



Martyred intellectuals memorial at Mirpur was cleaned on the eve of Shahid Intellectuals Day to be observed (today) Wednesday. —OBSERVER

Martyred intellectuals' day today

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The nation today (Wednesday) will observe the Martyred Intellectuals Day recalling their supreme sacrifice for the independence of the country.

On this day many illustrious sons of the soil including university teachers, doctors, engineers, journalists, poets and litterateurs were picked up and killed by the infamous Al-Badr gangsters at the dawn of our independence in 1971.

Different socio-political organisations in the city have drawn up elaborate programmes to pay homage to the martyred intellectuals. The programmes include placing of floral wreaths at the Memorial of the Martyred Intellectuals at Mirpur, discussion meetings, milad mahfil and special prayers.

Bangla Academy on the day will hold a memorial meeting at 4 p.m. at its premises. Floral wreaths on behalf of the academy will be placed at the Mazar of the Shaheeds near the Dhaka University Mosque and at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial at Mirpur.

The students, teachers and employees of Dhaka University on the day will visit the university graveyard and offer Fateha there. They will also visit the Memorial for the martyred Intellectuals at Mirpur and place floral wreaths there. A discussion meeting recalling the memories of the martyred intellectuals will be held in the morning at TSC.

The Central Students Action Committee (CSAC) will place floral wreaths at the Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial at Mirpur in the morning and hold a mass rally by the freedom fighters, political workers and students at 4 p.m. at the Central Shaheed Minar. The programme also includes observance of one minute's silence throughout the country at 10 a.m. today (Wednesday).

Sammilita Sanskritik Jote on the occasion will hold a rally by the cultural workers at 3-30 p.m. at TSC. The rally will be followed by a procession.

The Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on the day will place floral wreaths at the Memorial at Mirpur. — See Page 10 Col. 4

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wreaths at the Mazar of the intellectuals.

Islamic Foundation on the occasion will hold Quran Khawani and special prayer for the martyred intellectuals after Zohr prayer at Baitul Mukarram Mosque.

Naripaksha a women's organisation will hold on the occasion a memorial meeting from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Central Shaheed Minar on Thursday.

Political parties and their front organisations have also drawn up programmes in observance of Martyred Intellectuals Day. The programmes include visit to the Memorial of the Martyred Intellectuals at Mirpur and placing of floral wreaths and discussion meetings.

The political parties and other observing organisations include Bangladesh Awami League, Bangladesh Nationalist Party, Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Awami League, Central Five-party Alliance, Jamaat-e-Islami, Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad, Combined Opposition Party (COP) Gono Azadi League, Bangladesh National Awami Party, Awami Jubo League, Dhaka Union

of Journalist, Bangabandhu Sanskritic Jote, Jatiya Janata Party, Six-party Alliance, Gana Sanskriti Parishad, Bangabandhu Shilpi Gosti, Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Mukti Andolon.

News of the martyres

The martyred intellectuals among others include: Prof. Munir Chowdhury, Prof. G.C. Dev, Prof. Mofazzal Haider Chowdhury, Prof. Jyotirmoy Guha Thakurta, Prof. Santosh Bhattacharya, Shahidullah Kaiser, Sirajuddin Hossain, Prof. Abul Khair, Prof. Gyasuddin Ahmed, Dr. Maniruzzaman, Prof. Anwar Pasha, Nizamuddin Ahmed, A.N.M. Golam Mostafa, S.A. Mannan (Ladu Bhai), Prof. Rashidul Hassan, Prof. Habibur Rahman, Sirajul Huq Khan, Dr. Abdul Aleem Chowdhury, Dr. Fazle Rabbi, Nazmul Huq, Abul Bashir, Khondaker Abu Taleb, Dr. Muktadir, Faizul Mohi, Dr. Sadek, Dr. Aminuddin, Dr. Murtaza, Altaf Mahmud, Shib Sadhan Chakrabarty, Syedul Hassan, Zahir Raihan and Selina Parveen. Names of many others are yet to be known.