



MARTYRED INTELLECTUALS DAY 2025

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283. Muhammad Akhtar, Journalist
284. Eng. Mokarram Hossain Mukul, Engineer
285. Dr. Mozammel Haque, Doctor
286. Eng. Mohammad Aftab Hossain, Engineer
287. Mohiuddin Khan, Lawyer
288. Eng. Lt. Col. Mohammad Abdul Kader, Engineer
289. Mohammad Abdul Bari Mia, Actor
290. Mohammad Abdul Hafiz, Lawyer
291. Mohammad Aminuddin, Lawyer
292. Dr. Lieutenant Mohammad Aminul Haque, Doctor
293. Dr. Mohammad Alamgir Mia, Doctor
294. Mohammad Khabiruddin Miah, Teacher
295. Eng. Mohammad Golam Sarwar, Engineer
296. Dr. Mohammad Motiur Rahman, Doctor
297. Mohammad Moazzem Hossain, Teacher
298. Mohammad Rostom Ali, Agriculture Officer
299. Mohammad Shahar Ali, Teacher
300. Dr. Mohammad Shakhawat Hossain, Doctor
301. Mohammad Sekandar Ali, Government officer
302. Jatindra Kumar Vatra, Lawyer
303. Dr. Rafik Ahmed, Doctor
304. Dr. Rabul Haque, Doctor
305. Dr. Rabi Basak, Doctor
306. Romoni Kanto Nandy, Doctor
307. Dr. Romoni Mohan Das, Doctor
308. Ramranjan Bhattacharjee, Lawyer
309. Eng. Rafiquddin Ahmed Bulbul, Engineer
310. Ramkrishna Adhikari, Teacher
311. Dr. Reboti Kanta Sanyal, Doctor
312. Lalitkumar Bol, Lawyer
313. Shafiqur Rahman Bhuiyan, Teacher
314. Eng. Shafikul Anowar, Engineer
315. Shashanka Pal, Writer and Journalist
316. Dr. Shah Abdul Aziz, Doctor and Politician
317. Dr. Shah Amin Hossain, Doctor
318. Shikdar Hedayetul Islam, Teacher and Government officer
319. Dr. Shudhangshu Mohan Saha, Doctor
320. Eng. Shamsuzzaman, Engineer
321. Santosh Kumar Dash, Teacher
322.....
323. Sofiuddin, Lawyer and Politician
324. Saroj Kumar Nath Adhikari, Teacher
325. Dr. Sayeed Mohit Imam, Doctor
326. Dr. Sujauddin Ahmed, Doctor
327. Sudhir Kumar Ghosh, Writer and Social Worker
328. Sudhir Kumar Chakraborty, Lawyer and Politician
329. Dr. Sunir Kumar Guha Roy, Doctor
330. Sumangal Kumar Kundu, Lawyer
331. Eng. Sekandar Hayat Chowdhury, Engineer
332. Syed Akbar Hossain Bokul Miah, Lawyer
333. Dr. Hasibur Rahman, Doctor and Politician
334. Dr. Hemchandra Basak Bolai, Doctor
335. Dr. Hemanta, Doctor
336. Anil Mohon Saha, Lawyer
337. Ashim Santi Roy, Teacher
338. Oliur Rahman, Writer and Teacher
339. Ashwini Ghosh, Social Worker and Sports Organizer
340. Olibhusan Saha, Teacher
341. Dr. Ashok Chandra Roy, Doctor
342. Abinash Kumar Nag, Teacher
343. Abul Hashem Sarkar, Teacher
344. Aminul Huq, Politician
345. Abdul Quader, Teacher
346. Abu Faruk Chowdhury, Lawyer
347. Dr. Ahad Ali Sardar, Doctor
348. Abdul Malek, Teacher
349. Aiz Uddin Molla, Social Worker and Education Enthusiast
350. Abdus Samad, Teacher
351. Abdur Rashid Mazed, Politician
352. Atiar Rahman, Teacher
353. Abu Bakkar Siddique, Teacher
354. Amjad Hossain, Teacher
355. Abul Kashem Sardar, Teacher
356. Afsar Molla, Journalist
357. Akbar Ali, Teacher

