



A relieved mother kisses her six-year-old son, Mizan, who was rescued 15 days after his kidnap on April 14, allegedly by the three men, inset, produced at Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Media Centre yesterday.

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# Cheers amid fears

## Abducted boy rescued, 4 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid fear and panic in the air with loved ones getting abducted in broad daylight, the rescue of a missing child brought smiles yesterday.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) tracked down an abducted six-year old, Mizan, in Faridpur and arrested four of the abductors, 15 days after Mizan was kidnapped.

Mizan was abducted from his home in Jurain by a friend of his aunt, said police high-ups at a press briefing at DMP Media Centre yesterday.

On April 14, Mizan was drawn out of his house by his aunt's friend Joy Mohamamd Sujon.

Sujon gave Mizan Tk 20 and told him to go to a friend of his waiting outside the house, who will buy him a toy gun. The friend, an accomplice in the abduc-

tion named Rasel, took Mizan to Tongi under the guise of taking him out to buy toys, said Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner of DMP's media wing.

The criminals demanded a ransom of Tk 10 lakh to be sent via bKash. Mizan told reporters that the abductors treated him well.

Talking to journalists, Mizan's mother Mosammat Shaju said, "I got a call from them on April 22, almost eight days after my son's disappearance. The voice on the other end belonged to Rasel, calling up my mother around noon asking for the ransom."

"They had taken the child to Boalmari in Faridpur. That is where we found him in a raid on Tuesday," said the DC.

The four arrested are Rasel, Sujon, aunt Mosammat Rahima and one Mohammad Shafiqul Islam.

## JS body suggests reformation of judicial system

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body has recommended that the government reform what it said a "primitive judicial system" to clear the backlog of cases at different courts.

The parliamentary standing committee on the law ministry also directed the government to form a high-powered committee led by Law Commission Chairman Justice ABM Khairul Haque to find out ways to modernise the judicial system.

"Keeping over 2.6 lakh cases pending at courts, Bangladesh cannot be developed because development is directly related to the rule of law. And the rule of law will not be

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## JAN 5 ELECTION

# None of 12 parties filed expense reports yet

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

None of the 12 political parties including the Awami League that contested in the January 5 general elections has submitted the statement of their election expenditures till yesterday, one week past the deadline.

The Election Commission (EC) has taken an initiative to issue a notice of warning to the parties asking for the reports immediately, said EC sources.

"We have drafted the notice...If approved, we will send it to the parties by Monday or Tuesday," a senior assistant secretary of the EC Secretariat told The Daily Star.

According to electoral laws, each political party participating in the national election will have to submit the expense report to the EC within 90 days after completion of polls.

If any party defaults, the commission will issue a notice of warning seeking the state-

ment within next 30 days. If it fails again, the commission may extend the deadline by 15 days with a Tk 10,000 fine.

The commission may cancel the registration of the party for yet another failure.

"In the notice, we have mentioned the laws and directed the parties to submit the reports within the extended time," said a deputy secretary of the EC.

The first deadline expired on April 22, said an assistant secretary of the commission.

The 11 other political parties are Jatiya Party (JP), Jatiya Party (JP-Manju), Gonotontro Party, Bangladesh National Awami Party, Workers' Party of Bangladesh, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, Bangladesh Tarikat Federation, Gonofront, Bangladesh Khelafat Majlish, Bangladesh Islami Front, and Bangladesh Nationalist Front (BNF).

