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Historic 7 March: A speech inspiring generations



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Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman during the historic 7 March address at the Racecourse Maidan. Photo : Collected

The historic 7 March speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman still inspires people especially the young generation to stand against oppression and injustice, according to historians and researchers.

The 19-minute speech at the Racecourse Maidan (now Suhrawardy Udyan) on 7 March 1971, had inspired millions

of freedom-seeking Bengalis to wage a decisive struggle and freed the country from the oppression of the Pakistani rulers, analysts said.

Dhaka University Prof Muntassir Mamoon said the Bangabandhu's historic 7 March speech was a strategic approach of independence against Pakistan.

"Someone could describe the 1971 war as an internal struggle of Pakistan. But, Bangabandhu had shown his diplomatic excellence through his 7 March speech. Those who attended the grand rally that day got a call from Bangabandhu that there is no option but to liberate the nation," this historian told the Daily Sun.

"Bangabandhu had sketched the independence of Bangladesh in phases," Prof Mamoon said explaining the diplomatic aspects of the historic 7 March speech.

This Dhaka University professor thinks that the Pakistani army had failed to understand the meaning of the diplomatic words that Bangabandhu uttered in his 7 March speech to inspire people to get ready for creating a new nation.

"The speech has all elements and direction for the Liberation War of Bangladesh. As a great leader, Bangabandhu had directed the people to stand against the oppression of Pakistan," he added.

Indian scholar and Trinamool Congress lawmaker Jawhar Sircar termed the Bangabandhu's 7 March speech as the 'most inspirational speech' for generation and beyond.

"It was the most inspirational speech of my generation and I keep seeing the video of that speech every now and then. I was 19 years old then and in college; it is impossible to explain what pride it had instilled in us in Kolkata and the West Bengal," Jawhar Sircar told the Daily Sun.

Dhaka University's former vice chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique thinks that the Bangabandhu's historic 7

March speech was the strongest wave at the eve of our Liberation War.”

“The 7 March speech is an epic for the independence of Bangladesh. It’s an integral part of the country’s liberation war,” he said, adding that the speech is not only an inspiration for the Bengalis, but the international community has recognised Bangabandhu as a great leader for this landmark speech.

The day got more importance as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) recognised Bangabandhu’s speech in 2017 as part of the world’s documentary heritage, Prof Arefin, also the president of Bangabandhu Parishad, a research platform, told the Daily Sun.

It is here mentionable that Newsweek magazine had termed Bangabandhu as a “Poet of Politics” in its cover story on 5 April 1971 for his powerful 7 March speech that year.

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Maritime ports of Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Mongla and Payra have been advised to hoist local cautionary signal number three lowering distant cautionary signal number in the wake of the deep depression over the North Bay.

Squally weather may affect the maritime ports, North Bay and adjoining coastal areas of Bangladesh as deep convection is taking place over North Bay, said a special bulletin of the Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) this afternoon.

The deep depression over East central bay and adjoining west central bay moved northwards over the same area (near lat: 18.2on, lon: 89.8oe) and was centered at 12 noon today about 500 kms southwest of Chattogram port, 435 kms southwest of Cox's Bazer port, 475 kms south of Mongla port and 425 kms south of Payra port,

It is likely to intensify and move northwards further, added the bulletin.

Maximum sustained wind speed within 48 kms of the deep depression centre is about 50 kph rising to 60 kph in gusts/squalls.

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Gas supply to remain off for 10hrs Sunday in parts of Gazipur

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Gas supply will remain suspended for 10 hours from 10am to 8pm on Sunday at Subhaddya in Gazipur on Sunday.

According to Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Ltd, gas supply to the areas from Elenga to

Kaliakair in Subhaddya of Gazipur will remain off for all kinds of consumers during the period for repair and relocation of the gas pipeline.

Regretting the inconvenience of its customers for the work, Titas Gas said the adjoining areas may also experience low pressure in gas supply during the period.



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Qatar Charity implements 135 water projects in Gopalganj benefitting 10,000 people

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Qatar Charity, with the support of philanthropists in Qatar, has recently installed 135 water purification projects in Gopalganj district, benefiting over 10,000 underprivileged individuals.

The rise in heavy metal contamination in the groundwater of Gopalganj district has severely impacted the lives of its residents, leading to a scarcity of clean drinking water. As contaminated water spreads in different upazilas of the district, people without access to pure water have been suffering from various waterborne diseases like diarrhoea and skin problems.



To combat the scarcity of potable water in the district, QC installed RO (Reverse Osmosis) technology-based water

purifiers, said a press release issued by its Dhaka office today.

The RO is most commonly known for its use in drinking water purification from seawater, removing the salt and other effluent materials from the water molecules.

The beneficiaries expressed their joy at receiving clean drinking water from QC's projects.



Kamrul Gaji, a government official of the Department of Public Health Engineering in the Gopalganj district, stated that the surface water in many areas of the district contains high levels of heavy metals, such as unsafe levels of iron, leading to a shortage of pure drinking water sources.

He expressed gratitude to Qatar Charity for providing safe drinking water and ensuring that the water quality of their plants meets the guidelines of the World Health Organization (WHO).



Sohel Alam, Project Director of Qatar Charity Bangladesh Office, said " In Water and Sanitation, over the last 10 years, QC has implemented 19,152 projects in various regions of Bangladesh, benefitting 1,564,000 people. The projects aim to protect the environment, reduce diseases and epidemics, and minimise electricity consumption."

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How money is laundered dodging attention of BB: ACC questions

ACC cannot expedite action against criminals

*due to the delayed arrival of the money
laundering complaints from the BB, says ACC
chief*

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Referring to the recent spate of money laundering, Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Chairman Mohammad Moinuddin Abdullah has said that the commission cannot expedite action against criminals due to the delayed arrival of the money laundering complaints from Bangladesh Bank (BB).

“We have nothing to do as most of the time the Bangladesh Bank informs the commission six months after the money laundering takes place,” Abdullah said while addressing a programme ‘on the role of the citizens in curbing corruption’ held at the National Press Club in Dhaka on Saturday.

At one point in his speech, the ACC chief also raised a question about how the money laundering incident takes place, dodging the attention of the Bangladesh Bank’s officials.

Alongside the government officials, Abdullah said that people from different classes and professions in the country

are also indulged in corruption.

About the role of the anti-corruption watchdog in curbing corruption, he said the commission took departmental action against a total of 30 officials in the last two years.

However, during the discussion, several prominent individuals equivocally underscored the bolstering action of the ACC against corruption otherwise, public confidence in the commission will hit the bottom.



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