

KU observes Katka tragedy day



The university authorities started today's programme at 10:30am. Photo: Star

Students and teachers of Khulna University (KU) is observing Katka Tragedy Day today in remembrance of the 11 students, who drowned near Katka in Sundarbans on this day in 2004.

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On March 13, 2004, nine final-year architecture students from KU and two mechanical engineering students from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) were swept away by strong currents while bathing near Katka beach.

The victims were part of a group visiting the Sundarbans for sightseeing and a picnic.

The students are Arnaj Rifat Rupa, Kauser Ahmed Khan, Ashrafuzzaman Toha, Kazi Abdul Mueed bin Walid, Munadil Raihan bin Mahbub, Abdullah-el-Baki, Maksumul Aziz Mostaji Nipun, Touhidul Enam Opu, and Mahmudur Rahman Russel from KU, along with Samiul Hasan Khan and Shamsul Arefin Shakil from Buet.

Nine of them drowned, while the bodies of two were later recovered from the shore. Since then, KU has marked the day annually with solemn observances.

This year's commemoration will include a series of events: black badges will be worn at 10:30am, followed by a mourning rally and floral tributes at 11:00am. A memorial discussion and prayer session will be held at 11:30am at Liakat Ali Auditorium. Special prayers will take place after Zuhr at the university's central mosque, and an Iftar gathering with orphaned children is scheduled for the evening.