

Shaheed Intellectuals Day today

By A Staff Reporter

The nation today (December 14) to observe the Shaheed Intellectuals Day to remember its illustrious sons who were murdered in cold blood by the agents and hooded assassins of the occupation forces 14 years ago.

President and Chief Martial Law Administrator Lt. Gen. H. M. Ershad in a message on the occasion called for making the sacrifices made by the Shaheed intellectuals meaningful by building a new Bangladesh of their dream through achieving overall improvement in the condition of the people of all walks of life.

Various political, youth, student, trade union and socio-cultural organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the Shaheed Intellectuals Day in a befitting manner. The leaders of the Jatiya

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Make the Day meaningful

President H. M. Ershad on Friday called for making the sacrifices made by the Shaheed intellectuals meaningful by building a new Bangladesh of their dream through achieving overall improvement in the condition of the people of all walks of life, reports BSS.

In a message on the occasion of the Shaheed Intellectuals Day, the President said at present the nation is engaged in the struggle for establishing an exploitation free society.

He said December 14 is a day of deep sorrow and grief for the

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From left to right: (1st row) Prof. Munier Choudhury, Muniruzzaman, Mufazzal Haider Chowdhury, Dr. G. C. Dev, Serajuddin Hussain, Shahidullah Kaiser, (second row), Dr. Alim, Dr. Fazle Rabbi, Altaf Mahmud, Dr. Serajul Haq Khan, Dr. Abul Kalam, Ghoshuddin Ahmed, (3rd row) Rashidul Hasan, Anwar Pasha, Dr. Murtaza, Mohammad Sadeq, Dr. Fazlur Rahman, Dr. Fuzul Mohi, (4th row) Abdul Muktadir, Santosh Bhattacharya, Jotirmoy Guhathakurata, Saheb Ali, A. N. M. G. Mostafa, Anudipayan Bhattacharya (5th row), M. A. Mannan, Nizamuddin Ahmed, Abul Basher, Selina Parvin, Abul Kalam Azad, Saidul Hasan.

Intellectuals Day

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Front will lay wreaths at the Shaheed Intellectual memorial at Mirpur this morning to pay homage to the intellectuals.

President of Bangladesh Awami League Sheikh Hasina Wazed in a statement said that the sacrifices of the Shaheed intellectuals would be meaningful only when "we would be able to establish their ideals in the national life." She said that all should build up resistance armed with the ideals of the Shaheed against alien culture. "We must also resist any conspiracy directed against Bengali culture and Bengali nationalism," she said.

The programmes of Awami League include: hoisting of black flag at the central office of the party at 6 a.m., assembly at the Road No. 32, Dhannondi at 8 a.m. and visit to Mirpur Smriti Soudha and discussion meeting at the central office at 3 p.m.

The 15-party alliance drawn up detailed programmes to observe the day. The programmes included hoisting of black flags at the offices of the component parties of the alliance in the morning and laying of wreath at Shaheed Smriti Soudha at Mirpur by the leaders of the alliance at 9 a.m.

Programmes of Communist Party of Bangladesh: hoisting of black flag at the party office in the morning and visit to Smriti Soudha university intellectuals' graveyard and Jaganath Hall mass grave at 7 a.m. Bangladesh Workers Party: laying of wreath at Smriti Soudha at 9 a.m. Bangladesh Na-

tional Awami Party: visit to Smriti Soudha at 9 a.m. and laying wreath there.

Jatiya Ganotantrik Party: visit to Smriti Soudha at 8-30 a.m. and discussion meeting at the party office in the afternoon. Jena Sechasevak Dal: visit to Smriti Soudha at 7 a.m., wearing black badges and special Munajat in the afternoon.

Jubo Eolyan Sangsad: visit to Smriti Soudha at 9 a.m. and discussion meeting at 3 p.m. Gano Sangskriti Parishad: discussion meeting at the central office at 5 p.m.

Bangla Academy: laying wreath at Smriti Soudha and Dhaka University graveyard in the morning, discussion meeting at 4-30 p.m. at Academy premises, publication of Shaheed Budchijibi Kosh Grantha and exhibition from December 14 to 16 between 4 and 7 p.m.

Bangabir Osmani Sangsad: visit to Smriti Soudha at 9 a.m. and discussion meeting at the Sangsad office at 10 a.m. Jannata Party: visit to Smriti Soudha at 9 a.m. and discussion meeting at 3 p.m. at 13, Satmasjid Road, Natun Bangla. Jana Jubo Sanghati: visit to Mirpur Smriti Soudha at 6-30 a.m. and placing wreath.

NARAYANGANJ

Narayanganj Sangskritik Jote will observe Shaheed Intellectuals' Day today (Saturday) with due solemnity. A discussion meeting has been arranged at Ali Ahmed Chavka Municipal Auditorium at 4 p.m. The meeting will also be rounded off with patriotic songs by Chhayanot of Dhaka and local cultural organisations.

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nation. On this day 14 years ago the country's leading intellectuals fell prey to a saddest carnage just before the ultimate victory of our War of Independence.

The President said the objective of this heinous and cruel killings was to create a limitless vacuum in all spheres of national life of independent Bangladesh.

He said, in fact, an irreparable vacuum has been created in our art literature, culture, journalism, education, medical science and other fields as a result of the killing of intellectuals.

Paying deep respect to them for their contributions in different fields of the national life, President Ershad conveyed his sincere sympathy to the members of the bereaved families. He also prayed for the peace of the departed souls of the Shaheed intellectuals.