

## Four killed in Faridpur road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Four people were killed as a Barisal-bound truck hit a CNG-run auto-rickshaw on the Dhaka-Barisal highway at Kapuria Sadardi in Bhangra upazila yesterday morning.

The victims are Safayet Shikder, 20, Arif Molla, 22, Belayet Matbor, 25, and Delwar Fakir, 50, hailing from different villages of Bhangra upazila.

Dadon Fakir, officer-in-charge of Bhangra Police Station said a Barisal-bound speeding truck rammed an auto-rickshaw carrying them on Dhaka-Barisal highway near Bhangra Fire Service Station at around 8:30am, killing the four on the spot.

Police seized the truck but its driver managed to flee.

## Book on war heroes published

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A murmur of excitement and the fond recollection of memories rippled through a hotel in the capital where freedom fighters and eminent and cultural personalities gathered yesterday.

One might have mistaken it for a reunion of freedom fighters, which it was in practicality. But they were also there to witness the unveiling of a book, "Ekatturer Birjoddha" (War heroes of 1971).

The book brings to life, through a vivid illustration, the stories, struggle and sacrifice of these valiant sons of the soil. Planning Minister Air Vice Marshal (retd) AK Khandakar unveiled the first volume of the book, published through the joint efforts of Prothom Alo and HSBC Bangladesh. The stories have been coming regularly on the Prothom Alo.

Matiur Rahman, editor and publisher of Prothom Alo, said it was very difficult to collect the stories and personal information as many freedom fighters died while the others were lying low, uninterested at drawing attention to their sacrifices.

The first volume tells the tale of 300 awarded freedom fighters, including 29 Bir Uttams, 85 Bir Bikrams and 186 Bir Pratiks. The second volume, likely to be published at the end of 2012 or in between March to April, 2013, would contain the tales of Bir Shreshthas, he added.

Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Atiur Rahman said freedom fighters were not honoured in the way they deserved to be and this book will help us think anew in this regard.

HSBC Bangladesh Chief Executive Officer Andrew Tilke and Head of Corporate Banking Mahbub-ur-Rahman also spoke at the programme.



(From left) Prothom Alo Editor and Publisher Matiur Rahman, Planning Minister Air Vice Marshal (retd) AK Khandakar, Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Atiur Rahman, HSBC Bangladesh CEO Andrew Tilke and its Head of Corporate Banking Mahbub-ur-Rahman at the launching of a book titled 'Ekatturer Birjoddha' in a city hotel yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Kids test English skills at fair

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

More than 200 students of Kaliganj Pilot Girl's High School in Kaliganj upazila took part in an English language fair under "English in Schools" programme jointly organised by The Daily Star and mobile operator Robi yesterday.

The programme began with the screening of globally renowned movie "The Lion King", followed by quiz tests on vocabulary, extempore speech, role play, MCQ and the like. Eighteen students won

in the competitions under the judgement of a three-teacher panel.

Sufia Khatun, head mistress of the school, who inaugurated the fair at about 10:00am, appreciated the initiative, which was aimed at improving English language skills of students.

She urged The Daily Star and Robi to host such programmes every year to inspire young learners to enrich their knowledge in English.

Sufia Khatun and Fahima Parvin, an English teacher, distributed prizes among the winners at the end of the programme.

Meanwhile, 14 students at Ramu Girl's High School in Cox's Bazar won the English contest under the English in Schools programme yesterday, our Cox's Bazar correspondent reports.

Over 100 students of the school took part in the competitions.

At the award giving ceremony, Syed Karim, headmaster of the school, said, "The initiative of The Daily Star is enriching teachers at schools, which are underprivileged and located in remote areas. The programme should continue".

## Explain about early DCC poll campaign

EC asks Kazi Firoj Rashid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday asked a prospective mayoral candidate Kazi Firoz Rashid to explain why he should not be accused of breaching electoral rules.

The returning officer of the Dhaka City Corporation (South) polls, Khandaker Mizanur Rahman, served the notice on the Jatiya Party leader.

The notice said Firoz Rashid has started his electoral campaign in advance by addressing three separate rallies in the city on Thursday and asked him to give his reply within 24 hours.

According to the electoral rules, a candidate is allowed to start campaign 21 days before the election date which means the candidates can start their campaigns from May 3 for the polls to the bifurcated DCC due on May 24.

Talking to The Daily Star, Firoz Rashid termed the EC initiative as positive.

Mentioning that there were still many posters, banners and billboards of poll aspirants belonging to the ruling Awami League, he said the EC are yet to take action against them.

## Anniversary of Basudeb Datta's death today

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Today is the fourth death anniversary of Dr Basudeb Datta Ray. He was actively

involved since 1941 in the struggle for freedom of the Indian subcontinent from the colonial powers of the British.

He worked for the Quit India Movement in 1943.

He was the founder secretary of North East India Council of Social Science Research and the founder principal of Women's College, Shillong.

Born in 1924 in Bankura town, West Bengal, he also worked in All India Congress Committee and St Edmund's College, Shillong.

**Shamsuddin Ahmed**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 41st death anniversary of Shaheed Shamsuddin Ahmed, a former deputy magistrate of Rajshahi sadar upazila.

On the day in 1971, he was detained and killed by the Pakistani occupation forces, said a press release.

All are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

**Dr Saif-ud-Dahar**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 14th death anniversary of comrade Dr Saif-ud-Dahar, one of the prominent communist leaders in the subcontinent.

On the occasion, Comrade Dr Saif-ud-Dahar Smriti Rakkha Committee will pay tributes at his grave at 9:00am at Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard at Mirpur in the capital, said a press release.

All are requested to attend the programme.

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