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INDEPENDENCE DAY TODAY

THE NORTHERN UPRISING

Resistance of the masses in Rangpur at the early stage of 1971 war

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

The resistance during the 1971 Liberation War began in Rangpur early March and it was a full-on war even before the black night of March 25.

Rangpur was tense after Sarfaraj Khan, a non-Bangalee, had shot 12-year-old Shanku Samajdar dead in the town on March 3.

A curfew was imposed, but the people of Rangpur defied it and continued protesting the murder.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's historic March



7 Speech boosted their morale as it touched upon Rangpur and other places where people laid down their lives.

Bangabandhu, at one point of his fiery speech, said, "You will have to face the enemy with whatever you have."

This was a clear directive for freedom fighters in Rangpur, including Mojibar Rahman, who was one of the organisers of the historic siege to Rangpur Cantonment.

Well before March 26, the people in the district started to

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GENOCIDE DAY OBSERVED

Hundreds of people holding a candlelight vigil at Altafunnesa playground in Bogura town last night as they pay tribute to the martyrs of March 25, 1971.

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Dipali Samajdar dusting a framed sketch of her martyred son Shanku Samajdar at her home in Rangpur town's Kamal Kasna recently. Shanku was shot dead during a procession in the district on March 3, 1971.

PHOTO: KONGKON KARMAKER

Work for int'l recognition of Genocide Day

PM says at Independence Award ceremony

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon all to make joint efforts to get international recognition of the Genocide Day.

"Today is March 25, the Genocide Day. We have to make efforts to make sure that the day gets international recognition as the Genocide Day," she said.

Some initiatives have already been taken by the government in this regard, the PM mentioned.

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Independents faring well

In three phases of UZ polls, they win a third of chairman posts

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

Independent candidates bagged almost one third of the chairman posts fighting against the Awami League nominees in the first three phases of upazila parishad elections beginning on March 10.

The Election Commission data shows that independent candidates won 99 chairman posts as results of 315 upazilas were available till yesterday.

AL candidates won 213 chairman posts and 69 of them were elected unopposed. The Jatiya Party secured the rest three.

Elections in 323 upazilas were held in three phases on March 10, 18 and 24 respectively. Results of eight upazilas of Rangamati district, held

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A faded photograph of three-year-old Shanku. Rangpur erupted in protest against the Pakistan regime after his killing on March 3, 1971.

Mired in misery

Mother of Shanku, martyred at 12, appeals for PM's help

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The mother of a martyr fears she may have to take up begging to make ends meet.

Dipali Samajdar lost her only son during the Liberation War movement on March 3 in Rangpur town.

Dipali, who is now in her 70s, has almost become bed-ridden, but the pride she feels for her son shines through to this day.

Shanku was born in 1959. The middle child among his three siblings, he used to attend Koilash Ranjan School in Rangpur.

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Swachhasebak League leader hacked to death in Pirojpur

AL man shot dead in Chattogram

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

An activist of the Awami League rebel chairman candidate for Mathbaria upazila was hacked to death allegedly by supporters of the AL candidate yesterday.

Jony Talukder, 28, of Gulisakhali village, was a follower of AL rebel chairman candidate Riaz Uddin Ahmed. He was the vice-president of Holta Gulisakhali union unit Swachhasebak League.

This upazila will go to polls in the fourth phase on March 31.

Riaz alleged that around 9:00am, supporters of AL chairman contender Hossain Mosharrif Saku hacked Jony on his way to Gulisakhali Bazar from his home, leaving him critically injured.

Jony was first taken to

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