

## Tawfiq Aziz Khan's death condoled

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Dhaka Newspapers Hawkers Bahumukhi Samabaya Samity Limited in a condolence message yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of eminent journalist, sports commentator and Executive Editor of The Daily Star Tawfiq Aziz Khan.

President, general secretary, general manager, employees and general hawkers of the samity expressed their sympathy to the bereaved family members and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

Our correspondent adds: A condolence meeting on Tawfiq Aziz Khan renowned journalist, sports commentator and Executive Editor of The Daily Star, was held at Pabna Press Club auditorium yesterday.

The meeting was presided over by Prof Abdus Sattar Basu president of Pabna Press Club and it was addressed among others by Anowarul Huq (Daily Ittefaq), Habibur Rahman Swapan (Daily Sangbad), Nishit Ranjan Bindu (Daily Bhorer Khagoj), Shafi Islam (Daily Aarthonity), Rabiul Islam Rabi (Secretary, Press Club), Shafiqul Islam Shibli (Editor, local weekly Arshi), Shibaji Nag and Murshad Subhani (member).

The speakers recalled Khans contribution towards journalism and sports field. They also expressed shock at his death, prayed for the salvation of his departed soul and expressed their sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.



Police personnel kept on alert as activists of Four-party Opposition Alliance are holding a rally in the city's Kakrail area yesterday during hartal hours. Picture also shows thick black smoke billowing from a burning tyre.

## PM lauds role of Ansar, VDP

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said the role of Ansar and VDP members in maintaining peace and security is very significant.

In a message on the eve of Ansar VDP Day, she also praised them for their role in improving the condition of rural people and implementing the government's mass education, family planning and women empowerment programmes.

## Pahela Falgun at Bakul Tola, more books at Ekushey Fair

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Hundreds of youths in traditional attire gathered at the month-long Ekushey Book Fair and the Dhaka University campus to yesterday celebrate Pahela Falgun, the first day of the first month of spring. Many arrived early to participate in the cultural programme at Bakul Tola of the Institute of Fine Arts on the university campus as part of *Bashanta Utsab* celebration, one of the biggest festivals of Bangladeshes.

afternoon.

Several new books arrived at the fair the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the traditional fair yesterday. The books include travelogue *Kaloder Sathe Sadader Deshe* by Mitali Hossain, *Adhunik Shamprotik* by Abdul Mannan Syed, *Premier Char Upponnas* by Anisul Haque, *Jete Jete Jete* by Morshed Shafiqul Hasan and Selina Jesmin, *Onitrya Onitrya* by Purobi Boshu, *Pothie Pothie Panna* by Kazi Golam Ahmed, *Disney Stories Khude Rohasho Golpo* and *Probashe Protidin* by Zillur Ra-

arrive introduced tomorrow. A programme at Gallery Chatrak in the city, will be held to mark the launching of the book. The programme will be presided over by Bulban Osman. Prof Anisuzzaman will be present at the programme as the chief guest while Dr Rafiqullah Khan will be special guest.

All information regarding the fair is also available on the web site [www.coronait.com/Bangla-Academy](http://www.coronait.com/Bangla-Academy).

The Bangla Academy held a discussion at the fair premises



Young ladies wearing sarees and men in punjabis explored the campus area and exchanged greetings with each other.

Soon after opening of the book fair at 3:00 pm, the fair premises became jam-packed with the visitors.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader also visited the fair in the

man Siddique.

*Bonbatashi* by Humayun Ahmed still remains at high demand at the fair. Other books selling well are *Premier Char Upponnas* by Anisul Haque, *Shataru Jalkonya*, *Nabir Nouka* by Hasnat Abdul Lye and *Biswadykar Mohakash* by KP Nandi.

A new book *Bhalobasar Bansa* by new writer Nelima Afrin will

yesterday on "The Demand and Possibilities of 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Novels of Bangladesh, Interaction and World Literature."

Sushanta Majumder presented the keynote speech at the discussion with Dr Razia Khan in the chair. The programme was also addressed by Prof Souten Biswas, Prof Shafiqunnabi Samadi.

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