

## NEWS IN *brief*

### Farid Habib new navy chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



The government yesterday appointed Rear Admiral Muhammad Farid Habib as the chief of Bangladesh Navy by promoting him to vice admiral rank. Shahin Alam, information officer at the Inter Services Public

Relations (ISPR), told The Daily Star that the new chief would take charge on January 28.

According to Lt Commander Nur-e-Alam Siddique, assistant director of the ISPR, the newly appointed navy chief would replace Vice Admiral Zahir Uddin Ahmed, who is to retire on January 28.

Hailing from Tangail district, Farid Habib was born in 1959 and he joined Bangladesh Navy Academy in 1976 as an officer cadet.

### Written test results of primary head teachers published

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The results of written test for the post of head teacher in government primary schools were published yesterday with a total of 7,209 candidates coming out successful.

Directorate of Primary Education (DPE) published the district-wise results on its website at [www.dpe.gov.bd](http://www.dpe.gov.bd).

The written test was held on October 12 last

### 25th BCS Forum new executives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Neyamul Islam, deputy commissioner, and Selim Hossain, senior assistant commissioner and executive magistrate, have been made president and general secretary of the executive committee of 25th BCS Forum respectively for 2013-2014 year.

The 35-member committee was formed following the first general meeting and annual picnic of the forum held in Savar on the outskirts of the capital on Friday, says a press release.

Saiful Islam, Pallab Shaha, and Habibur Rahman have been made vice presidents of the

### Orientation event at NSU held

METRO DESK

The orientation ceremony for the newly enrolled undergraduate students of North South University (NSU) for Spring-2013 semester was held on Saturday at the university's own campus in Bashundhara in the capital.

MA Hashem, chairman of Board of Trustees, NSU, Prof Md Abdus Sattar, vice-chancellor (acting), Prof Miftahur Rahman, Dr A Hannan Chowdhury, Dr Atiqur Rahman, Dr Donald James Gomes, among others, were present at the



Locals demonstrate in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday with the body of a 10-year-old girl, *not in picture*, demanding exemplary punishment to persons who raped and murdered the girl in a building in Topekhana on January 14.

PHOTO: STAR

## Child rape incidents on rise in recent years

### Says BSAF report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

About 201 children murders and 90 children rape cases were reported in daily newspapers in 2012, said speakers at a roundtable discussion in the capital yesterday.

The actual number of cases of violence against children is much higher than that reported in newspapers as parents are unwilling to report such cases to concerned authorities, they said.

"It is a sad fact that violence, particularly sexual violence, against children has seen a sharp rise in recent years. This kind of abuse against the most vulnerable section of a society raises questions about our humanity," said Md Emranul Huq Chowdhury, chairperson of Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF).

The roundtable discussion was organised by the BSAF at Dhaka Reporters' Unity to launch the publication 'State of Child Rights in Bangladesh', published by

the BSAF.

According to a study by the Human Rights Watch, more than 13,000 children were trafficked out of the country in the last five years.

"Trafficking, sexual abuse and exploitation are all crucial threats for children. Many girls from Bangladesh are trafficked outside for purposes of sexual exploitation while boys are trafficked to Middle Eastern countries to be trained as camel jockeys," said, Shahana Jannat, director of BSAF.

Aside from stressing on raising awareness, speakers also urged the government to employ a special force within different law enforcement agencies who will ensure that cases of violence against children are properly investigated and culprits are punished accordingly.

Speakers also urged for a more communicable and easy access between law enforcement agencies and general people to improve information generating opportunities.

## Another girl raped by 'father of six'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A 10-year-old girl was raped allegedly by a 38-year-old father of six in a village in Chittagong's Anwara upazila yesterday.

Doctors at One-stop Crisis Centre (OCC) of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH), where the girl is undergoing treatment, said her condition was stable.

Police are trying to nab the alleged rapist, Jamir Hossain, a farmer and neighbour of the victim's family, who is on the run, said Anwara Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdus Samad.

A case was filed with the police station in this connection, he said.

"The girl, daughter of a farmer, went to a field, leased by Jamir, near her residence in the morning to play with her friends," said the victim's uncle.

At one point, Jamir found the girl alone in the field around 10:00am and forcibly gagged and raped her. Her friends later found her lying unconscious and immediately informed her family members, he said.

The girl was rushed to CMCH around 12:30pm and transferred to OCC around 2:00pm, he said, adding that Jamir had married twice and had four daughters and two sons.

BODY IN BATHROOM

### Girl killed after rape

Find DMC doctors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In another incident of cruelty, a little girl was raped and then murdered.

The 10-year-old girl's decomposed body was recovered from a bathroom of Tropicana Tower in the capital on Saturday. She went missing on January 14.

