

'Amar Ekushey' observed in USA

BSS, Dhaka

Amra Bangalee Foundation, a USA-based organisation of Bangladeshi community, yesterday observed 'Amar Ekushey' (International Mother Language Day) with due respect.

Marking the day, they organised a programme in front of White House, and paid tribute to the martyrs of the historic Language Movement by placing wreaths at a replica of Shaheed Minar.

A discussion was also held which was addressed by the foundation President Jibak Barua, Maryland Awami League (AL) unit president Sheikh Selim, Virginia AL unit acting president AFM Anwarul Azim, among others. The foundation General Secretary Dastagir Jahangir moderated the event.



Disregarding a High Court ban, battery-run auto-rickshaws being operated on the streets in Chittagong city. The photo was taken in Muradpur area recently.

NEWS IN brief

The Hague book fair starts Friday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A four-day book fair titled "The Hague Freedom Book Fair 2017" will kick off on Friday at the Nutshuis, The Hague, with participation of publishers from different countries including Bangladesh.

The fair is a continuation of a similar one held in February 2016 in The Hague in memory of slain blogger Avijit Roy and other Bangladeshi writers and free thinkers who got killed in 2015, The Hague Peace Project, one of the organisers of the fair, wrote on its website.

At least four publishers from Bangladesh including Shrabon Prokashani will participate in the fair, Robin Ahsan, owner of the Prokashani, said.

SCBA election on March 22, 23

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The annual election to the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA)'s 14 executive posts, including that of president and secretary, will be held on March 22 and 23.

SCBA sources said the main contest will take place between pro-ruling Awami League Bangladesh Sammilita Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad (BSASP) and pro-BNP Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Oikya Parishad (BJAOP).

Padakkhep'64 gets new president, general secretary

CITY DESK

Helaluddin Akbar and Mohammad Badiuzzaman have been elected the president and general secretary of the Padakkhep'64, said a press release yesterday.

Padakkhep'64 is an association consisting of those who obtained their master's degrees from Dhaka University in 1964.

Other office bearers are Mohammad Ibrahim Bhuiyan (vice president), Masuda Khan Lina (joint secretary) and Mohammad Gousal Azam (treasurer).

Reverence for heroes

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Chaudhury and Deputy Speaker Fazle Rabbi Miah, opposition leader of the parliament Raushan Ershad and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia placed wreaths at the Shaheed Minar at early hours.

They stood in solemn silence there for some time as a mark of profound respect to the memories of the language heroes.

Later on, the Shaheed Minar was opened to the public. Thousands from all strata of society walked barefoot to it for paying tributes to the valiant sons of the soil.

Institutions and organisations including Dhaka University and Communist Party of Bangladesh also observed the day.

Students and teachers of Scholastica observed the day by laying floral wreaths at Shaheed Minar set up at the school premises and holding cultural events, said a press release.

Deputy High Commission of Bangladesh in Mumbai, India also held an event at its chancery building, according to another press release. Speaking at the programme, Deputy High Commissioner Samina Naz said, "Our sacrifice for the mother language not only created a unique example in the world history it was also a tremendous effort to uphold the Bengali political and cultural identity."

In Narsingdi, Ekushey February and International Mother Language Day was observed with due respect.

Local lawmakers, political party leaders and government high officials placed floral wreaths at the district Shaheed Minar one minute past midnight, reports our Narsingdi correspondent.

In Brahmanbaria, students of Durgapur Government Primary School built a makeshift Shaheed Minar with banana tree and paid tribute around dawn, reports our Brahmanbaria correspondent. "It is important to pay respect to the martyrs for their sacrifice," said the school's assistant teacher Syed Osman, adding, "The children were happy as they could pay homage."

In Sherpur, people from all walks of life paid respect by placing floral wreaths at the Shaheed Minar in the district town yesterday, report our Sherpur correspondent.

In Munshiganj, like previous years, students from different schools arranged events to mark the day. They also built a Shaheed Minar after saving up their lunch money, reports our Munshiganj correspondent.

Threats to journos' safety demand fresh approach: CPJ

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Much work remains to be done to improve journalists' security in the face of unprecedented threats, including the spread of violent non-state actors, the shrinking rule of law, resurgent authoritarianism, and an industry shift toward reliance on freelancers, according to a report of the Committee to Protect Journalists released yesterday.

Journalists, news outlets, and press freedom groups must find approaches that go beyond traditional training and advocacy, which is why CPJ has launched a new Emergency Response Team, said a press release of the US-based organisation that promotes press freedom and defends the rights of journalists.

"The past six years have been the deadliest and most dangerous for journalists since CPJ began tracking attacks on the press, particularly with new threats by violent political and religious groups and organised crime," said Robert Mahoney, the report's lead author and CPJ's deputy executive director. "We rely increasingly on international freelancers and local journalists for frontline reporting, and they are often poorly paid and vulnerable."

It said CPJ's Emergency Response Team will provide support to journalists at risk by supplying information on existing and developing threats and promoting safety through the development of risk assessment mechanisms and contingency planning.

When those are not enough, it will work as a crisis management team.

Verification, not investigation

BGB, BSF agree on stopping border killings at DG-level confce

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and India's Border Security Force (BSF) will now conduct joint verification instead of investigation into border killings.

The agreement came during a DG-level conference in Dhaka yesterday, to reduce the number of border killings to zero.

Last year, BGB-BSF decided to conduct joint investigation.

About change in the decision, BGB Director General Maj Gen Abul Hossain said neither the BSF nor the BGB has investigation agencies. Only police can investigate any incident, he said.

