



The foreign friends who are in the city to receive awards for their contributions to the War of Liberation 41 years ago in 1971 visit Savar Memorial yesterday to place wreaths in memorial of the martyred war heroes.

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MOVE TO STOP ILLEGAL RAIL TICKET SALE Rly blacklists 6,500 cellphone numbers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Bangladesh Railway (BR) has blacklisted around 6,500 mobile phone numbers of suspected touts to stop selling of tickets in black market.

The rail authorities have also pinpointed that black marketers are taking advantage of e-ticketing system by purchasing majority of the remote-ticket quota. The authorities have restricted e-ticket booking hours.

Under this restriction, online purchase of tickets will remain suspended between 9:00am and 11:00am daily.

High officials of the railway said this at a press conference in the city yesterday morning.

"In addition to addressing the ticket problems, the Bangladesh Railway will increase the number of bogeys in all the four daily Dhaka-Chittagong rail services within a short period time," said Mohammed Shahjahan, additional director general (operation) of BR.

He added that the railway will also rebuild Chittagong-Dohajari route and Chittagong-Najirhat route and import new rail engines and cars soon.

General Manager of BR East Zone Yusuf Ali Mridha said they in an investigation found that certain mobile phone users were buying a lot of tickets in advance and selling the same numbers to actual passengers at a much higher price.

Mobile and online purchases constitute half of the ticket sales, while the remaining is sold directly from the counters. A total of 36 counters in the capital and six counters in the port city are providing the mobile and online sales service.

Now the authorities have started a close monitoring on the ticket counters to check further black marketing of tickets.

On March 23, ticket buyers staged demonstration at the Chittagong Railway Station protesting black marketing of train tickets.

They also encircled the station manager's room for more than one hour.

Independence Day observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different government, non-government, socio-cultural and political organisations observed the country's 41st Independence Day yesterday in a befitting manner.

The Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) observed the day with huge enthusiasm. Besides placing wreaths at the National Memorial and hoisting flags at all its units, special prayers were also offered at mosques for seeking salvation of the martyrs' departed souls who sacrificed their lives during the War of Liberation.

Directorate of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education organised a discussion at its office where officials concerned were present.

Jatiya Press Club organised a drawing competition for children and a cultural programme to mark the day.

Different organisations held discussions, colourful processions rallies, recitation from holy Quran and doa mahfil, according to press releases.

Leaders of Workers Party of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Juba Moitree, Zaker Party, Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib Parishad, Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote and Tathya Bangla Foundation placed wreaths at the memorial in Savar.

Bangladesh Masjid Mission organised a doa mahfil on the occasion.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh High Commission in Pakistan observed the day in Islamabad.

High Commissioner Sohrab Hossain hoisted Bangladesh's flag where officers and Bangladeshi expatriates in Pakistan were present at the programme.

He called upon all to contribute to their respective fields to uphold the country's image.

Boy drowns in Natyamancha pond

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An unidentified teenage boy yesterday evening drowned in a pond in the capital's Mohanagar Natyamancha when he was trying to lift a cricket ball from the water in exchange of Tk 10.

Station officer of Fire Service

Phulbaria Headquarters Md Abdus Shahid told The Daily Star that the ball fell into the pond while some boys were playing cricket around 5:00pm.

When the unidentified hapless victim was asked to dive into the pond to recover the ball in exchange of the money, he jumped into it and swam to middle of the

pond and drowned.

On information, the divers recovered the body at around 7:00pm and handed over to police.

Paltan Police Station SI Humayun Kabir said the body was kept at Mohanagar Natyamancha to find out the identity.

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6th April

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