

# President, PM pay tributes

BSS, Dhaka

President M Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday paid glowing tributes to the martyred intellectuals, marking Martyred Intellectuals Day.

On behalf of the head of the state, his military secretary Maj Gen SM Salah Uddin Islam placed a wreath at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial at Mirpur in the morning.

Meanwhile, on behalf of the premier, her military secretary Maj Gen Naqib Ahmed Chowdhury laid the wreath around 7:05am.

The day is being observed on a limited scale due to the Covid-19 situation.

Just two days ahead of the country's final victory for independence, on this day 50 years back, the Pakistan occupation forces with the help of their local collaborators killed the most prominent intellectuals of the country.

As many as 200 illustrious intellectuals were abducted and killed

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On the brink of the 50th anniversary of victory, Bangladesh remembers the martyred intellectuals, who were taken from their homes late at night by the Pakistan army and their local collaborators and never returned. Yesterday, people from all walks of life gathered at the Rayerbazar Badhyabumi to pay their respects to the fallen heroes on Martyred Intellectuals Day.



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# Covid-positive pregnant women 8 times more at risk

Finds study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Covid-19 poses eight times higher risk of adverse maternal outcomes for pregnant women, a recent study found.

Among pregnant women who contracted Covid-19, 46 percent had adverse maternal outcomes, while it was only 5.3 percent among Covid-negative expecting mothers, according to the study, which was shared at an event at National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM) yesterday.

The adverse outcomes among Covid-positive women include preterm (before 37 weeks) delivery, stillbirth and ectopic pregnancy.

NIPSOM carried out the study on 215 Covid-positive and 675 negative pregnant women -- aged 15 to 45 -- in five hospitals of Dhaka between April 2020 and April 2021.

More than half the women were aged 24 to 35, while the average age was around 26 years, according to NIPSOM.

According to the study, 62.8 percent of those who were Covid-positive and had prior health complications developed adverse outcomes, while it was only 7.4 percent in the case of those who were

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# They faced more violence amid pandemic

Finds NGCAF survey on working women

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All the 135 working women who were interviewed said that they faced some form of violence during the pandemic, found a recent survey of Bangladesh National Girl Child Advocacy Forum (NGCAF).

Earlier, another report of the forum found that 813 girls were raped in the first eight months of 2021, while 153 died by suicide during this period.

Nasima Akter Jolly, secretary of NGCAF, revealed these findings yesterday at a virtual roundtable organised by the forum titled "Safety and gender equality for girls in sustainable development: challenges and way forward".

"We have a long way to go when it comes to ensuring the dignity and empowerment of women and girls," Nasima said.

"In order to achieve SDGs, education, safety and health of our girls must be ensured. We have been experiencing

women's progress in various fields, but compared to their male counterparts, they are still far behind," she added.

Speaking as the chief guest, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) chairperson Nasima Begum said, "We thought that the violence against women and girls would decrease during the pandemic, but the reality was different."

"NHRC has been working on the issue, and for the first time, a national inquiry committee has been formed in this regard. But the government alone cannot do everything. I urge everyone to come forward," she added.

Speaking about the increasing number of online violence against women and girls, Nadira Parveen of Nagorik Uddyog said raising awareness among girls about the issue could lead to a solution to some extent.

"Nothing has been done yet to

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# VICTORY DAY, MUJIB BORSHO All-out security for twin celebrations

Says DMP chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Robust, four-tier security measures have been taken in coordination with police, Armed Police Battalion and Special Security Force (SSF) for Victory Day and Bangabandhu's birth centenary celebrations.

Venues will be monitored by special branch of police, SSF, dog squads, and bomb disposal units of Rab and Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP).

DMP Commissioner Md Shafiqul Islam made the disclosure while addressing a security briefing at the parliament's south plaza yesterday.

He said law enforcers in both uniform and plain-clothes will be stationed in every multi-storied building near the parliament building.

All invited guests will have to go through security checks, and health restrictions imposed by the health ministry will be strictly followed.