As per electoral law, a political party can

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## ARSON CASE

# Charge framing hearing against Fakhru deferred till June 10

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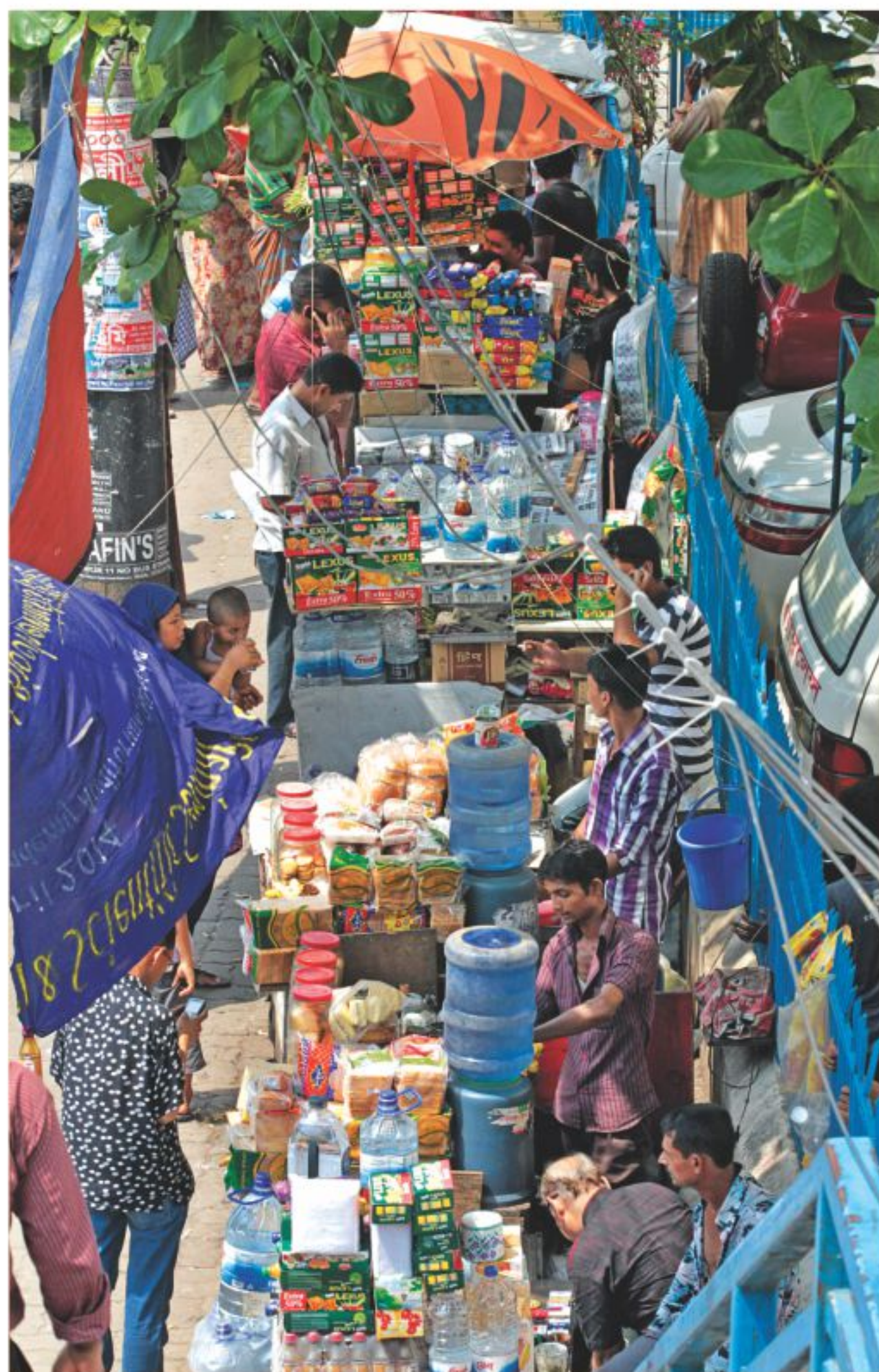
Dhaka court yesterday deferred till June 10 the hearing of charge framing against BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir and 45 other leaders and activists of the 18 party-alliance (now 19-party) in an arson case.

The case was filed on April 29, 2012 with Tejgaon Police Station after a bus had been torched before the Prime Minister's Office during a countrywide hartal enforced by the alliance.

Metropolitan Magistrate Harun-or-Rashid passed the order after lawyers of Fakhru and several others had submitted separate petitions.

During yesterday's hearing, ASM Hannan Shah, Sadeque Hossain Khoka, Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee, Sultan

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Sellers of dry food and drinks take up the entire footpath in front of the Birdem hospital at Shahbagh, an incessantly busy intersection in the capital, which witnesses thousands of travellers and pedestrians every day. While the area suffers from a shortage of space for people's free movement, such small shops occupying the vital walkway turns out to be a huge nuisance. The photo was taken on Sunday.

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# Help poor parents save children

## Recommends BSAF study on child abuse, exploitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Parents of poor children, who often end up on streets, should be provided with livelihood support by the government and development partners to help them prevent their children from being abused and exploited, recommended a study of Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF), a child rights platform.

The number of street children in the country is estimated to be around 6,79,728, and nearly 58 percent of them live in urban areas, mentioned BSAF, comprising 260 non-government organisations (NGOs) that work on children's issues, in its publication titled "No Child Left Alone to Suffer -- A Study on Child Abuse and Exploitation in Bangladesh".

The report, funded by the Terre Des Hommes Netherlands in Bangladesh, was published at a ceremony at a city hotel yesterday.

Information and data presented in the report, which mention the causes and consequences of child abuse and exploitation, were obtained mainly from secondary sources and interviews of vulnerable children, discussions with government officials and NGO workers and legal rights activists, and case studies from brothers.

The report also urged the government and development partners to facilitate children's access to education, sensitise parents, and educate employers about rights of children and the risk involved in child labour.

Chief guest of the programme, Justice Md Imman Ali, a judge of Supreme Court's Appellate Division, said he himself had issued 85 directives on government and other agencies in various cases related to children, but very few were implemented.

The speakers observed that there was a lack of implementation of laws to protect child rights in the country.

BSAF Chairperson Md Emranul Chowdhury, Vice-chairman Iqbal Ahammad, and Kazi Reazul Hoque, a full-time member of the National Human Rights Commission, also spoke.

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