358. Ismail Hossain Master, Teacher
359. Ishaq Chowdhury, Journalist
360. Uttam Kumar Pal, Musician
361. A.K.M. Rafiqul Islam, Teacher
362. S M Zobayed Ali, Teacher
363. M A Aziz Sarkar, Government Employee
364. AB Mohiuddin Ahmed (Golam Maola), Teacher
365. Professor Wahidur Rahman Chowdhury, Teacher
366. Osman Gani Mondol, Teacher
367. Osman Ali Molla, Teacher
368. Kazi Md. Sadek, Politician
369. Kazi A. Jabbar, Teacher
370. Kazi Azizul Islam, Government Employee
371. Kedar Roy Chowdhury, Lawyer
372. Dr. Khagendra Chandra Majumdar, Doctor
373. Khandaker Mohammad Elahi Box, Teacher and Writer
374. Khademul Islam, Teacher
375. Golzar Rahman, Teacher
376. Ganapati Chatterjee, Teacher
377. Golam Sarwar, Engineer
378. Chittaranjan Roy, Teacher
379. Jitendra Nath Sarkar, Teacher
380. Tozammel Hossain, Teacher
381. Durgadas Saha, Teacher
382. Debendra Pandit, Teacher
383. Dinesh Chandra Roy Mouluk, Teacher
384. Dhirendra Chandra Sarkar, Teacher
385. Nabin Chandra Ghosh, Teacher
386. Nafiz Uddin Ahmed Sarkar, Teacher
387. Dr. Pramathanath Pal, Doctor
388. Pradip Kumar Das, Teacher
389. Fahim Uddin Sarkar, Politician and Social Worker
390. Bagmishwar Barua, Teacher and Politician
391. Babu Motilal Chowdhury, Politician
392. Dr. Badiuzzaman, Politician and Doctor
393. Bahaj Uddin Akanda, Organizer and Social Worker
394. Badrul Haque Chowdhury, Teacher
395. Badiuzzaman Mukta, Teacher
396. Birendra Nath Baroi, Teacher
397. Mohammad Hanif, Government Employee and Cultural Activist
398. Madhusudan Dhar, Teacher
399. Mohammad Hazrat Ali, Teacher
400. Md. Mominal Haque, Teacher
401. Moulvi Jafar Ahmed Bhuiyan, Teacher
402. Manik Kishore Nanyasi, Musician and Teacher
403. Mokhlesar Rahman Chowdhury, Teacher
404. Mohammad Ismail Hossain, Teacher
405. Mohammad Ibrahim, Teacher and Politician
406. Mohammad Solaiman Ali Molla, Teacher
407. Dr. Maulana Oliur Rahman, Doctor
408. Mohammad Sahid, Social Worker and Politician
409. Mohammad Echob Ali Dewan, Cultural Activist
410. Mojibur Rahman Kanak, Engineer
411. Mojibur Rahman Kanchan, Social Worker and Drama Artist
412. Mohammad Ilias, Teacher and Politician
413. Mostak Hasan Ahmed, Teacher
414. Mofiz Uddin, Teacher
415. Mohammad Shahidullah, Teacher
416. Mohammad Lutfar Rahman, Teacher
417. Motilal Ghosh, Teacher
418. Mohammad Yakub Ali Molla, Teacher
419. Radha Gobinda Sarke, Teacher
420. Ramesh Chandra Das, Teacher
421. Riyachat Ali, Teacher and Writer
422. Father Lukash Marandi, Educationist and Social Activist
423. Lalit Kumar Bol, Lawyer and Politician
424. Shahnawaz Bhuiyan, Social Worker, Politician and Cultural Activist
425. Sheikh Mohammad Tahazzed Hossain, Teacher
426. Shamsul Haque Chowdhury, Playwriter
427. Shamsuddin Ahmed, Teacher
428. Sheikh Mohammad Shamsuzzoha, Teacher
429. Siraj Uddin Ahmed, Teacher

430. Satish Chandra Sarkar, Musician
431. Sushil Chandra Paul, Lawyer
432. Subrata Ali Mandal, Social Worker
433. Siraj Uddin Ahmed, Teacher
434. Sarojkumar Adhikari, Teacher
435. Samsul Huda, Teacher
436. Sekendar Ali Bhuiyan, Teacher
437. Siddikur Rahman, Politician and Social Worker
438. Satish Chandra Deb, Teacher
439. Harun-Al-Rashid, Teacher
440. Hirendra Chandra Majumder, Teacher
441. Hitendranath Chandra, Teacher
442. Harez Ali Mandal, Social Worker and Organiser
443. Haralal Saha, Teacher
444. Anil Chandra Deb, Teacher
445. Abinash Roy, Village Doctor
446. Dr. Ajit Kumar Chakrabarti, Doctor
447. Abani Kumar Roy, Social Worker
448. Atul Krishna Saha, Service Holder, Actor and Social Worker
449. Amal Krishna Som, Stage Actor and Social Worker
450. Arun Krishna Som, Stage Actor and Social Worker
451. Engr. Ahsan-Ul-Habib, Engineer
452. Aminul Islam, Scientific Officer
453. Abu Ilias Mohammad Alauddin, Service Holder
454. Abul Bashar Khan, Village Doctor and Folk Musician
455. Abdur Rouf, Litterateur and Researcher
456. Abdur Rashid, Lawyer
457. Abdur Rahman Khan Kashem, Politician and Social Worker
458. Abdur Rahim, Language Movement Activist
459. Maulana Abdul Aziz, Clergyman (Imam) and Social Worker
460. Abdul Gafur Biswas, Teacher
461. Abdul Jabbar, Cultural Activist and Assistant Director
462. Abdul Latif Khan, Writer, Artist, Politician and Social Worker
463. Abdul Hamid, Cultural Activist and Politician
464. Ahsan Uddin Manik, Politician and Organizer
465. Abu Hossain, Teacher
466. Dr. Abu Bakkar Akanda, Doctor
467. Achab Uddin Sarkar, Teacher
468. Amirul Huda Zinna, Musician
469. Abdul Khalek, Teacher
470. Abdul Hamid, Teacher
471. Abdul Hamid Sheikh, Public Representative and Politician
472. Abed Ali, Teacher
473. Ayub Hossain, Service Holder
474. Maulana Abdul Latif, Imam and Teacher
475. Munshi Ali Azim Khan, Imam and School Teacher (Madrasa)
476. Abdul Aziz Bhuiyan, Teacher
477. Year Mohammad, Teacher
478. Yakub Ali, Writer and Social Worker
479. Umesh Chandra Saha, Service Holder and Social Worker
480. A.Z.M Ziauddin, Service Holder and Cultural Activist
481. Waliur Rahman Paru, Cultural Activist and Social Worker
482. Kalicharan Namashudra, Teacher
483. Kaliprasanna Roy, Teacher
484. Kazi Ayub Hossain, Teacher and Politician
485. Kamini Kumar Chakrabarti, Teacher
486. Khawaja Abdus Sattar, Teacher and Labor Leader
487. Golam Mostafa, Teacher
488. Gobinda Chandra Das, Artist
489. Gobinda, Teacher
490. Chittaranjan Basu, Lawyer and Politician
491. Dr. Chittaranjan Saha, Doctor
492. Maulana Safir Uddin Munshi, Imam and Teacher (Madrasa)
493. Jagatjyoti Das (Bir Protik), Teacher
494. Jagabandhu Saha, Gana Samgitsilpi (Musician)
495. Joynal Abedin, Teacher
496. Joynal Abedin, Teacher
497. Tofel Uddin Ahmed, Village Doctor and Politician

