

WHAT'S ON

Amar Ekushey Book Fair
Venue: Bangla Academy Premises, Dhaka
Date: Feb 1-28
Time: 3-8pm (Sun-Thu) & 11am-8pm (Fri & Sat)

Film Screening
Organiser: Tongue Mashed Memorial Trust
Venue: Shaheed Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbagh
Date: Feb 20-22
Time: 3pm onwards (Feb 21: 10am)

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Long Awaited Freedom
Artist: Razul Ahsan
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15/A (New), Dhanmondi
Date: Feb 17-23

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Portraits of Ambiguity
Artist: Ruhul Karim Runce
Venue: Gallery Cosmos-2, New DOHS, Mohakhali
Date: Feb 16-25
Time: 11:30am-7pm

Musical Soiree
Artist: Tapan Chowdhury
Venue: Indra Gandhi Cultural Centre, H-35, R-24, Gulshan-1
Date: February 22
Time: 6:30pm

Group Exhibition
Title: Love is in the Air
Venue: Athena Gallery of Fine Arts, AJ Heights, Cha-72/1/D, Progoti Shorani, Uttar Bakda
Date: Feb 9-26

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Re-enacting Actuality
Artist: Mahmudul Haque
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, H-42, R-16(New), Dhanmondi
Date: Feb 8-21

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: All Dressed Up and Nowhere to Go
Artist: Jays Shakti Hing
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, 60 Gulshan Avenue, Circle 1
Date: Feb 15-March 3



The recent protests in Shahbagh are a reassurance that the young can still raise their voices for the nation.

Ekushey on Mind

Music, films and poetry connect generations to Language Movement

FAHMIM FERDOUS
1952 was 61 years ago; today's youth is somewhere around the third generation of the Language Movement activists and martyrs.

Originally written as a poem by Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury, it was first put to tune by Abdul Latif, and later given its current tune by Altaf Mahmud.

Raihan, an active participant of the Language Movement, dodged all of it to direct a striking symbolic depiction of the country's struggles through his film 'Jibon Theke Neya'.

written something on Ekushey. Mahbubul Alam Chowdhury's 'Kandte Ashini Fashir Dabi Niye Eeschi' was one of the first poems written on the movement.

Role of Rabindra Sangeet in inspiring nationalist movements

AFSANA TAZREEN
Both grew up in music-filled households. During their early childhood, they learned the intricacies of melody at home.



of Farhin Khan Joyita, a talented young Rabindra Sangeet artiste, Mita works on a tight schedule. She performed at the 'Bengal ITC-SRA Bangla Gaaner Utsah' held recently in Kolkata (India).

His shock at the arrogance of the British in ordering the partition of Bengal and the savage repression unleashed on those protesting against the move was vividly portrayed in his novel 'Ghorey Bairey'.

Songs of the masses

Ekushey epitomised in tunes

FAKIR ALAMGIR
Saying that Bangladesh is a domain opulent with tunes and lush greenery would not be an exaggeration. One gets a demonstration of this if he/she contemplates the innumerable folk tunes -- baul, bhatiali, bhawaiya, jari, shari, murshidi, marfati and others -- resonating in nature.

