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Defence Day observed in Sylhet

SYLHET, Sept. 6:—The Defence of Pakistan Day was celebrated here today in an atmosphere charged with colour and splendour, reports APP.

Over one lakh people paraded the town roads raising shouts of Alaho Akbar, Pakistan Zindabad and down with Indian conspirators in one of the biggest ever processions held in Sylhet.

The people thronged the Sylhet Registrar Ground from remotest areas of district in big processions defying inclement weather. The procession organised by the District Peace Committee terminated at Sylhet Registrar Ground where a historic gathering was held in connection with observance of Defence Day.

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Procession looked unique with large number of people riding elephants demonstrating lathikhela on roads. The whole Registrar Ground was turned into mock battle field when hundreds of lathikhela demonstrators exhibited war-like games while young participants danced and sang in exuberance of joy.

The historic procession was led by Mr. Shahid Ali, convener District Peace Committee. Mr. Golam Jeelani and other peace committee members, hundreds of Razakars, Ansars, Boy Scouts Cubs and Mujahids in smart uniforms were amongst processionists.

The whole town echoed and re-echoed with thunderous slogans of Pakistan Zindabad for hours together.

At the outset prizes were awarded to Razakars. Adam Miah Osman Ghani, Abdur Rahman were awarded certificates

Razakar Osman Ghani showed extraordinary courage and bravery in saving Sutang railway bridge from being demolished by 20 Indian agents. Razakar Adam Mia captured two Indian agents at Jamalganj.

Razakar Abdur Rahman showed unusual bravery in saving bridge near Gowainghat which was attacked by 50 Indian agents. He fought single handed till other forces reached the spot. Prizes were also awarded to many other Razakars for extraordinary bravery. Mr. Abdul Hashim was awarded prizes for capturing four Indian with arms and ammunition at Kushighat along with his co-Razakars quite unarmed.

Addressing the historic gathering Deputy Commissioner Syed Ahmed paid rich tributes to Shaheeds of 1965 war and praised role of Army in saving our country from Indian aggression.