

Turkey and Syria earthquake: Bangladesh announces one-day state mourning on February 9

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Online Desk: Dhaka, Jan 8 (UNB)-Bangladesh will observe one-day state mourning on Thursday (February 9) to condole the huge loss of lives in a catastrophic earthquake in Turkey and Syria recently. The government issued a gazette in this regard on Wednesday. The national flags will be kept half-mast at all government, semi-government and autonomous organisations, educational institutions, government and non-government buildings and Bangladesh missions abroad, according to the gazette, reports UNB.

Special prayers will be arranged for eternal peace of the departed souls. Bangladesh is planning to send two teams to Turkey to join the rescue efforts there after a 7.8 magnitude earthquake killed and injured many. With hope fading to find survivors, stretched rescue teams toiled through the night in Turkey and Syria, searching for signs of life in the rubble of thousands of buildings toppled by a catastrophic earthquake. The death toll rose Wednesday to more than 11,000 in the deadliest quake worldwide in more than a decade, reports AP.