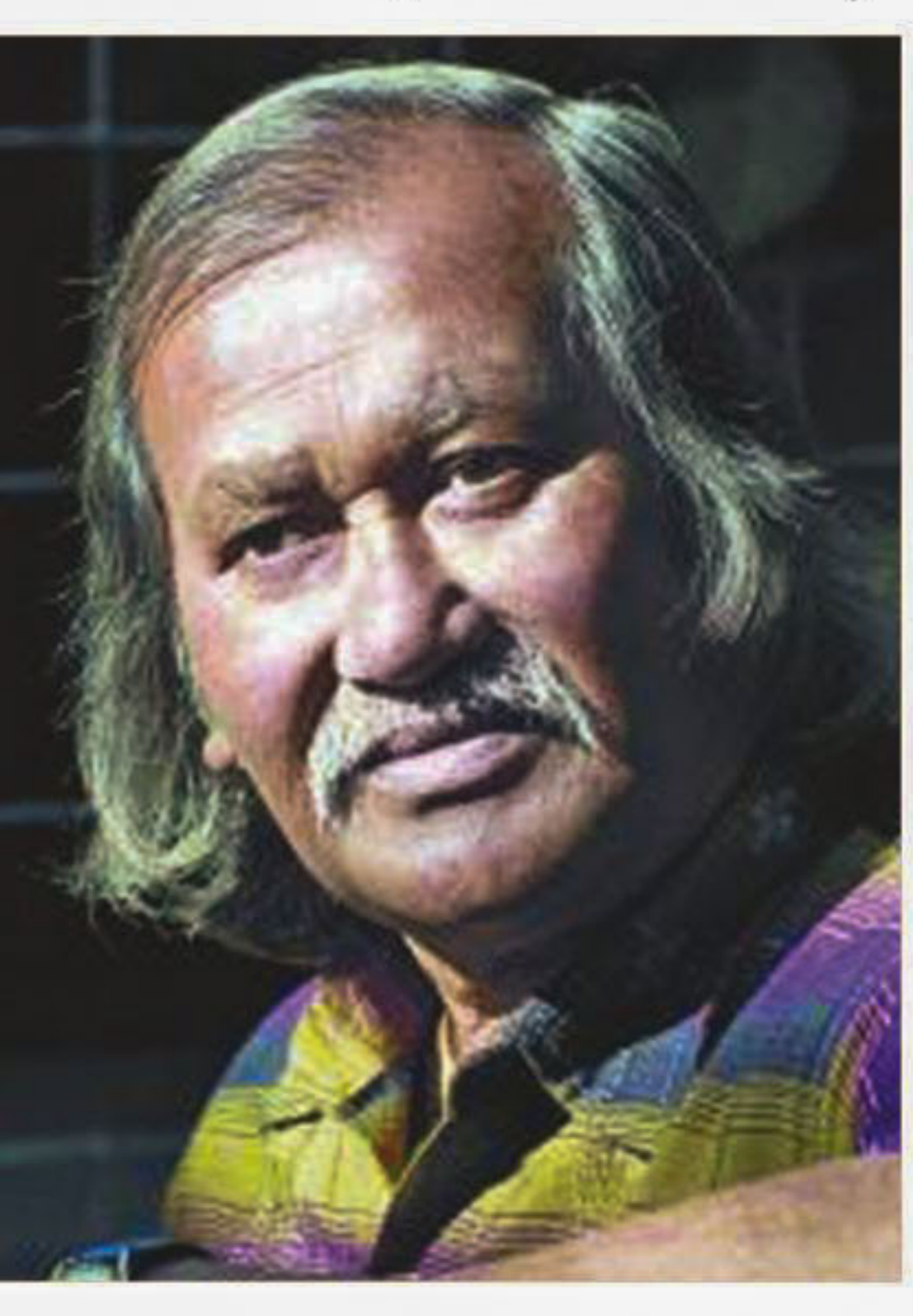
Soon after February 21, at a programme held at the Britannia Cinema Hall, Abdul Latif presented poignant rendition of a song written by Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury. Apparently, Latif noticed the lyrics on a pamphlet. The tune of the song, 'Amar bhair roktey rangano ekushey February, ami ki bhulitey pari', later modified by Altaf Mahmud, carved an everlasting impression on the Bengali psyche.

Rafiq Azad: Liberation War in poetry

TAKIR HOSSAIN
Rafiq Azad is one of the most prolific and dynamic poets of Bangladesh. His strong, intense verses deal with political, social and personal issues.

Indian education system from Sadrul Middle English School, and developed a keen interest in writing from his childhood. The poet says, 'Poetry is my first expression of love.'

most notable works -- 'Bhat de haramjada, nole manchitro khabo', a fiery poem. The words reflect a snapshot of the time and the sufferings of the people.



