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Mughal Forts on Fluvial Terrains in Dhaka / Mohammad Tahajibul Hossain, Khandokar Mahfuz Alam & Imamur Hossain (Ed) Dr. Sharif Shams Imon
Dhaka: Department of Archaeology, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2023

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198gm.

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Muhammadabad: Medieval City of Barobazar, Jhenaidah / Md. Shafiqul Alam (Ed) Mr. Md. Hannan Mia

Dhaka: Department of Archaeology, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2020

xii, 172p.

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Temples of Bangladesh (c. sixteenth-twentieth centuries CE) with Reference to some Selective Examples / Md Shahin Alam, Md Khairul Bashar Swapan & Md Amiruzzaman (Ed) Swadhin Sen

Revised & Edited

Dhaka: Department of Archaeology, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2022

144p.

9789843534019

\$ 30.00 / PB

352gm.

This book represents the ways in which some of the protected Late Medieval and Colonial Temples of Bangladesh. These temples are preserved and protected by the Department of Archaeology, MOCA Government of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh. The books on the Bengal temples of this period are numerous, and some of these publications are pioneering. This publication is neither an exhaustive study of these temples, nor is it aimed at the

established typological and formalistic approaches to the temples from a conventional stylistic architectural and art historical perspective.

This book, however, hints at the ways these monuments or monumental remains can be addressed from multiple points of view and concepts. Along with contextualizing the temples on their social, economic, religious and landscape contexts, this book aims to introduce the readers from a broader background to the multiplicity of heritage meanings and makings generated through the perceptions and practice at various disciplinary, discursive, and popular domains. The book, after all, is an invitation to delve into the complexities and interrelations of various actors and conditions in the lives of these sacred monuments.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869355>

A Descriptive Catalogue of the Arabic and Persian Inscriptions in the Bangladesh National Museum / Mohammad Yusuf Siddiq

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2016

148p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789843390837

Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume 01, 2016

\$ 100.00 / HB

864gm.

This book is an interpretive study of the Arabic and Persian epigraphic texts of Bangladesh National Museum in the wider context of a rich epigraphic tradition of Bengal. While focusing on previously untapped sources, it takes a fresh look into these inscriptions and examines the inner dynamics of the social, intellectual and religious transformations of Bengal region.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=244336>

A Descriptive Catalogue of the Terracotta Objects in the Bangladesh National Museum / Md. Mosharraf Hossain

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2016

544p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789843390790

Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume 02, 2016

\$ 100.00 / HB

2274gm.

This volume of Catalogue contains the curatorial data of 515 terracotta objects from the collection of Bangladesh National Museum. These objects were salvaged from different corners of this country. It is the first publication of its kind in this deltaic land of Bangladesh. They include pots, sculptural objects, architectonic art pieces, plaques developed as building material and even household objects. They were manufactured in different phases of history by certain artisan communities, kumars or kumbhakars by title. These communities, however, are now already on the verge of extinction, therefore Karithe

objects arrayed in this tome are gradually disappearing. As a result, they can presently be listed as endangered cultural products belonging to a unique representations of a people. In turn, they help to recognize the multi-faceted technological diffusion, distribution of settlement pattern, taste of different classes and castes as well as the economical conditions through which the nation reached a stage of civilization. Each object has been described according to a methodology that seeks to define its typology and character and is presented along with a photograph supported by an official object ID and the record sheet in order to increase the interest of the archaeologists, historian, folklorists and museum personnel alike. Thus, we hope, this catalogue would be of much use to the professionals, researchers and the general readers as well.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869356>

A Descriptive Catalogue of Mollusc Shells In Bangladesh National Museum / Prof. Dr. Abu Tweb Abu Ahmed

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2016

488p.

9789843390806

Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume 3, 2016

\$ 100.00 / HB

2036gm.

