

MUJIBNAGAR DAY OBSERVED

# Call to expedite trial of war criminals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different socio-cultural organisations yesterday observed Mujibnagar Day in a befitting manner amid a series of programmes with the call to try war criminals.

Leaders of Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote placed a wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Dhanmondi in the city.

They also organised a discussion at their Gulshan office in the city where film actor Faruk, actress Mukta Hasan and Arun Sarker Rana spoke, among

others.

They called on all to remain united to resist any conspiracy to foil the trial of war criminals.

To mark the day, Amra Muktiyoddhar Santan organised a discussion at Dhanmondi in the city where Principal Ahad Chowdhury, former chairman of Muktiyoddha Sangsad Central Command Council, was present as the chief guest with Humayun Kabir, president of the organisation, in the chair.

Syed Ashrafur Islam Nayan, Alamgir Hossain, Emdadul Haque, Nazma Islam Doli, spoke at the function and high-

lighted the significance of the day.

Besides, Sree Sree Ramna Kali Mandir and Ma Anandamaye Ashram and Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu Moitri Parishad held separate discussions on the occasion.

BSS from Meherpur adds: The historic Mujibnagar Day was observed in the mango grove Mujibnagar in Meherpur amid daylong programmes.

As part of the programme chalked out by Meherpur district Awami League, party Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Syed Ashrafur Islam placed wreath at Mujibnagar

Memorial.

He was accompanied by ministers, prime minister's advisers, MPs and other party leaders. Later, a discussion was held with lawmaker M Jainal Abedin in the chair.

Syed Ashrafur Islam said the trial of war criminals must be held within the tenure of this government.

Meanwhile, the historic Mujibnagar Day was observed across the country with a call to expedite the trial process of war criminals to free the nation from 39 years' stigma.

The nation celebrates the day every year as part of commemorating the

formation of the provisional government of independent Bangladesh during the War of Liberation in 1971.

As the barbaric crackdown launched by the Pakistan army on the unarmed Bangalees on the night following March 25 in 1971, senior leaders of Awami League and elected lawmakers congregated at Baidyanathata in Meherpur on this day in 1971 to constitute the provisional government of independent Bangladesh.

Mainly a mango grove, Baidyanathata was later named as Mujibnagar after ceremonial formation of the provisional government.



PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

A building at Nawabchar at Kholamora under Keraniganj, on the outskirts of the city, collapses into the river Buriganga in the early hours of Friday due to illegal sand extraction from the river. The photo was taken yesterday.

## 'Best use of water can solve energy, food crises'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ensuring efficient water resources management in South Asia could resolve most problems such as energy and food crises, experts said yesterday.

The nations that share the same Himalayan ecosystem suffer both from drought and flood that hugely affects the agriculture but fail to make the best use of the abundant water in time, they said at the inaugural ceremony of a workshop.

Institute of Water and Flood Management (IWFM) of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) organised the workshop titled "Interdisciplinary Education in Water Resources Management in South Asia" at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel in collaboration with Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies and South Asia Consortium for Interdisciplinary Water Resources Studies.

Speaking as the chief guest, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said water management is a top priority of the government and several institutions have been given the responsibilities of implementing various plans and programmes, but they often encounter questions, criticism and protests for the negative impacts of development interventions on people.

Lauding Buet for introducing interdisciplinary postgraduate programme on water management, he said such programme that includes social, economic, environmental aspects in engineering or hydrology could be replicated in other public or private universities.

Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies Executive Director Dr Atiq Rahman said, "We are probably the most wasteful country in terms of water usage. Water comes from the Himalayas and goes into the Bay of Bengal... but we can't stop it for its use."

If the South Asian nations could work together, most of the water and energy problems could be resolved, he said.

Atiq suggested effective networking among the universities of the region, which could share information on water management and give suggestions to the policymakers about the best option of its use. "We have to break the barriers to solve water problems in South Asia," he said.

The speakers said water resources education has so far been only based on engineering and hydrology, but incorporating social and ecological aspects into it is imperative to understand the issue comprehensively and address problems.

Buet Vice Chancellor AMM Safiullah chaired the session.

## Only 31 trained psychologists for 14m mental patients!

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There are only 31 trained clinical psychologists in the country to address the psychological issues of some 14 million mentally ill people, said noted psychologist Dr Graham Powell.

Terming the insignificant number of manpower to combat the mental health problem in the country a big challenge, he also highlighted the ways on how the clinical psychologists can contribute to this field.

He said Bangladesh Clinical Psychology Society and the Department of Clinical Psychology of Dhaka University (DU) have been jointly working to provide better mental support to a huge number of people.

Dr Graham, also former president of British Psychological Society, presented a keynote paper at the seminar titled 'Mental health in national development' at the conference room of Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban at DU.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddiqui was present at the seminar as the chief guest while Biology Faculty Dean Prof Abul Bashar, National Institute of Mental Health Director Dr Md Golam Rabbani, BSMMU Psychiatry Department Chairman Prof MSI Mallik, DU Psychology Department Chairman Prof Kamal Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury and Bangladesh Clinical Psychology Society President Rokeya Begum were present.

Dr Graham and Dr Anisur Rahman were awarded crests as the pioneers of mental health services in the country.

## Tk 6.21 lakh donated for visually challenged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh National Society for the Blind (Jatiya Ondho Sangstha) donated a total of Tk 6.21 lakh to some 207 blind students studying at various universities.

The fund was donated by Aftab Jahan Welfare Trust at Dhaka University yesterday.

Arts Faculty Dean Prof Sadrul Amin was present as the chief guest while Treasurer of the Trust Amina Mahmud, Prof SH Mahmud, Executive Director of Bangladesh Organisation for Disabled Advancement M Khalilur Rahman and Mujibur Rahman were present.

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