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Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus lays a wreath at the National Memorial in Savar, Dhaka, paying tribute to the martyrs of the 1971 Liberation War on the occasion of Victory Day yesterday. People from all walks of life, along with political leaders and activists, joined the nationwide celebrations.

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Preparations on to make Tarique's homecoming memorable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



BNP is preparing to make the return of its Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman a memorable event, aiming to build momentum ahead of the national election, party leaders said.

The party plans to place Tarique's return at the centre of political discourse and mobilise leaders, activists and supporters across the country.

On the day of his arrival, BNP is likely to hold a large showdown in the capital, with a large number of supporters expected to gather to welcome him, party sources said.

Senior BNP leaders believe Tarique's return will strengthen the party, energise its grassroots and help ease internal tensions over nominations ahead of the polls.

These issues were discussed at a meeting of the BNP Standing Committee at the party chairperson's office in Gulshan on Monday night. Tarique presided over the meeting virtually from London.

Tarique is scheduled to arrive at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 10:00am on December 25 on a Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight from the United Kingdom.

After completing immigration formalities, he will leave the airport around 11:00am and proceed to house number 196 on Gulshan Avenue, party sources said.

A senior BNP leader said the aircraft carrying Tarique would first land at Sylhet airport before flying to Dhaka.

"Instructions have been given so that no party

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Students observe Victory Day across campuses

STAR REPORT

The authorities of Dhaka University, Jagannath University, Chittagong University, Jahangirnagar University, Rajshahi University, Islamic University, and several other institutions observed Victory Day through a series of programmes commemorating the country's victory in the 1971 Liberation War.

At DU, student-based cultural organisations jointly organised "Rokte Ranga Bijoy Amar" at the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC), featuring cultural performances, music, and fireworks. The national flag was hoisted at the vice-chancellor's building and other key facilities.

Teachers, students, officers and staffers, led by Vice-Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmed Khan, paid floral tributes at the National Martyrs' Memorial in Savar.

At JU, Vice-Chancellor Prof Mohammad Kamrul Ahsan, along with senior officials, also paid tribute to the memorial. A Vice-Chancellor Cup Women's Handball Tournament was held at the central playground, followed

by cultural programmes at Selim Al Deen Mukta Mancha. Jucusu also organised a victory rally and a Liberation War-themed art competition.

At RU, the authorities held a discussion at the senate building and honoured freedom fighters, while Rucusu paid tribute at the Shaheed Minar and organised cultural programmes on the campus.

At CU, the authorities organised a rally and laid wreaths in tribute to the martyrs. They also organised discussions, cultural programmes, and inter-department games.

Meanwhile, students of different public universities yesterday staged separate protest programmes denouncing collaborators and war crimes convicts, with symbolic acts such as hurling shoes and rubbish at their portraits painted on the campuses. The demonstrations were held at DU, JnU, CU, JU, and RU, marking the Victory Day.

Students said the actions were aimed at opposing what they described as sustained attempts to rehabilitate anti-liberation forces and their ideology.

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Ensure justice for Hadi's shooting: NCP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Citizen Party (NCP) held a march against violence yesterday afternoon, marking Victory Day and demanding justice for the shooting of Sharif Osman Hadi.

Leaders and activists marched from Bangla Motor to Shaheed Minar and back, chanting slogans and carrying placards that read "We are Hadi," "We will not let Hadi's blood go in vain," and "We will fight against violence together."

At Shahbag, they briefly stopped for a rally where NCP Senior Joint Member Secretary Tasnim Jara said the shooting of a candidate in broad daylight, just a day after the polls schedule was announced, cannot be described as an isolated incident. "We demand a fair investigation...", she added.

NCP Member Secretary Akhter Hossen said, "This election is not just symbolic. It is an election

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Once a lifeline for locals, this stretch of the Kushigang River flowing through the Kushi Ghat area of Sylhet provided water and sustained the livelihoods of fishermen. Encroachment, illegal canal filling, and sand extraction have gradually dried up the river, leaving communities in hardship. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR



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