

Victory Day celebrated in port city

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
 Hundreds of people from all walks of life placed wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar in Chattogram in memory of the martyrs of the Liberation War on Victory Day yesterday. The day began with a police team giving salute at the Shaheed Minar after sunrise. City Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin placed a wreath at the monument. Later, Divisional Commissioner Abdul Mannan, Deputy Inspector General of Police Khandakar Golam Faruk, Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Elias Hossain and leaders of different political parties paid tributes. Different socio-cultural organisations including Bangladesh Udichi Shilpigoshthi, Shilpakala Academy, Muktiyoddha Sangsad and different semi-government and autonomous organisations observed the day.



Children perform a choreography at MA Aziz Stadium in Chattogram, marking Victory Day yesterday. PHOTO: PID

Reliving horrors

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 "We thought they [soldiers] would take my father to the cantonment. As soon as my father was taken off our sight, we became busy to tend to Prof ANM Maniruzzaman and three members of his family, who were shot in the landing of the stairwell of the same building. At that time, someone informed that my father had been shot outside and we rushed to him," recalled a visibly-emotional Meghna Guhathakurta, as pin-drop silence fell over the audience of young children and their parents. "I was 15 at that time, so I remember every moment of that night," she said. She urged everybody to uphold the spirit of the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for an independent country. "Freedom has great significance. It glorifies

the people; it glorifies a nation. The passport we carry, the pride we feel stand on a sacrifice – the supreme sacrifice by the martyrs. We should never forget that," she said. A children's troupe performed a patriotic song at the beginning of the event, where a child Farmiha Ahmed Srestha was the main speaker. Economist Khondoker Ibrahim Khaled, also president of Central Kachi-Kanchar Mela, spoke at the programme about war criminals and their trial. "We have defeated Pakistani enemies. But there are enemies within home. We have to guard our independence until we can banish those enemies." The programme concluded through handing over of prizes among best performers of a quarterly evaluation of the organisation.

BNP man

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 incident around 2am and came rushing to the hospital around 3am. I don't know exactly what had happened. A few years back, police arrested Russel over a political case and he was put behind bars for six months," he said, while being escorted by six police members. OC Nurul Huda of EPZ Police Station said a case of unnatural death was filed with the police station.

AL sets up Bijoy Mancha

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 befitting reply to Dr Kamal Hossain and Kader Siddique, former leaders of AL. "Razakars betrayed the people in 1971. Today some people are betraying the values of the Liberation War although they were once very close to Bangabandhu." In his speech, Shipping Minister and Sammilita Muktiyoddha Sangsad convener Shajahan Khan said even if any war criminal wins the election, AL will not allow him into the 11th parliament. "We want to build a country in the light of Liberation War spirit under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina," he added. Sammilita Sangskritik Jote President and Bijoy Mancha coordinator Golam Kuddus and Bangladesher Samyabadi Dal General Secretary Dilip Barua also spoke at the programme.



Shafiqur Rahman passes away

CITY DESK
 Mohammed Shafiqur Rahman, a former official of the World Bank, died on December 13 in Virginia, USA. He left behind his wife Shawkat Ara Begum, five siblings, four children and four granddaughters, says a press release. Shafiqur Rahman began his career with CARE -- first as an administrative officer and later as a programme director. He worked for the international organisation from 1961 to 1967. He joined the WB office in Dhaka in 1969. He retired from in 1996 as a programme officer. He was instrumental in tracking and coordinating millions of dollars of disbursement funds through various government agencies. After retirement, he relocated to Virginia to live close to his children.

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Case filed over attack

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 However, police could not arrest anyone till the filing of this report yesterday evening. Jatiya Oikyafront leader Dr Kamal Hossain's motorcade came under attack near the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial in the capital's Mirpur area on Friday. At least 25 people were injured in the attack carried out allegedly by ruling party men around 9:45am, alleged leaders of the opposition alliance. The perpetrators also vandalised seven to eight cars, they said. The attackers also beat up BNP and Oikyafront leaders and activists who tried to resist them. However, Dr Kamal, also president of Gonoforum, was unhurt. Armed with rods and sticks, supporters of Aslamul Haque, Awami League candidate for Dhaka-14 constituency, attacked Dr Kamal's car after he entered through the memorial's main gate, said Latiful Bari Hamim, media wing member of the Oikyafront. Contacted, Aslamul denied the allegation and said the allegation was made as part of a conspiracy against him.

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II. Scope of Work

A. Technical Aspects of Feasibility Study:

The focus of the study will have an overview of the demographic profile of the primary service area along with surrounding catchment areas, geographical profile of the primary and secondary service area in terms of major areas/cities/towns in the vicinity, infrastructure availability, economic insight covering broad percentage of population group - income wise and economic growth in the city. In the education market overview, the emphasis would be in terms of understanding the National Education Policy, gap analysis for English Medium and Bangla Medium education in Dhaka, broad estimation of number of Educational Institutions in the primary & secondary catchment areas in Dhaka, and the need & availability of educational or teaching human resources. For the key competitor profiling, the study should include at least one similar national, one regional, India, in particular and one international educational institution in terms of their academic facility mix, in terms of education/curriculum offered, intake capacity, fees, admission procedures, reservations, and other facilities. The study should also include Education services/programmes facility mix, level of technology, tariff & productivity details etc, manpower planning, remuneration patterns and problems in terms of sourcing special skills.

The strategic recommendations of the study should include evaluation of the proposed infrastructure and recommendations as per the RAJUK/City Corporation and educational institutions regulator's guidelines, size of the school and number of initial and subsequent annual admissions to be offered, required number of administrative and academic block rooms for the proposed school, extracurricular/co-curricular activity facilities and identification of critical success factors for the proposed school project.

B. Financial Aspects of Feasibility Study:

This part should include the budget with all necessary costing including detailed financial model, project cost details of buildings, equipment, furniture and fixtures, preliminary and operative expenses, breakdown of the capital expenditure statement, means of financing the project cost (with loan tenure and interest rate to be considered); floor area ratio (FAR) for total built up area possible on the plot(s). The income estimates should include fee structure, annual revenue from various sources, productivity with tariff assumptions for all key departments of services etc. Operating expense estimates will include detailed manpower distribution with salaries, consumables, other establishment costs like power/conveyance/stationery/communication/marketing, depreciation, interest costs, etc. with operating results including projected Profit & Loss and Cash Flow derivations for 6/7 years. Finally, a ratio analysis including internal rate of return (IRR), return on investment (ROI), return on capital employed (ROCE) etc.

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