Doctors at Dhaka Medical College morgue said the girl's body bore signs of rape and tussle. She apparently died from stabs in her throat, they added.

Locals yesterday held a procession with the body demanding punishment to the perpetrators.

Her family alleged she was raped and killed by some employees of three travel agencies on the third floor of the building.

The girl used to help her mother in their business of supplying lunch to employees of offices and shops. On the afternoon of January 14, she went to the third floor of Tropicana Tower to bring back the empty lunch pots. She used to live with her widowed mother Nurjahan Begum and four siblings in a shanty at Segunbagicha.

"I don't know how she was killed. But I guess Selim, Mostafa and Nazrul killed Ritu [the girl] when she went to the office on Monday afternoon to bring back the lunch pots," said Nurjahan.

Six people--the trio, building manager Shahab Uddin and two security guards Shekandar Ali and Nurul Islam--were arrested in this connection. During interrogation, the suspects denied their involvement in the crime, said police.

Meanwhile, Workers' Party of Bangladesh and Bangladesh Mahila Parishad demanded punishment of the culprits.

## Shaheed Asad Day observed

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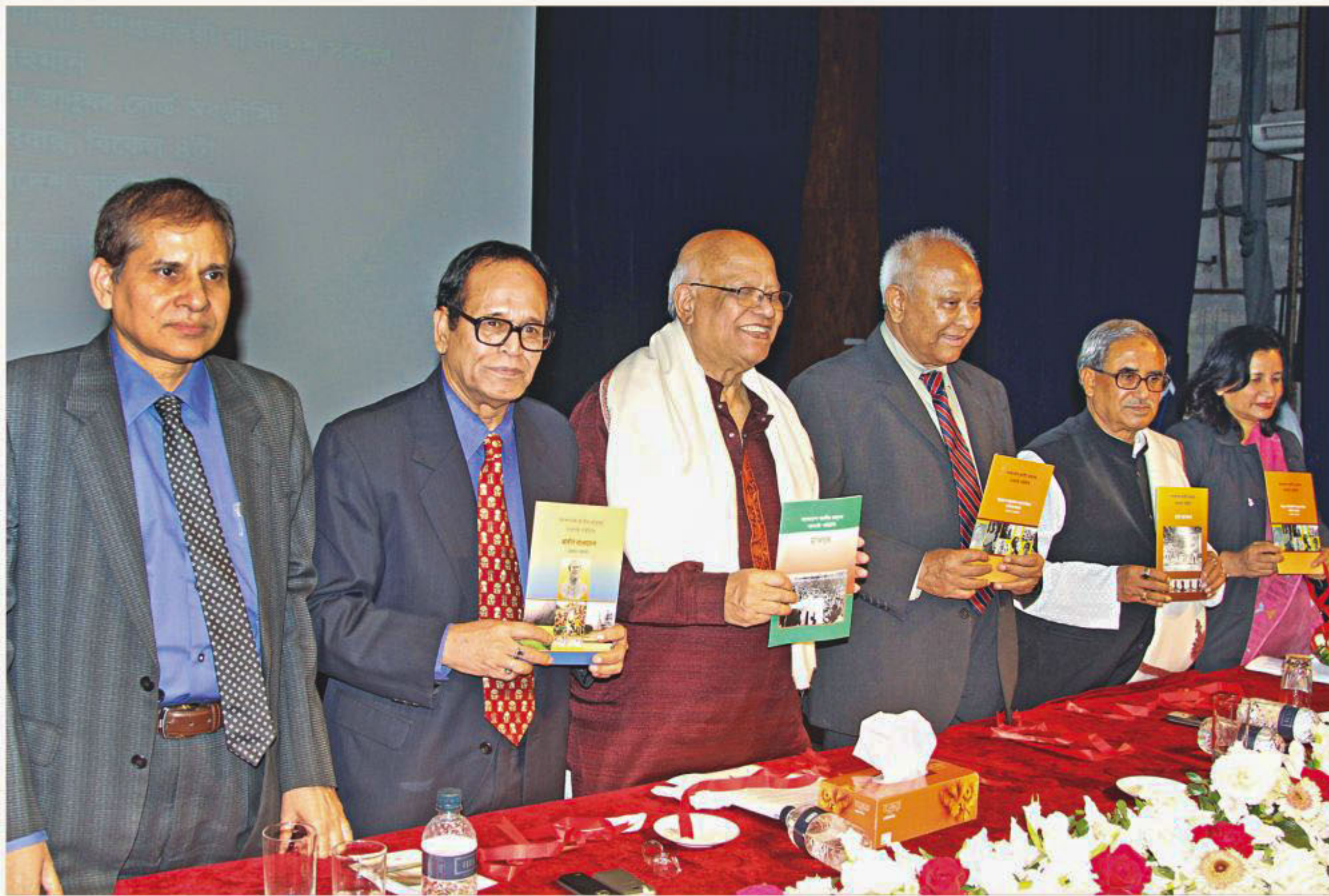
Marking the 44th death anniversary of Dhaka University student leader Md Asaduzzaman who sacrificed his life during the 1969 mass upsurge, different organisations yesterday observed the Shaheed Asad Day.

