

Embassy of Bangladesh
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PRESS RELEASE

The Embassy of Bangladesh observed the National Martyrs' Day (Amar Ekushey) and International Mother Language Day on 21 February 2012 in a befitting manner. The day's programme started at the Embassy of Bangladesh in Abu Dhabi with hoisting of the National Flag at half mast by H. E. Ambassador Mr. Md. Nazmul Quanine to pay respect to the martyrs of the great language movement which was followed by a discussion meeting. Besides the officials of the Bangladesh Embassy, a large number of Bangladesh nationals from all walks of life living in the greater Abu Dhabi participated in the discussion. At the beginning of the discussion meeting, messages from Hon'ble President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh H.E. Md. Zillur Rahman, Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina and Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. Dipu Moni were read out. In the discussion, the speakers highlighted the significance of the day.

The Ambassador, in his address paid glowing tribute to the martyrs of the language movement who laid down their lives to establish Bangla as the state language on 21 February, 1952. He also highlighted the leadership role of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the language movement. While highlighting the importance of the day, quoting the Hon'ble Prime Minister the Ambassador said, "the blood-stained resonance of Amar Ekushey is now resounded in the hearts of the people of 193 countries surpassing the boundary of Bangladesh. He also added, "we have established International Mother Language Institute for carrying out research on all languages of the world and preserving those." The function was concluded with a special prayer offered for the salvation of the departed souls of the martyrs and continued peace, progress and prosperity of Bangladesh.

After the morning programme, the second part of the day's programme held at the SKBZ Bangladesh Islamia School Auditorium at 11.00 am. Teachers, students, guardians and members of the school governing body attended the school programme. H.E. the Ambassador distributed the prizes among the winners of Painting, Extempore speech and Essay competition participated by the students of the school.

In the evening, a Reception was organized at the Embassy Residence for the diplomats of foreign missions in Abu Dhabi, professionals and local dignitaries. In the evening programme, posters and wall magazine depicting the pictures & information relating to the 'Amar Ekushy' were mounted on the walls of the Embassy Residence to highlight the significance of the day, which were highly praised by the foreigners.



Flag hoisting at Embassy premises



Programme at School