A three-day programme, starting from today, has been organised to celebrate the occasions. The president and

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## AT A GLANCE

- » Venues to be monitored by law enforcers
- » Vehicles to be diverted in many areas
- » Route plans to be displayed on billboards
- » HSC examinees can call 999 for transport

## COURT CORNER

### 'None can own historical images of Bangabandhu, war'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The HC yesterday ruled that the copyrights of historical images of Bangabandhu and the Liberation War cannot be owned by any individual.

The state and people are their owners. If anybody uses historical images or photos, they must mention sources with acknowledgement.

### Man, son sent to jail for killing elephant in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chattogram court yesterday sent a father and son to jail in connection with the killing of an elephant on November 30. The accused are Mohammad Kalam (65) and his son Nezam from Satkania upazila.

### Wall Collapse: HC issues rule on compensating family

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The HC yesterday issued a rule asking the authorities to explain in four weeks why they should not be directed to give Tk 1 crore compensation to family of seven-year-old Zihad Hossain, who died after a wall collapsed on him in Dhaka's Azimpur on November 11.

# Bearing this land's history

Suhrawardy Udyan's Museum of Independence sheds light on Liberation War



Stories of Bangladesh's history leading up to the Liberation War, along with extensive insight into the war, can be found at the museum. PHOTO: COLLECTED

DIPAN NANDY

Every inch of Suhrawardy Udyan bears the history of Bangladesh's ascension. From Bangabandhu's reception after he was freed from jail to the Pakistan Army's surrender there on December 16, the park is inseparable from the country's origin story.

Fittingly, in 2015, the Swadhinata Museum was opened at the historic Udyan's underground, right underneath the Tower of Light. With 144 photographs and numerous information plaques, the museum retells the history of the Liberation War.

The museum was opened on March 25 that year, as part of the second phase of the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs' Swadhinata Stambha project. The Ministry of Cultural Affairs is tasked with its management, while Bangladesh National Museum is in charge of curating its collection.

The Suhrawardy Udyan is currently undergoing the third phase of the Swadhinata Stambha project. After passing its construction works, visitors

arrive at the museum.

Everyone is welcomed with a photograph of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman delivering his historic March 7 speech at the Udyan, then called Ramna Racecourse.

From there, visitors are taken on a journey through the cultural history of Bengal, colonial India, and the country during Pakistani rule. The museum ends with photographs of the moments of victory from December 16, 1971.

The first section of the museum covers pre-liberation Bangladesh's history in brief, as well as the evolution of the Bengali language. After getting an idea about the ancient Pundra Kingdom and the ruins of Wari-Bateshwar, visitors enter colonial India. The Indigo Revolt, Santal Rebellion, Sepoy Revolt, Partition of Bengal, India's independence, all of these events are covered in this section.

The section on Pakistan era is up next. It covers everything from 1952's Language Movement to the March 7 speech. In between, there's 69's Mass

Uprising and the public gathering where Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was awarded the "Bangabandhu" title.

A passage inside the museum is dedicated to the memories of the horrific night of March 25. Its walls feature scenes of Pakistani soldiers' brutality on unarmed Bengalis. The passage is made out of black granite, as a symbolic tribute to the night's horror. From an adjacent room emanates the sound of an endless stream of water. It's an artificial fountain, installed as a representation of the tears of the martyrs.

At the very end, the exhibit features scenes of victory from December 16, 1971. A huge photograph captures moments from the occupying army's surrender at Suhrawardy Udyan.

