

# AMAR EKUSHEY BOOK FAIR 2013 Only real publishers to get stalls: officials

Sardar Mahabbar Ali

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was 450 units in 2011.

This year, the book fair

will be devoted to popular

author Himmam Ahmed,

who died on July 19 in 2012.

The Bangladesh Academy

asked with organising the fair

since 1978, is getting prepared

to hold the Amar Ekushey

Book Fair on its premises like

the previous years.

The academy director gen-

eral, Shamsuzzaman Khan,

said the number of partici-

ping publishing houses

this year would be less than

that of the previous years as

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aimed at banning the season-

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