For verification, teams from both the forces will visit spots, and make an identification and assessment, he told a press briefing on the conference at the BGB headquarters in Pikhana.

The DG said steps were also taken for border mapping so that they can

identify the areas through which smuggling mostly takes place.

BSF DG KK Sharma sought BGB's cooperation in preventing Bangladeshis from entering Indian territory.

The DG said the use of non-lethal weapons has successfully reduced the number of deaths.

KK Sharma stated attack on BSF by criminals increased alarmingly. He, however, did not show any data or case study at the conference.

Both the forces agreed to conduct coordinated patrols in the areas vulnerable to cattle and drug smuggling and to make the border population aware of the issue.

On militancy, BGB DG Maj Gen Abul Hossain said many border areas still remain unguarded. Whenever the BGB gets any information it will pass it to the BSF and vice versa, he said.

DG Sharma said if they find any anti-social element or terrorist hide-

outs or anything that can harm Bangladesh, they will immediately take actions.

At the conference, both the DGs decided to approach their ministers concerned to increase the number of "border haats" and promote "border tourism" which will help to improve socio-economic condition of the border people.

BSF DG mentioned that construction of an effluent treatment plant in Agartala of India and a drain with a box culvert in Akhaura of Bangladesh will start soon to reduce environmental degradation.

The five-day 44th conference began in Dhaka on February 18, where BGB DG Abul Hossain is leading a 28-member Bangladesh delegation while DG KK Sharma a 19-member Indian team.

The next DG-level conference is expected to be held in New Delhi on the first week in October this year.



Obituary

CITY DESK

Naseemunnessa Khanam, wife of late Golam Mowla, died at Square Hospital on Monday. She was 86, says a press release.

She left behind four sons and a daughter.

A doa mahfil will be held at her Dhanmondi residence after the Asr prayers on Friday.



Qulkhwani

CITY DESK

Qulkhwani of Lutfunnesa Quadir will be held after the Asr prayers on Friday at Gulshan Society Mosque on road-62 in the capital's Gulshan-2.

Lutfunnesa, daughter of late District and Session Judge of undivided Bengal Hasibuddin Ahmed, and wife of late AMF Quadir, passed away on February 19 at the capital's Shikder Hospital.

She left behind four children and five grandchildren. All are requested to attend the programme.

PM calls for correct practice of Bangla language

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged all to remain careful about the correct practice of Bangla language and particularly the new generation to be more cautious about spelling and pronunciation of words.

"Growing practice of Bangla language is very encouraging as errors are corrected through practices. But, we have to remain careful about the correct practice of the language," she said while inaugurating a five-day programme organised by International Mother Language Institute (IMLI) marking International Mother Language Day-2017 in its auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Urging the new generation to be more careful about the use of Bangla language, the prime minister said there are allegations of distorting the language. But there has a particular rule of spelling and pronunciation of standard Bangla words, what should not be

compromised, she said.

"Youths must refrain from the habit of misspelling and mispronunciation of the Bangla language. So, they should be more careful while using, spelling and pronouncing Bangla words," she said adding that regional dialects should not be ignored as they also have distinctiveness.

"Bangla language is a scientific one. Any change or expansion of the language should be done according to the linguistic rules," she added.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid presided over the function while adviser of Unesco on language issue Anvita Abbi presented the keynote paper on the theme of the day titled "Towards Sustainable Futures through Multilingual Education".

Unesco representative in Dhaka Beatrice Kaldun, Education Secretary Sohrab Hossain and Director General of the institute Dr Jinat Intiaz Ali spoke, among others, on the occasion.

Pointing out her government's initiative for extensive use of Bangla in the studies, daily activities and research on science, knowledge and technologies, she said Bangla keypad has been introduced in mobile phone as well as dot.bangla domain for internet browsing.

Bangla speaking people would be able to open web address in Bangla alphabet and use internet in Bangla very soon, she said, adding that an apps has also been produced from where people can learn nine languages.

Clearing her position in favour of learning foreign languages, the prime minister said, "We are not against the learning of foreign languages. If anybody has ability, he/she should learn more languages. However, everybody should learn the mother language first. Knowledge in other languages would be the additional quality of an individual."

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Kids enjoy with Bangla

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In the middle of the fair, the main stage named Barnamancha was surrounded by parents and children who were being entertained by magic shows, and performance of songs and rhymes.

Azad Saad, a second-grader of an English-medium school, who came along with his father, was happy as he could buy a badge printed with a Bangla alphabet. "I like this alphabet as it is the first letter of my name," he said.

In a stall, children were seen taking photos with Mustafa Jabbar, creator of Bijoy Bangla Software. "Since the starting of the fair I have been observing the children, and their participation has amazed me," said Mustafa.

A prototype of Shaheed Minar, memorial for the Language Movement martyrs, was set up on the south side of the fair so that children could pay homage to the language heroes. Noted cultural personality Afzal Hossain was there in a stall named Hatekhari, inspiring children and helping them write Bangla alphabets.

Book stalls including Prothama Prokashan and Kishor Alo

CJ unhappy as Bangla

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"I'm very sorry for that," he said while talking to journalists after paying homage to the language heroes of 1952 at the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital.

The chief justice said some judges of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court have been writing judgements in Bangla that can be followed by others.

"We are trying to implement it in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court," he added.

The use of Bangla can be ensured if any technological invention translates the judgements delivered by the courts into Bangla, he said. Some judges of the Appellate and High Court divisions and SC officials were also present there.

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