

Tribute paid to 1971 war heroes in Ctg CCC accords reception to 110 freedom fighters

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People from all walks of life in Chattogram paid tribute to the martyrs who laid down their lives for the motherland, marking Victory Day.

The observances began at sunrise yesterday with a 31-gun salute at the Liberation War Memorial.

Chattogram City Corporation (CCC) Mayor Shahadat Hossain was the first to lay a wreath at the martyr's monument.

He was followed by divisional and city dignitaries, including Divisional Commissioner Dr Md Ziauddin, Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Zahidul Islam Mia, Chattogram Metropolitan Police Commissioner Hasib Aziz, Chattogram Range DIG Md Ahsan Habib Palash, and Chattogram Superintendent of Police Md Nazir Ahmed Khan.

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Later, people from various segments of society paid their respects by placing flowers at the monument. Attendees carried banners, placards, and the red-and-green flag of Bangladesh, uniting in a single confluence of respect. Freedom fighters and representatives from political parties, social, and cultural organisations also offered their tributes.

In the morning, the city corporation organised a reception ceremony at the Theatre Institute Chattogram to honour 110 freedom fighters currently living in the district.

Mayor Shahadat Hossain handed over crests, certificates of honour, and financial stipends to freedom fighters and the families of those who sacrificed their lives in the 1971 Liberation War.

In his address as the chief guest, Mayor Shahadat said, "The valiant freedom fighters are the nation's finest children. We attained an independent Bangladesh through their sacrifice. We are proud and delighted to host this reception today."

The Liberation War of 1971 was fought with a dream of establishing equality, justice, human dignity, and democracy. The freedom fighters never thought of stipends or personal gain. They risked their lives to free the country. To protect the sovereignty of this independent nation, everyone must remain united."

Parked bus catches fire in Cox's Bazar

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A bus caught fire while parked at a bus counter near the Police Lines, adjacent to the Cox's Bazar bus terminal, yesterday.

The fire broke out around 11:45am, triggering panic among locals and passers-by. Fire Service personnel rushed to the spot upon receiving the alert and managed to bring the blaze under control.

Mohammad Tanharul Islam, deputy assistant director of Cox's Bazar Fire Service and Civil Defence, confirmed the incident and said the cause of the fire



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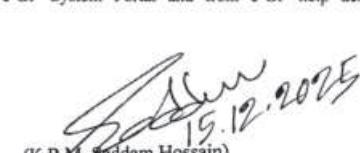
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Illegal brick kilns run in Bandarban despite ban

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Despite government restrictions, a clear High Court directive, and repeated raids by the district administration and the Department of Environment, furnaces of illegal brick kilns in Bandarban flare back to life soon after enforcement teams leave after conducting drives.

Locals alleged new brick kilns are still being run by cutting hills and burning forest wood as fuel, ignoring the ban.

The DoE said some illegal kiln owners have even attempted to attack government inspection teams.

According to the DoE office, a total of 70 brick kilns operate in Bandarban.

All 11 kilns in Bandarban Sadar, one in Ruma, seven in Naikongchhari and 11 in Lama upazilas are currently shut down, but the rest are actively operational.

Md Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, DoE assistant director in Bandarban, said construction of illegal kilns, furnace preparation and raw brick-making have been going on secretly despite their drives.

Since July this year, seven mobile court drives led by the environmental court and the special magistrate's court in Lama's Faitong area fined 21 kilns a total of Tk 29.10 lakh, filed three cases and demolished eight illegal kilns, he added.

She said all UNOs have been directed to conduct immediate drives whenever they receive information that a kiln has restarted.

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a school, a Buddhist temple and an indigenous community's village, are located nearby.

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