

# Pirganj 'mass murder day' observed

Names of the martyrs still not included in formal list

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

People of Pirganj upazila solemnly observed the 'mass murder day' on April 17, when seven freedom-loving citizens from the area were killed in 1971 by Pakistani occupation army with the help of local collaborators of the latter.

Although freedom-fighters, family members of the martyrs, different socio-cultural organisations and people from all walks of life observe the day with due reverence every year in different programmes, they were unable to hold any public gathering on the occasion this time due to the ongoing restrictions imposed to curb the spread of coronavirus pandemic.

On April 17 in 1971, the Pakistani army troops from Syedpur Cantonment arrived in Pirganj town. They first detained Dr Sujauddin Ahmed from office the Awami League (AL) in Jagtha area. Dr Sujauddin was a key organiser of the Liberation War in the area and also president of the AL's Pirganj upazila (then known as thana) unit.

With the help of razakars and other local collaborators, the army soon picked up six other organisers and activists of the freedom movement of Bangladesh. They were: Sujauddin's elder brother Mozaffar Hossain, Pirganj College acting principal Golam Mostafa, Pirganj thana Awami League treasurer Abdul Jabbar, farmer Atiur Rahman, carpenter Sunil Sutradhar and his fellow carpenter, whose name could not be known.



A memorial built in 'Jamalpur Farm' area, beside Thakurgaon-Pairgan road in Pirganj upazila of Thakurgaon, to commemorate local martyrs.

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The Pakistanis took the seven Bangalees to 'Jamalpur Farm' area, beside Thakurgaon-Pairgan road, that afternoon and after committing acts of gruesome physical torture on them, they bayoneted all seven of them to death.

Freedom fighter Shahidullah Shahid found the dead bodies in the field later in the evening and stood on guard there all night to protect the bodies. The following day he arranged a bullock cart and brought the bodies to their families in Pirganj.

Fifty years after the murders, all of them, except principal

Golam Mostafa, remain without state recognition as martyrs of the Liberation War.

While speaking with this correspondent, the martyred Dr Sujauddin Ahmed's son Badrul Huda, assistant professor at Pirganj Government College, regretted the fact that even though the country was liberated 50 years ago, the ones who embraced martyrdom that day in Pirganj, for the independence of their motherland, are yet to be recognised as martyrs.

After the war was over, except for a Tk 2,000-cheque received from the Bangabandhu-led government,

his father's name was not included in the list of martyrs or his family never received any further assistance from the state, he also said.

Martyr Atiur Rahman's son Azharul Islam said the Pakistan army killed his father with six others on April 17 as they acted upon Bangabandhu's call to free the country, but no steps were taken to formally recognise his father or the others as martyrs of the country.

In 1993, Bangladesh Directorate of Posts issued a special postage stamp commemorating the martyrdom of principal Golam Mostafa only, he added.

# 250 shoal women in Nilphamari tailoring rags to earn livelihood

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

As their husbands lost their jobs because of the pandemic, marginal women in ten remote shoals of Teesta River in Dimla and Jaldhaka upazilas of Nilphamari have taken the helm of the families making dresses to earn their livelihood.

'Uttorer Dipshikha', a voluntary organisation run by some students of different public universities, stood beside the ultra-poor families from the beginning of the pandemic with food and tele medicine support.

Ahsan Habib (22) of Sutibari shoal in Dimla and also a student of political science at Dhaka University said, "At the beginning of the pandemic, hundreds of shoal people returned home from Dhaka and we observed that mere food assistance was not enough for them but the women of the marginal families need wage earning work."

We mobilized few women and organized small-scale training on dress making and gave them sewing machines, threads, scissors free of cost, he also said.

"Large number of women became interested to our programme but our ability was limited and we faced difficulties to carry out the programme at such a large scale," Ahsan went on saying.

They used to post their activities on their Facebook timeline which drew the attention of US-based voluntary organisation Ankur Foundation run by reputed Bangladeshi expatriates.

"As Ankur Federation extended their supported, we could train 250 marginal women on tailoring and gave sewing

machines to most of them and provided other support," said Mahfuzar Rahman, a Rajshahi University student of Teesta bazaar.

Secretary of Uttorer Dipshikha Alamgir Kabir (23) of Barnni Ghat village said, "After receiving training, some poor women collected old clothes like bed sheets, lungis, curtains etc from the villages and made dresses selling from door to door at cheap rate."

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Asma Akhtar (25) wife of Dhaka returnee rickshaw puller Belayet of Dakkhin kharibari shoal said, "I make dresses with old cloths and sell them to poor people."

"We 4-5 women sit in a particular house to make dresses as per order of customers and thus earn Tk 200 TO 250 daily," said China Begum of Purbakharibari shoal.

Dr Shaestagir Chowdhury, principal engineer, Intel Corporation in the USA also president of Ankur Federation told this correspondent over phone that Uttorer Dipshikha members are doing excellent job for the shoal women.



Members of Patuakhalibasi, a voluntary organisation, keep 50 packets of iftar items and water bottles on the roadside, from Circuit House Road to Sonali Bank area in Patuakhalibasi town, for the destitute and low-income group people who have been fasting amid the ongoing Covid-19 lockdown. The organisation has been carrying out the activity since the second day of Ramadan.

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## Newspaper office ransacked

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Criminals ransacked the office of a local newspaper in Habiganj on Monday.

At least eight people were injured during the incident that took place in Chirakandi area of Habiganj municipality.

Police fired 11 rounds of teargas-shells to bring the situation under control.

Sushanta Das Gupta, editor of The Daily Amar Habiganj, alleged that the attack was carried out by over two hundred people led by Habiganj Municipality Mayor and District Juba League President Ataur Rahman Selim and District Chhatra League General Secretary Mahibur Rahman.

Mayor Ataur, however, denied the allegation brought against him.



Marginal women in ten remote shoals of the Teesta River in Nilphamari tailoring rags to make dresses as their husbands lose their jobs due to Covid-19 pandemic.

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## Faridpur violence: Former Saltha UZ chairman arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Police on Monday night arrested a former chairman of Saltha Upazila Parishad in connection with cases filed over the violence in the district's Saltha upazila on April 5.

The arrestee, Mohammad Wahiduzzaman, 40, son of late Abdul Hi Mollah, is a resident of Yusufdia village.

BNP-backed candidate Wahiduzzaman was elected Saltha Upazila Parishad chairman in 2014. He later joined the ruling Awami League on August 19 in 2015.

Faridpur Superintendent of Police Mohammad Alimujjaman said Wahiduzzaman was arrested after seven accused, arrested in connection with the incident, gave their confessional statements before the court.

A total of seven cases have been filed with Saltha Police Station against 364 named and 4,000 unnamed people in connection with the violence.

Police have so far arrested 99 people. Of them, 95 were produced before the court, two died and another two bullets-injured are now undergoing treatment at hospital.

## Expat's wife found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police recovered the hanging body of a housewife from her in-laws' house in Mirzapur upazila early yesterday.

The deceased, Sadia Akter, 21, was wife of South Africa expatriate Wazed Ali.

Meanwhile, victim's family members alleged that it was a planned murder as Sadia's relationship with her in-laws was not good.



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