**Genocide Day observed**

The nation on Saturday observed the Genocide Day in remembrance of the brutality carried out by Pakistani Army on the unarmed Bangalees on the black night of March 25 in 1971 under the infamous "Operation Searchlight".

The Ministry of Liberation War Affairs took various programmes to observe the Genocide Day on March 25 at state level with due respect.

As part of the programmes, one-minute symbolic 'blackout' was observed from 10.30pm to 10.31pm on March 25 throughout the country.

However, the key point installations (KPIs) and the essential establishments remained out of the purview of the programme.

Newspapers also published special supplements on genocide committed by the occupation Pakistani forces on the night of March 25, 1971.

The liberation war ministry organized cultural programmes, including 'Geeti Natya' (musical drama) based on genocide and Liberation War across the country.

Besides, discussions were held at all the educational institutions, including madrasahs, where heroic freedom fighters and noted personalities shared their memories with students.

A discussion meeting was arranged at the Liberation War Museum.

Rare photos and documentaries on mass killing were exhibited on the premises of all the city corporations, including Dhaka.

Special munazat were offered at mosques after Zohr prayers seeking eternal peace for martyrs who were killed on March 25, 1971. Prayers were also offered at other places of worships.

Similar programmes were organized at district-upazila level and Bangladesh missions abroad.

The Jatiya Sangsad (JS) unanimously adopted a resolution to observe the March 25 as the "Gonohotya Dibos" (Genocide Day) on March 11, 2017.

Subsequently, the cabinet division at a meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair, unanimously endorsed the decision on March 20 in 2017.