Why is the martyred intellectuals' list still incomplete?

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

They were teachers who shaped young minds, doctors who healed the sick, writers who gave voice to a people, and scientists who dreamed of a brighter future. During the Liberation War of 1971, they were taken from their homes, not only for what they had done, but also for what they represented.

What unfolded in 1971 was genocide. The Pakistani Army and their local collaborators did not merely fight a war; they attempted to amputate a nation. Killing soldiers may weaken an army, but killing intellectuals cripples a nation. Their intent was chillingly clear: a Bangladesh without teachers, without doctors, without writers, without scientists — a Bangladesh left empty even if independence was won.

Since 1971, successive governments have repeatedly pledged to compile a complete list of martyred intellectuals. Yet each promise has ended in failure, with the most recent attempt also falling by the wayside.

The Ministry of Liberation War Affairs has stalled its effort to compile a comprehensive list of martyred intellectuals — an initiative launched in 2020 to address the absence of a complete record. The work was originally scheduled for completion by December 16 of last year.

Since its inception, the ministry has issued four gazettes naming 560 intellectuals, based on recommendations from a national committee and its sub-committee. However, progress has come to a standstill, as both committees have remained inactive since March and July of last year.

One committee member, requesting anonymity, remarked: "Since then, there has been complete silence. I fear this initiative may never see the light of day again."

Ishrat Chowdhury, secretary of the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs, acknowledged that the process of preparing a comprehensive list of martyred intellectuals has stalled.

She explained that they have already published gazettes containing the names currently in their possession.

When asked if the initiative had ended, she said: "At the moment, there is no such work going on. That doesn't mean we won't do it; it just means we are not doing it right now."

She added that the committees formed to oversee the task are no longer active. "Since there is no initiative, the committees are not functioning," she noted.

THE UNANSWERED QUESTION
Even after 54 years of the country's independence, in the absence of a proper and comprehensive list, it is still unclear how many intellectuals embraced martyrdom.

A committee member said that the names of martyred intellectuals can be found in the Shaheed Buddhiji Koshgrantha, the 1972 government documentary Bangladesh, Banglapedia, and on postal stamps.

Shaheed Buddhiji Koshgrantha listed

328 martyred intellectuals, but noted that

the list was not complete.

The documentary Bangladesh stated that 1,109 intellectuals were martyred.

Banglapedia estimated that 1,111 intellectuals were killed — including 991 academics, 49 physicians, 42 lawyers, 13 journalists, nine litterateurs and artists, five engineers, and two others.

Many researchers, however, believe the total number of martyred intellectuals could be much higher. Members of the Buddhiji Nidhan Tathyanusandhan Committee, set up in 1972, had made a primary list of 20,000 intellectuals who were killed.

THE 2020 INITIATIVE

On November 19, 2020, the then government formed an 11-member committee comprising freedom fighters, researchers, and officials to finally assemble a complete list.

The committee's first meeting in December 2020 approved 1,222 names for the primary list. Of them, 1,070 were names

the ministry already had, and 152 were obtained from postal stamps issued in the names of martyred intellectuals at various times.

Littérateurs, philosophers, scientists, artists, teachers, researchers, journalists, lawyers, physicians, engineers, architects, sculptors, government and non-government employees, politicians, social workers, cultural activists, musicians, and people involved in film-making, theatre, and the arts who were killed by Pakistani forces or went missing between March 25, 1971, and January 31, 1972, are being defined as martyred intellectuals, several committee members said.

Following the committee's recommendation, the government published the names of 191 martyred intellectuals in May 2021; 143 in May 2022; 108 in February last year; and another 118 in March last year.

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