

BRAC University celebrates Victory Day

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December 16, 1971, a day the Pakistani Army surrendered to the Indo-Bangladeshi High Command in Dhaka, ending the 9 month-long Bangladesh Liberation War. This very day is mingled with great joy as well as extreme sacrifices of three million martyrs and two hundred thousand women, who lost their chastity, in achieving the independence of our beloved motherland.

To celebrate the 40th Victory Day, a discussion was held at BRAC University on the 16th of December. Prof. A A Ziauddin Ahmed, Chairperson of Physics and Natural Science Department of BRAC University was the chief speaker for this event who shared his own experiences of the liberation war.

'This day reminds me of the supreme sacrifice of our freedom fighters who will ever shine in our hearts like the luminous stars in the sky but at the same time we must remember the spirit of the liberation war,' Prof. Ziauddin quoted. The freedom fighters gave us an independent country and now it the nations responsibility to protect it and respect the supreme sacrifices of millions of liberation thrust people, he added.

The whole atmosphere was overjoyed with the presence of Prof, Syed Hashmi, Director of BDI and also a freedom fighter. He also shared his experience as a freedom fighter as portrayed some of the aspects of war and journey as a fighter. He said "We wanted a country where justice will prevail over injustice and wrong and we have achieved it." Everyone wanted a country of their own, a culture and traditions of their own and the thought and desired to achieve it made me join the war and show a green- red flag.

Mr. Ihfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Registrar of BRAC University was also present during the event. He encouraged the new generation to pay tribute to the memories of the day and the martyrs who laid down their lives for the sake of our Independence.

Faculty members of different departments, university officials and the students showed their presence with joy and excitement and took the event as a learning experience about 'Liberation War.' Lastly the Registrar ended the event saying, "So let us remember the spirit of the victory establish laws in the country to build it as a country which rightly be called 'Sonar Bangla'."

In the morning of the day, students of the university placed wreaths on National Memorial at Savar to pay homage to the liberation martyrs.

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