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote, Bangladesh Jatiya Chhatra Dal, Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal, Jatiya Gonotantrik League, National Awami Party (NAP-Bhasani), also placed wreaths at Asad memorial at Dhaka Medical College.

Asaduzzaman was a student of History department of Dhaka University, president of DU unit and general secretary of Dhaka city unit of East Pakistan Chhatra' Union (Menon group). He died on January 20 in 1969 when police opened fire on a procession before Dhaka Medical College Hospital protesting the Pakistani military regime's repression on Banglaeas.

NAP-Bhasani and Jatiya Gonotantrik League organised a discussion in the NAP central office to mark the day. Mostak Ahmed Bhasani, chairman of NAP, spoke at the event.

Speakers at a discussion organised by Bangladesh Jatiya Chhatra Dal said the main objective behind Asad's sacrifice was to establish a democratic state and a government of labourers and farmers.



President of Bangladesh National Museum's Board of Trustees M Azizur Rahman, Finance Minister AMA Muhith, Deputy Speaker Shawkat Ali, Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad, and Cultural Affairs Secretary Suraiya Begum hold up booklets on the museum's newest attractions, inaugurated at the museum's auditorium in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## WOMAN BEHEADED Husband arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Police yesterday arrested the fugitive husband of Sadia Islam Rita, who was found beheaded at a rented house in the capital's Mirpur on Thursday.

Rita, 23, of Kushtia, used to live at the house with her husband Manik Mia Bepary, 32, of Sakhipur village under Sadar upazila in Shariyatpur. Manik had gone into hiding ever since the murder.

Police arrested him yesterday morning from Pirganj Bazar under Pirganj municipality in Thakurgaon in connection with his wife's murder, said Mehedi Hasan, officer-in-charge (OC) of Pirganj Police Station.

Manik was attempting to sneak into India through border and then police caught him, the OC added.

The police handed over Manik to Mirpur Police Station where a case has been filed in connection with Rita's murder.

Her beheaded body was discovered after her neighbours noticed malodour coming from her house and informed the matter to the house owner who informed police about it.

## 20 hurt as medical tech students clash with cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 20 persons, including two policemen, were injured in a clash between medical technology students and police in the capital's Agargaon yesterday.

Around 400 students from six private medical technology institutes laid siege to Technical Education Board to press home their five-point demand, including getting certificates from the board, and government jobs.

They started agitation at the office around 10:00am.

After one hour, a police team charged them with batons, lobbed tear gas canisters and shot rubber bullets, dispersing the agitators.

Later, a group of students gathered there again and threw brickbats at the police, ensuing chase and counter-chase with the law enforcers for about half an hour that injured 20 students.

They took treatment in different clinics and pharmacies instead of hospitals to avert arrest, a student said.

The injured police constables are Atiq and Mostafiz.

Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police Officer-in-Charge Abdul Momin said Atiq was injured by cocktail splinter exploded by the students. He was taken to National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedic Rehabilitation.

Momin said two agitators were arrested from the spot.



### Discussion

Paribesh Bachao Andolon will hold a discussion with Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) on safe food law; Venue: DSCC; Time: 11:00am.

### Workshop

Terre des hommes Italia, Aparajeyo Bangladesh, and ARBAN will organise a workshop on "Psychological support for disadvantaged children"; Venue: LGED office,

Agargaon; Time: 9:00am.

### Launching programme

Kapaeeng Foundation will launch Human Rights Report 2012 on indigenous peoples; Venue: Cirdap Auditorium; Time: 10:00am.

### Meeting

James P Grant School of Public Health of Brac University and Helen Keller International-Bangladesh will hold a meeting on food security and



## Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Moderate fog may occur over the river basins and light to moderate fog elsewhere over the country during midnight till morning, Met Office said.

Night and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:38pm and rises tomorrow at 6:43am.**

Country's highest temperature 31.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 11.5 degrees at Srimangal.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	26.6	16.8	66	60
Chittagong	28.6	14.8	79	60
Rajshahi	24.1	15.0	89	82
Rangpur	25.0	13.4	93	58
Khulna	26.0	16.2	88	81
Barisal	26.6	14.5	79	80