

Birthday of Bangabandhu observed with due respect

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National Children's Day and 91st birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was observed in the city as elsewhere in the country yesterday with a call to try war criminals.

Many socio-political and professional bodies organised elaborate programmes including discussions, painting competitions and colourful processions.

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote; Bangabandhu Gobeshana Parishad; Jatiya Sramik League; Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib Parishad; and Sonali Bank Limited placed wreaths at the portrait of the Father of the Nation in the city's Dhanmondi.

Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association held a free medical and blood donation camp in front of Bangabandhu Smriti Museum in the city.

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote; Palli Daridra Bimochon Foundation Karmachari Union and Bangabandhu

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LIBERATION WAR

Children must learn true history

Says prime minister

UNB, Tungipara, Gopalganj

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government will not let children learn distorted and fabricated history of the liberation war.

The government will provide ideal environment for children to help them grow properly, she said at a children's rally on Bangabandhu's mazar premises in Tungipara, Gopalganj.

Hasina said it would be very difficult for children to have proper mental growth unless they know the true history of the nation and the country.

"We will never accept the future generation of the country to turn into psychopaths through getting distorted and wrong history of the nation and the freedom war."

Hasina said the government has taken an initiative to create a "trust fund" to provide financial assistance for the poor children's education.

On distribution of cost-free textbooks up to secondary level, she said, "We want to make sure that no one drops out from the school just for lack of books."

The premier also advised teachers and guardians not to put burden on children. "Never ever put unnecessary pressure on the children and torture them for their studies."

This government would make "abode of peace" for children where there will be no torture, and they will eagerly go to school for knowledge having fun and game, she said.

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, among others, also spoke at the function chaired by little Kazi Anika Sharmila.

Later, the prime minister inaugurated a book fair at the venue.

The PM earlier distributed 150 sewing machines to poor women of the area under the "poverty alleviation and development of women" project of Gopalganj Zilla Parishad.



President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina place wreaths at the mausoleum of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Tungipara, Gopalganj yesterday marking the 91st birthday of the Father of the Nation. PHOTO: PID

AL leader M Ullah killed over intra-party feud

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The killings of Awami League leader Mohammad Ullah and his chauffeur at the city's Jurain on February 23 were in consequence of an intra-party feud over gaining candidacy in the upcoming Dhaka City Corporation election.

Shariful Islam Sharif, 25, one of the four arrested by Detective Branch (DB) of police, said this to the agency.

He and three other suspects -- Zakir, 28, Jummon, 22, and Shah Alam Hawlader, 30, -- were arrested by a team of DB police led by Assistant Commissioner Sanwar Hossain on Monday and Tuesday from the city's different places.

Two pistols and 53 bullets were also recovered from their possession.

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