

## A pledge of remembrance

Martyred Intellectuals Day observed countrywide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Martyred Intellectuals Day was observed yesterday to commemorate the intellectuals who were killed by Pakistan occupation forces and their local collaborators right before the end of the Liberation War.

President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid tributes to the intellectuals in the morning, by placing floral wreaths at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial in the capital's Mirpur.

Flanked by the party's central leaders, Hasina, also president of Awami League, laid another wreath at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial as the party chief.

Hasina then went to Dhanmondi and placed a wreath at the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in front of the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister and AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader paid homage in Rayerbazar.

AL presidium members Begum Matia Chowdhury and Jahangir Kabir Nanak were present there among others.

There, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq said, "There is a national committee working on the list of martyred intellectuals. We have so far added 1,500 names to the list. Another 100 applications have been submitted. Hopefully, the full list will be published before March 26 [next year]."

Family members of the martyred and freedom fighters placed wreaths in Rayerbazar and Mirpur killing grounds. People from all walks of life joined in, wearing black as a symbol of mourning.

At Rayerbazar, Asif Munir Tanmoy, son of educationist Munir Chowdhury, demanded international recognition of the 1971 genocide.

Meanwhile in Tangail, district civil and police administrations -- led by deputy commissioner Jasim Uddin Haider and Tangail superintendent of police Sarkar Mohammad Kaiser -- placed wreaths at the Martyr Memorial Plaque at the Collectorate area in the morning.

District Awami League and other political and socio-cultural organisations placed wreaths at the Shaheed Srity Pouro Udyan in the town.



President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid their respects to the martyred intellectuals by placing floral wreaths at Martyred Intellectuals Memorial in Mirpur yesterday morning.

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'How many disappear in your country?'

Obaidul Quader asks US envoy

UNB, Dhaka

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said BNP's "plan to persuade the US and UK governments" to put sanctions on the Bangladesh government and its institutions has failed.

Quader said this while addressing a discussion yesterday arranged by Awami League at Dhaka's Bangabandhu International Conference

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## UN RESOLUTION Nations to be urged not to shelter killers

Says foreign minister

UNB, Dhaka

A resolution will be introduced at the United Nations seeking measures to ensure that no country gives shelter to self-confessed killers, said Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen.

He said this at a discussion organised by Bangabandhu Foundation in Dhaka on Tuesday evening.

"Some of Bangabandhu's self-confessed killers have fled to different countries. We managed to bring one back

on the Father of the Nation's birth centenary. However, five remain in different countries," Momen said.

Emphasising peace and stability for the development of the country, the minister said, "We have seen that wherever a government is stable, there is peace, prosperity and development of the people."

Citing examples of Singapore, Malaysia, Rwanda, and the United Arab Emirates, Momen said, "These countries

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DIVISION FACILITY Fakhru, Abbas should have gotten it sooner: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday said detained BNP leaders Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir and Mirza Abbas should have been given the division facilities in jail even earlier in compliance with the magistrate court order.

A magistrate court in Dhaka on December 9 ordered the authorities concerned to give them division facilities under the jail code. A prisoner

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## 'Beware of brokers'

US embassy cautions visa applicants

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The US embassy in Dhaka has cautioned prospective visa applicants of brokers whose inappropriate advice can lead to visa refusal.

"We caution prospective applicants that presenting false information and documents may not only result in a visa denial but may also result in an ineligibility that prevents future travel to the United States," said Nathan Look, consul general at the embassy, at a briefing at the capital's American Centre yesterday.

A visa consultant is not necessary to obtain a visa interview appointment. They often charge additional fees and provide inappropriate advice, like creating fake documents, he said.

"The best guidance is to review information on our website, be prepared for their interview with any supporting documentation, and provide factual and truthful answers during the visa process and interviews."

"You can book appointments directly on our website. There is no additional cost to make an appointment; it is included in the application fee," added Nathan.

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## US taking in Rohingyas from Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Under a programme, vulnerable Rohingyas from the refugee camps of Bangladesh are being resettled in the US.

The US has launched the resettlement programme for Rohingyas in collaboration with the Bangladesh government and UN Refugee Agency.

Vulnerable Rohingyas are those who are facing different kinds of threats, like security.

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PRAYER TIMING DEC 15



	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
Azan	5:20	12:45	3:45	5:22	7:00
Jamaat	5:55	1:15	4:00	5:25	7:30

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