a

Chittagong-bound coach fell into a ditch when giving side to a truck on Gaibandha-Lakkhipur road in the district.

Identities of three dead were known. They are -- Moynul, 40, Mahbub, 60 and Atwar, 45.

The injured were admitted to Gaibandha Sadar Hospital, Rangpur Medical College Hospital and private clinics, sources said.

UNB in Narsingdi reports: Four people were killed and six others injured in a road accident at Itakhola on Dhaka-Sylhet highway under Shibpur upazila in Narsingdi yesterday.

Police said the accident occurred at about 9:30am when a Raypura-bound human hauler hit a truck, parked on roadside, killing Mistu Mia, 13, and Billal

Hossain, 35, on the spot and injuring eight others.

Of the injured, Abul Hamid, 45, and Suruj Mia, 40, died on the way to a local hospital while the others were rushed to Sadar hospital.

Later, they were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital as their condition deteriorated.

Police seized the human hauler, but its driver managed to escape.

The bodies were sent to the bodies to Sadar hospital morgue for autopsy.

A correspondent in Chandpur adds: One person was killed in a road accident in front of Rony Brick field on Hajiganj-Ramganj road in Chandpur yesterday.

The victim was identified as Saleh Ahmed, 50, head master of Joysara Registered

Primary School and president of Hajiganj Non-government Primary Teachers Association.

Police said the accident occurred when a CNG-run autorickshaws collided head-on with a tempo due to dense fog at 8:00am, leaving him dead on the spot.

UNB adds: Three people were killed in separate accidents in Gazipur yesterday.

He had been suffering from cancer for long.

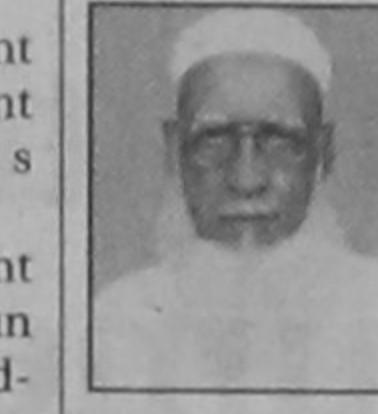
He left behind his wife, five sons, four daughters and a host of admirers to mourn his death.

His first namaz-e-janaza will be held at Baitush Sharaf Masjid in Chittagong city at 9:00am today.

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## Obituary

DU CORRESPONDENT



Alhaj SM Hafez Ahmed, father of Bangladesh Kallyan Party Chairman Maj Gen (Retd) Syed Muhammad Ibrahim Bir Pratik.

(Retd) Syed Muhammad Ibrahim Bir Pratik, passed away at a Chittagong city hospital yesterday at the age of 85, says a press release.

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Bangladesh Kallyan Party Secretary General Mohammad Abdul Malek Chowdhury expressed deep shock at the death of SM Hafez. He also conveyed sympathy to members of the bereaved family and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.

Staff correspondent from Chittagong adds: former foreign minister Morshed Khan and former whip Syed Wahidul Alam also condoled the death, conveyed sympathy to members of the bereaved family and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.

Sahera Banu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sahera Banu, mother of Momtaz Uddin, reporter of the Jana pad and Halim Mohammad, a reporter of the daily Amader Shomoy, passed away due to brain haemorrhage at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Sunday at the age of 78, says a press release.

She was laid to rest at her family graveyard at Govindapur village in Comilla.

Akhtaruzzaman Lablu and Abu Saleh Akon, president and general secretary of Crime Reporters' Association of Bangladesh (CRAB) expressed deep shock at her death.

Kazi Md Nuruzzaman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Kazi Md Nuruzzaman, a noted businessman and father of Md Mafizur Rahman, secretary general of Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (BAIRA), passed away due to old age complications at his residence at Peerot village under Senbagh upazila in Noakhali on Sunday at the age of 95, says a press release.

They were Awami League leaders and also sports organisers.

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