

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

**National Days:** All the national days were observed with due importance:-

International mother tongue day (21 February) - observed with fervour;  
98th birth anniversary of Bangabandhu (17 March) - observed with respect;  
National genocide day (25 March) - observed with grief;  
Independence day (26 March) - celebrated with jubilation;  
Bengali new year (14 April) - celebrated with festivities;  
National mourning day (15 August) - observed with honour;  
Shahid Dr Milon day (27 November) - observed with gratitude;  
Intellectual martyrs day (14 December) - observed with reverence;  
Victory day (16 December) - celebrated with rejoice.

**Publications:** Quarterly bulletin of the association 'Uttaran Barta' (third issue) was published and distributed among the members.

**Professional & Public interest:** Numerous successful activities were accomplished for professional and public interest.

5 February - A protest gathering was staged on shahid Dr Milon chattr against the use of filthy words involving doctors in SSC exam questions.

12 February - An emergency general meeting was held on the drawbacks of nongovernment health care laws being published in the website and resentment were informed to the central BMA and allied quarter.

18 April - A meeting for exchange of views was held in the conference room of Khulna Medical College against the decision of division of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

21,23,25 May & 6,11,18 June - Six different protest activities (procession, human chain & closure of private practice) were raised for the assault of doctors on the incidence of death of a patient (18 May) in Dhaka Central Hospital.

Given the concern of BMA for security of doctors in working station, the president (BMA-KB) had filed a writ petition in the High Court.

**Seminar:** 13 February - A scientific seminar on 'Recent advances in cardiac surgery' was held in Khulna club under the banner of BMA(KB) in collaboration with Fortis Escort hospital. Eminent Cardiac Surgeon Dr Ramji Mehrotra presented the key note paper.

16 March- Seminar on 'Vitamin D deficiency is an ignored epidemic' was held in the City Inn hotel in conjunction with Beximco Pharmaceuticals.

**Social welfare:** Free medical service is rendered to the poor people in Binodini Memorial Hospital since 1962. Specialists from different disciplines are discharging their service regularly. Lot of patients has been served with minimum cost in medicine, ophthalmology and pathology section. BMA(KB) sanctioned tk. one lakh fifty thousand from general fund to Medical Relief Committee (MRC) fund to run the Binodini Memorial Hospital. Besides this, Jakat and other donations from doctors, collected in MRC fund are also spent for the same purpose.

**Organizational function:** Executive Committee arranged six meeting in the year. Moreover, two general meeting and one emergency general meeting was held for special situations. Two condolence meeting (14 & 24 January) was held in KMC conference room in remembrance of Dr Sumon Sikder and Dr Ramesh Chandra Sarkar respectively.