

Independence Day awardees

The government has decided to confer the "Independence Day Award '99" on 11 persons for their outstanding contributions in various fields of the national life, reports UNB.

The nominees are: Abdus Samad Azad (Independence and Liberation War), Prof. Dr. Rashiduddin Ahmed (Medical Science), Prof. AQM. Bazzul Karim (Education — posthumous), Prof. AF. Salahuddin Ahmed (Education), Sikandar Abu Zafar (Literature-posthumous), Prof. M. Kibria (Fine Arts), Begum Badrunnesa Ahmed (Social Welfare-posthumous), Kalim Sharafi (Music), FR Khan (Architecture), Mazharul Islam (Architecture) and Brojen Das (Sports — posthumous).

Each award carries a gold medal, Tk 25,000 and a certificate, an official handout said yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina distributed Independence Day Award '98 at Osmany Memorial Hall in the city yesterday.

Ten people were given the Independence Day Award '98, the highest national award, for their outstanding contributions to the nation.

Award recipients: Shaheed Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib, Shaheed Syed Nazrul Islam, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed, Shaheed Capt. Mansur Ali, Shaheed A. H. M. Quamruzzaman, Shaheed Abdur Rab Seraniabat and Shaheed Sheikh Fazlul Huq Moni — all posthumous (contribution to Liberation War), Dr. Abdul Mosabber Chowdhury (Science and Technology), Shaheed Shahidullah Kaiser (Literature-posthumous), and Shaheed Sheikh Kamal (Sports-posthumous).