

DU Ekushey programmes

The Central Coordination Committee for observing the immortal Ekushey (February 21) met at the Dhaka University Administration Building on Friday to discuss at length the programmes chalked out on the occasions, reports APB.

The meeting, chaired by chief coordinator of the committee Professor AFM Yusuf Haider, was also attended by DU Vice Chancellor Professor AK Azad Chowdhury.

The meeting decided to observe the day in a befitting manner. The following resolutions were adopted at the meeting:

President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, accompanied by her Cabinet colleagues, will be the first to lay wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar at one minute past midnight on February 20.

They will be followed by members of the executive committee of the Dhaka University Teachers' Association and the participants at the Language Movement of 1952.

The Ekushey Udjapan Committee will finalise the time for laying of wreaths by the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament after consulting with her.

Members of the law enforcing agencies, assigned to maintain discipline, have been requested to ensure that order is maintained along the routes leading to the Shaheed Minar—such as Doyel Chattar, Chankhar Pool, TSC and Plassey square—after the Prime Minister leaves the Shaheed Minar.

They have been asked to ensure that the members of the public coming to pay their respect at the Shaheed Minar, are able to file past the Shaheed Minar premises in a disciplined manner.

A joint procession of members of the DU syndicate, senate, students, teachers, officials and employees of the university, led by the Vice Chancellor, will start from the foot of the Aparajeya Bangla at 6-30 a.m. of Feb 21, pay respect at the Azimpur graveyard and then lay wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar.

Heads of diplomatic missions will lay wreaths between 10 and 11 a.m. on February 21.

All quarters have been requested not to paste any bills, posters, photographs or hang any banner along the walls of the DU area. All have been asked to refrain from writings on the walls in the Arts Faculty building or the Shaheed Minar area.

A route Map will be sent to

newspapers for publication, to facilitate disciplined Journey to the Central Shaheed Minar and the Azimpur Graveyard.

Concerned authorities have been requested to arrange adequate lighting in the Shaheed Minar area and the Azimpur graveyard.

The Bangla Academy authorities have been urged to keep the road in front of the Academy building open for free movement of the people.

Special prayers will be offered at the DU Central Mosque and all other mosques within the campus for the salvation of the souls of the martyrs of the Language Movement after the Asr prayers on the day. Special prayers will also be held at all other prayer houses in the campus.

All concerned, including the volunteers have been requested to ensure that no floating vendors can enter the Shaheed Minar area or its neighborhood.