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**Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote light candles in front of Shikha Chirantan at Suhrawardy Udyan in the city yesterday in memory of those killed on August 15 in 1975.**

# Govt urged to take steps to stop private coaching

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A forum of guardians of students yesterday urged the government to take steps to prohibit teachers from running private coaching as a lucrative business, says a press release.

Under the banner -- Ovibabok Oikya Forum, they demanded implementation of the Recognised Non-Government Secondary School Teachers Terms and Conditions of Service Regulations Act 1979 that strictly prohibits private tuition and coaching activities of teachers without permission from their school authorities.

They also demanded strict action against the teachers who are violating the law, the press release added.

In a statement, the forum said: "There are also allegations that some school authorities are using their teachers to give private tuition to students and earn money in the process."

# Programmes to observe National Mourning Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the National Mourning Day today.

Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was killed along with most of his family members on this day in 1975.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) will hold a discussion at its Milon Hall at 3:30pm.

Bangla Academy will arrange a discussion to mark the day at Nazrul Mancha at 4:00pm.

Proshika, a centre for human development, will place wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Dhanmondi and at his grave in Tungipara early in the morning.

It will also arrange a painting exhibition for children at 10:00am and organise a discussion at 3:00pm at its head office.

Special programmes will also be held at its branches across the country.

On the occasion, different organisations and missions aboard will hold special programmes.

Meanwhile, leaders of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) at a discussion yesterday demanded the execution of death sentence to the Bangabandhu's killers absconding abroad, said a press release.

Audit Pratisthanik Command of Muktijoddha Samannoy Parishad and Bangaldesh Shikkok Samity (Bashar-Matiar) placed the demands in separate statements.

National University has chalked out a two-day long programme marking the day that include placing wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Dhanmondi and at his graveyard at Tungipara, discussion meeting and hoisting of national flag at half mast.

Bangladesh Rural Development Board will place wreath, organise discussions and distribute food and clothes among the destitute.

On the occasion, the Nazrul Institute will place wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman early in the morning and organise a discussion at the institute at 11:00am.

Besides the National Museum and the Nazrul Institute yesterday jointly organised a three-day long exhibition on 'Nazrul and Bangabandhu' at the National Museum.

Bangladesh University of Engineering Technology (Buet), Dhaka Club Ltd, Bangaldesh Krishi Bank, Bulbul Lalitakala Academy, Bangladesh Ansar-VDP force, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, Eden College, Kendrio Kachi-Kachar Mela, Bangladesh Udichi Shilpigosthi Central Committee, Dhaka Art Centre, Officers' Club, Dhaka; Bangladesh Development Bank Ltd (BDBL), Bangladesh National Awami Party (NAP) DPDC Sramik League and Bangladesh T&T Sramik-Karmochari Federal Union will also chalk out different programmes marking the day.

# Tk 2cr US medical equipment for DMCH department

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A supply of medical equipment worth Tk 2 crore was donated yesterday to Pediatric Surgery department of the Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) by a charitable organisation-- Children of Abraham-- of the United States of America.

This is the largest donation of surgical instruments ever received in the history of DMCH to better serve the pediatric patients.

The sophisticated instruments include mechanical and electrical beds, microscopes, laparoscopes, colonoscopes, overhead operating lights, chair and ultrasonogram machines etc, says a press release.

Dr Ziauddin Ahmed, prof of Nephrology of Drexel University of USA and former president of DMC Alumni USA and Bangladesh Medical Association -- North America arranged the donation as part of Non Resident Bangladeshi doctors' endeavour to serve the country.

Dr Abdul Hanif Tablu, assistant professor of Pediatric Surgery, Prof Mahbubul Alam and Dr Kaniz Hasina helped obtaining the shipment.

The same organisation also provided medical equipment to Kumudini Hospital, Chittagong Medical College Hospital and Kidney Foundation of the country.

The organisation expressed its commitment to continue helping Bangladesh with medical supplies in future.