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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED

Patients of the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) come to pay their respects at the National Martyrs' Memorial in Savar yesterday on the occasion of the Independence Day.

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LIBERATION WAR
More foreign friends to be honoured

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

After a pause of six years, the government will once again formally honour foreign personalities and institutions who stood by Bangladesh during its War of Independence in 1971.

A ceremony will be held in December this year where it will confer awards on 20 personalities, Minister for Liberation War Affairs AKM Mozammel Haque told this paper recently.

Bangladesh launched the award in 2011 with an initial list of 565. Later the

37 families lose homes to arson

Most of them from indigenous community in Naogaon; local AL man arrested

ANWAR ALI, *Rajshahi*

At least 37 landless families, mostly from the indigenous Pahan community, have been living in the open in Naogaon's Dhamurhat upazila since early Monday, when their shacks were burnt down while they were asleep.

The attackers, allegedly led by a ruling party man, also beat up two indigenous women who tried to save their houses from being set on fire.

Police arrested Hossain Mosharraf early yesterday after a case was filed making him the prime accused.

The injured women -- Shanti Pahan and

Dulali Pahan --- have been admitted to a local hospital with burn and other injuries.

Locals said the attack was aimed at

Working to give children a secure life

PM tells Independence Day rally

UNB, *Dhaka*

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government was trying to build a future where the children would have a beautiful, secure and prosperous life.

"Today's children are the leaders of the future. We want to groom our children that way. They'll work for the country imbued with patriotism and love," she told a rally of children

SACRIFICES RECALLED

Nation vows to build a prosperous, peaceful Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The nation celebrated its 49th Independence Day recalling the millions who laid down their lives to free the country from Pakistani occupation.

The people of the country took a vow to build a prosperous, peaceful, and a truly democratic Bangladesh.

Gun salutes, parades, discussions, film screenings, and cultural events are among the programmes held to celebrate the day.

A 31-gun salute had been fired at the National Memorial in Savar at the break of day, with thousands of people flocking there to commemorate the heroes who embraced martyrdom in the Liberation War.

People wearing green and red outfits placed wreaths at the altar of the memorial.

Mapping genocide in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

War leaves its traces everywhere, be it in the form of memories or mass graves.

Yet, even after 49 years of the Liberation War, many such traces remain unexplored, or at best, partially explored.

Documentary photojournalist Turjoy Chowdhury started to photograph the killing fields, mass graves and