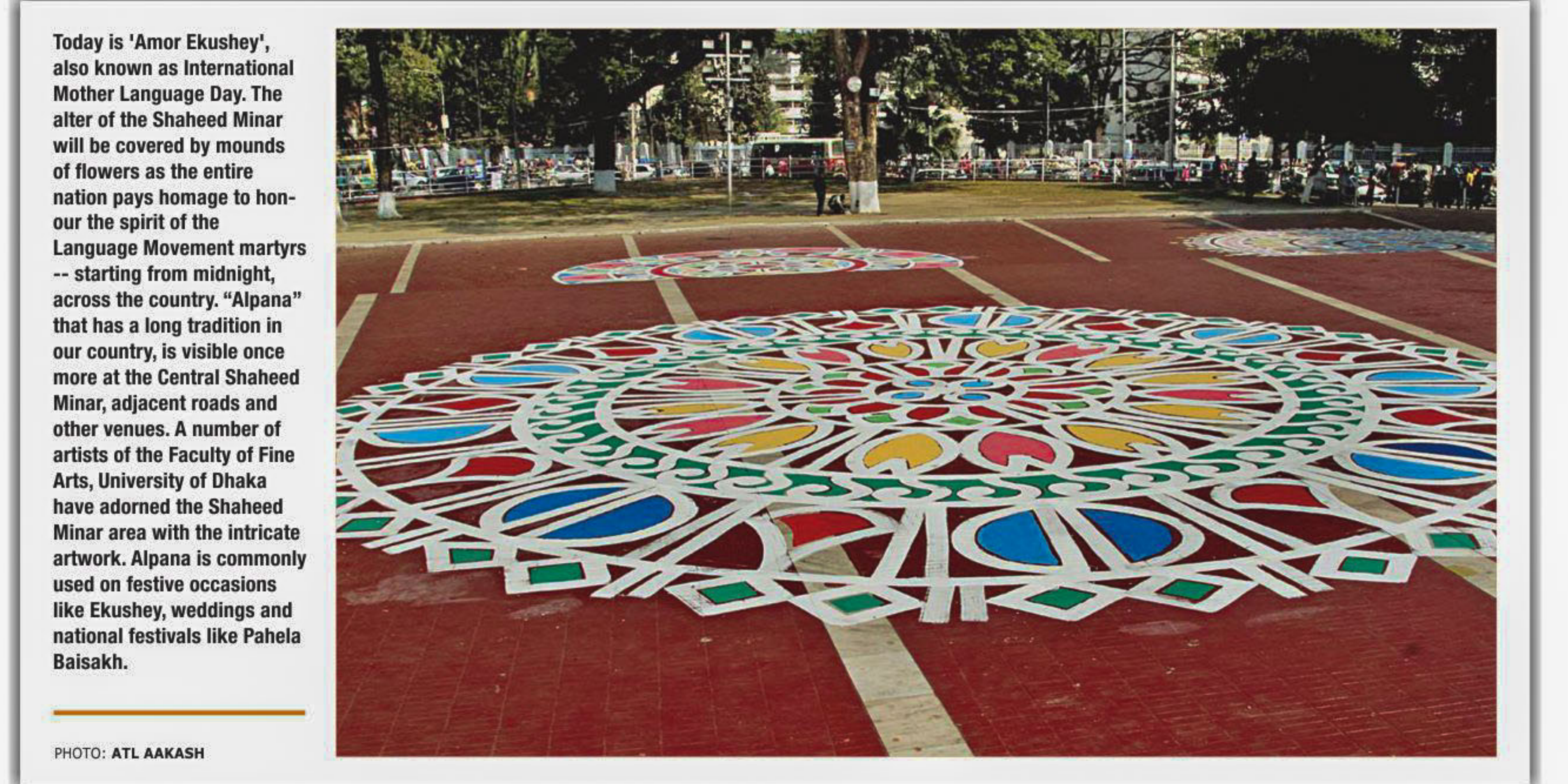
Language Movement veteran and painter Murtaja Baser will be honoured by Padatik.

Observing EKUSHEY through cultural programmes

A CORRESPONDENT
On the occasion of International Mother Language Day, the 15th Amar Ekushey Cultural Convention and Bhasha Shainik Shommanona '13 by Padatik Bangladesh will be held today at Ramna Batamul, Dhaka.

Noted cultural personality Kamal Lohani will be present as chief guest at the programme. Golam Kuddus, vice president of Sammilito Sanskritik Jote and Hasan Arif, general secretary of Sammilito Sanskritik Jote will be present as special guests at the programme.

also chalked out discussions and cultural programme marking the occasion. The event, to be held at the open premises of the Academy from 4:30pm will feature solo performances by Shahin Samad, Abdul Jabbar and Rafiqul Alam among others.



Today is 'Amor Ekushey', also known as International Mother Language Day. The alter of the Shaheed Minar will be covered by mounds of flowers as the entire nation pays homage to honour the spirit of the Language Movement martyrs -- starting from midnight, across the country. 'Alpana' that has a long tradition in our country, is visible once more at the Central Shaheed Minar, adjacent roads and other venues. A number of artists of the Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka have adorned the Shaheed Minar area with the intricate artwork. Alpana is commonly used on festive occasions like Ekushey, weddings and national festivals like Pahela Baisakh.

PHOTO: ATLA AAKASH

Caricatures of war criminals in Magura



Amateur artists in Magura have expressed solidarity with the Shahbagh protests in their own innovative way. Artists of the town have done caricatures of war criminals like Gulam Azam and Abdul Quader Molla and gave those away to protesting groups -- 'Projonmo '71' and 'Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee' in Magura, who have been on the streets from February 7, demanding maximum punishment for war criminals. Artists said they are doing so in a bid to energise the ongoing movement.

Table with TV and radio schedules for ATN Bangla, Channel 9, ntv, and ETV.

Table with radio schedules for Radio 89.2, Radio 100, and Radio 101.

Television programme listings for Lal Ronger, Shaheed Minar, and Uttario.

Table with TV and radio schedules for Bangla Feature, Boishakhi TV, BANGLAVISION, Rtv, and Desh TV.

Table with news bulletins for BTv, Boishakhi TV, and Maasranga Television.