

Homage to Martyred Intellectuals



Individuals and socio-political organisations place wreaths at the Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial at Mirpur in the city yesterday to mark the Martyred Intellectuals' Day. (1) Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina places wreaths on behalf of her party, (2) President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stand in solemn silence after placing wreaths, (3) BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, (4) War-maimed freedom fighters, (5) Projonmo '71 places wreaths at the memorial at Rayer Bazar, (6) Sector Commanders' Forum at Rayer Bazar, (7) Bangladesh Mahila Parishad at Mirpur, (8) Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Inu) at Mirpur, (9) Communist Party of Bangladesh at Mirpur and (10) Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial at Rayer Bazar.

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Reduce carbon emission

Speakers urge developed nations

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Speakers at a rally yesterday urged the developed countries to find alternative to fossil fuel in order to reduce carbon emission that is posing immeasurable threat to life on earth.

They also urged the developed world to refrain from carbon trade and demanded compensation for countries that are mostly affected by carbon emission.

Green Belt Trust organised the rally at Aparajeyo Bangla on Dhaka University campus.

The speakers said the extravagant lifestyle and excessive usages of fossil fuel by the developed nations is directly responsible for global warming and the current hazardous condition of the earth.

They called for implementing the Kyoto Protocol adopted on December 11, 1997 by the United Nations to combat global warming.

Waliur Rahman, former foreign secretary, and Shadhona Das Gupta, secretary of Awami Tanti League, addressed the rally.

VICTORY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Team leaves for Kolkata

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A Bangladeshi delegation comprising 14 freedom fighters led by Major General (retd) Muhammad Ainuddin

Bir Protik and three serving officers of the Armed Forces led by Major Gen Abdul Matin left for Kolkata yesterday to attend the Victory Day celebrations on December 14-17.

The delegation has been invited by the Government of India, said a press release of the Indian High Commission.

India commemorates December 16 each year as 'Vijay Diwas' in memory of soldiers, sailors, air warriors and civilians of the Indian Armed Forces and Bangladeshi freedom fighters who took part in the War of Liberation.

To commemorate this day, freedom fighters are invited each year by the Government of India to Kolkata.

Since 2008, in addition to the freedom fighters, three serving officers are also being invited to the celebrations.

Maj Gen (retd) Muhammad Ainuddin and Maj Gen Abdul Matin will place wreaths at Vijay Smarak, a memorial erected to commemorate the 1971 war, during their official visit.

Indian war veterans of the War of Liberation and various civilian and military dignitaries will also attend these celebrations.

The delegation will return home on December 17.

Steps to improve water, sanitation services in city

UNB, Dhaka

The Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority has taken an initiative to improve sustainable delivery of storm water drainage, wastewater and water services in the city.

The World Bank is supporting Dhaka Wasa to improve sustainable service delivery through Dhaka Water Supply and Sanitation Project (DWSSP). The project aims to invest on rehabilitation and expansion of the drainage system, sewerage and water supply and sanitation infrastructure within the areas of responsibility of Dhaka Wasa, said a press release yesterday.

The Dhaka Wasa will implement the Dhaka Water Supply and Sanitation Project

at a cost of US\$ 165.7 million, of which the World Bank will provide about US\$ 149 million and the government will finance the remaining costs.

The Dhaka Wasa has already initiated the works to rehabilitate the first batch of selected canals in the city, which is expected to be completed in the next few months.

At the same time, the installation of two major storm water pumping stations in Rampura and Kamlapur areas of the city are expected to start within the next few weeks. After completion of the works, it will improve drainage system and minimise urban flooding in the city.

At present, the Wasa supplies water to about 70 percent of the population of Dhaka

metropolitan area.

However, the quality and quantity of services provided throughout the area is not even. In particular, service provision is undeveloped in slum areas.

With a deteriorating urban planning environment, most natural channels and wetlands that help Dhaka cope with storm water flows have been filled up with unchecked expansion of settlement and accumulation of domestic and industrial wastes.

Indiscriminate dumping of industrial wastes and untreated sewage into the Buriganga, Balu, Turag and Shitalakha rivers continues to strain an already overburdened sewerage network and worsen the water quality of the surrounding water bodies.



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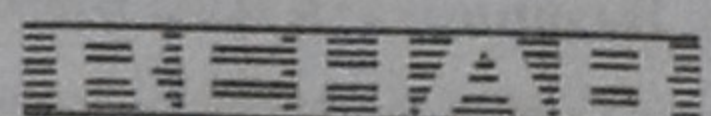
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