Other than this, the museum also hosts a terracotta mural, stretching across the entire complex. It was created by five renowned artists and sculptors -- Mohammad Eunus, Shyamal Chowdhury, Shishir Bhattacharjee, Ifikhar Uddin Ahmed and Mukul Muksuddin Rana. The

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আমরা খাবলধী হব  
সকলে কর দেব  
-অমির হোসেন: পদে হাতি

আয়কর প্রবৃদ্ধি  
দেশ ও দেশের সমৃদ্ধি

**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
কর কমিশনারের কার্যালয়  
কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকা  
২য় ১২-তলা সরকারি অফিস ভবন (৪র্থ তলা), সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা- ১০০০।

**কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকার সম্মানিত করদাতাগণের  
অগ্রিম আয়করের ২য় কিস্তি প্রদানের অনুরোধ**

কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকার অধিক্রোয়ী সম্মানিত করদাতাগণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, ২০২১-২০২২ অর্থবৎসরের (২০২২-২০২৩ কর বৎসরের জন্য প্রযোজ্য) ০৪ (চার) কিস্তিতে প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়করের ২য় কিস্তি প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ১৫ ডিসেম্বর, ২০২১। আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ধারা ৬৪ (Advance payment of tax) অনুযায়ী যে সকল করদাতার সর্বশেষ নিকৃপিত আয় ০৬ (ছয়) লক্ষ টাকার বেশি তাহাদের জন্য অগ্রিম আয়কর প্রদানের বিধান প্রযোজ্য হইবে। এই প্রেক্ষিতে কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকার সম্মানিত করদাতাগণকে ২য় কিস্তির অগ্রিম আয়কর ১৫ ডিসেম্বর, ২০২১ তারিখের মধ্যে পরিশোধের জন্য বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করা হইল।

করদাতা বিধি অনুসারে অগ্রিম কর যথাসময়ে প্রদান না করিলে ধারা ৬৯ [Failure to pay installments of advance tax] অনুসারে খেলাপী করদাতা [Assessee in default] হিসাবে গণ্য করিবার এবং ধারা ৭৩ [Interest payable by the assessee of advance tax] অনুসারে সরল সুদ আরোপ করিবার বিধান রহিয়াছে। এছাড়া নির্ধারিত তারিখের মধ্যে অগ্রিম কর পরিশোধ করা না হইলে আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ধারা ১২৫ [Failure to pay advance tax] অনুসারে প্রদেয় করের সমপরিমাণ অংক জরিমানা আরোপ করিবার বিধান রহিয়াছে।

প্রদেয় অগ্রিম কর, সম্মানিত করদাতা তাহার সংশ্লিষ্ট সার্কেলের উপ কর কমিশনার এর অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার/ক্রসড-চেক/ চালানের মাধ্যমে কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকার নিম্নবর্ণিত হিসাব কোডে পরিশোধ করিবেনঃ

কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকার আয়কর জমার হিসাব কোড নিম্নরূপঃ

কোম্পানী করদাতার জন্য : **১-১১৪১-০০৩০-০১০১**  
ব্যক্তি শ্রেণীর করদাতার জন্য : **১-১১৪১-০০৩০-০১১১**

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১। অতিরিক্ত কর কমিশনার, পরিদপ্তর-১  
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২। অতিরিক্ত কর কমিশনার, পরিদপ্তর-২  
ফোনঃ ০২-২২৩৩৮৯২৮০

৩। মুদ্রা কর কমিশনার, পরিদপ্তর-৩  
ফোনঃ ০২-২২৩৩৮৩০৪২

৪। মুদ্রা কর কমিশনার, পরিদপ্তর-৪  
ফোনঃ ০২-২২৩৩৮২৭৩৩

৫। উপ কর কমিশনার (সদর দপ্তর-প্রশাসন)  
ফোনঃ ০২-৮৩২২০৪০

৬। উপ কর কমিশনার (সদর দপ্তর-টেকনিক্যাল)  
ফোনঃ ০২-৫৮৩৩০০৮২

কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকা আশা করে যে, সম্মানিত করদাতাগণ নির্ধারিত তারিখে বা তাহার পূর্বে প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধ পূর্বক নাগরিক দায়িত্ব পালনে সচেষ্ট হইবেন।

জাতীয় রাজস্ব আহরণে কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকা আপনার সহযোগিতা প্রত্যাশা করে।

**(মোঃ হারুন অর রশীদ)**  
কর কমিশনার  
কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকা  
ফোনঃ ৫৮৩-১০৬০৩