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No force in world can stop trial

PM on war criminals UNB, Dhaka

The BNP chief's paying tribute to Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial was nothing but a mockery, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said yesterday, adding no one in the world could stop the war crimes



"Like in 1971, intellectuals of Bangladesh yet again are being marked and given death threats. But if people stand by them, the evil plot will not succeed."

CULTURAL PERSONALITY RAMENDU MAJUMDER WHILE ATTENDING A NATIONAL FLAG PROCESSION YESTERDAY

1971: MOMENT OF SURRENDER



Pakistan's Foreign Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto tearing up the resolution on ceasefire in East Pakistan (Bangladesh) before storming out of the UN Security Council on December 15, 1971.

Chaos at UN as Pakistan limps to defeat

Pakistan's last-ditch diplomatic effort at the UN to avert defeat fails as "Tiger" Niazi surrenders at Dhaka

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INAM AHMED and SHAKHAWAT LITON

As another day concluded with Indian Air Force MIG-21s and Hunter jets screaming across Dhaka sky, firing off missiles and strafing targets below with the strange sound of a heavy steel chest being dragged upon a coarse concrete floor, General AAK Niazi rode towards the governor's house in downtown Dhaka.

All he could do was look up at the sky and see the glowing tracer rounds from his Ack Ack battery drawing lazy arcs across the dark sky in a city engulfed in air raid precaution darkness. He could hear anti-aircraft guns around the air field going off furiously. Acrid smell hung in the cold December air. There were no Pakistani F-86 Sabres to chase the Indian attackers. By December 6, only three days into the Indian air attack on SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

In MOURNING, in FURY

People riled at Pakistan's genocide denial; DU severs academic ties with Pakistan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Observance of the Martyred Intellectuals Day was markedly different this year.

The day was observed yesterday with a renewed demand for banning Jamaate-Islami, and a call to severe ties with

Pakistan for denying the atrocities it had carried out during the 1971 Liberation War. People from all ages and professions,

including family members of the martyred intellectuals, thronged the Martyred

Intellectuals' Memorial at Mirpur and the Rayerbazar Mausoleum, with different cultural and political organisations placing wreaths at the altars.

The nation, for the first time this year, saw the

execution of a war criminal, Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, Jamaat leader and a top brass of Al-Badr, for the killing of intellectuals in 1971.

Dr Nuzhat Choudhury Shampa, daughter of martyred physician Dr Abdul Alim

NIEWS ANALYSIS Explain what is 'Hanadar Bahini'

SHARIER KHAN

On Sunday, the BNP, Jatiya Party and the Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh issued their statements on the occasion of Martyred Intellectuals Day without naming the Pakistani army and their local collaborators who spearheaded the killing of the intellectuals.

In her statement BNP chief Khaleda Zia said the intellectuals were killed by the "Hanadar Bahini" (occupation forces) and their collaborators.

Jatiya Party chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Raushan Ershad also mentioned Hanadar Bahini.

The Jamaat acting secretary general in his statement said the entire nation remembers with due respects the intellectuals who

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Journo held with 40,000 yaba pills



STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A TV journalist was arrested with 40,000 pieces of Yaba tablets worth around Tk 1.20 crore in Chittagong city yesterday.

Officials of the Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) arrested Mohammad Selim, 32, a Cox's Bazar correspondent of private television channel Gazi TV, and his wife Khaleda Akther Munni, 27, while they were carrying a consignment of the contraband in a microbus.

The tablets were found hidden inside SEE PAGE 2 COL 6

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