This book provides an overview of the 444 types of molluscan shell found in the collection of the Bangladesh National Museum. The taxonomic classification of the molluscan shells given in the appendix will provide important information to the scientific community. In terms of the natural history and biodiversity study of molluscan shells in Bangladesh, this compilation is of crucial importance since the country is rich in molluscan resources. Though very little was known about the molluscan taxa of this country till the 1990s, some initial studies have sparked the interest of many researchers. The study of marine molluscan taxa began almost a century ago, first initiated by Coomans (1940) and later by Ali and Aziz (1976) who worked in the same island. Subsequent research and findings have made it clear that the shells provide cues to the biological history of the region. This catalogue indexes each type of molluscs by placing a photograph, a brief description and inventorial information in one place, thereby facilitating a quick survey of the collection.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869357>

A Descriptive Catalogue of Coins of the Bengal Sultans in the Bangladesh National Museum, Part 1 / Dr. Md. Rezaul Karim

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2017

512p

9789843390820

Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume 5, 2017

\$ 100.00 / HB

2178gm.

A Descriptive Catalogue of Coins of the Bengal Sultans in the Bangladesh National Museum, Part 1 (Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume - 5/2017). This volume of Catalogue contains

the curatorial data of 435 coins from the Sultani period. It is the 1st volume of the two whose focus is on the coin issued by the Turkic Sultans who reigned Bengal between 1205 and 1538. The coins have been selected by the author from the huge cache of Bangladesh National Museum. These objects have accumulated over a long period since the day of Dacca Museum, the predecessor of Bangladesh National Museum. The Catalogue is the much-awaited publication initiated by the museum and it furnishes valuable data on the coins of Bengal Sultans since the Conquest of Turkish conqueror Bakhtiyar Khalji on behalf of the Delhi general in 1205. Seen in the context of the recent researches and findings, this Catalogue is a treasure trove for the students of numismatics and scholars interested in perusing clues to the tumultuous events of the Sultani period. Following two ground-breaking 1936 publications, Catalogue of coins Collected by Sayyid A. S. M. Taifoor of Kawser House and Catalogue of Coins collected by Maulvi Hakim Habibur Rahman Khan Akhunzada of Dacca, this recent Catalogue prepared by Dr. Md. Rezaul Karim is one of the two compendiums that compile comprehensive data on the Sultani coins. The volume indexes the specification of each coin including information on mint, date, denomination and accession number, measurement and weight as well as how and from whom it was acquired. Both obverse and reverse sides of the coin is reproduced in photographs of facilitate further inspection by the readers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869358>

A Descriptive Catalogue of Coins of the Bengal Sultans in the Bangladesh National Museum,
Part 2 / Dr. Md. Rezaul Karim

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2017

424p.

9789843390844

Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume 5, 2017

\$ 100.00 / HB

1876gm.

This volume of Catalogue contains the curatorial data of 370 coins from the Sultani period. It is the 2nd volume of the two whose focus is on the coins issued by the Turkic Sultans who reigned Bengal between 1205 and 1538. The volume indexes the specification of each coin including information on mint, date, denomination and accession number, measurement and weight as well as how and from whom it was acquired.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869359>

A Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit and Bengali Manuscripts in the Bangladesh National
Museum, Part 1 / Prof. Dulal Kanti Bhowmik

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2018

520p.

9789843390851

Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume 6, 2018

\$ 100.00 / HB

2242gm.

Manuscripts are the treasure of Knowledge in history and culture of a nation The Bangladesh National Museum has 1650 manuscripts (Sanskrit and Berlin) in its collection. This catalogue accumulated a selection of 500 ancient manuscripts, which is divided in two volumes. This is the 1st volume contains 250 Sanskrit and Bengali manuscripts. The Sanskrit manuscripts are of kavya (poem), drama, grammar, lexicon, purana, jyotisa, tantra, smrti, Ramayana and Mahabharata, etc. while the Bengali manuscripts are of mainly poem and Islam. The major authors of Sanskrit manuscripts identified are Valmiki, Vyasadeva, Amarasimha Rupagosvami, Kavikarnapura, Jimutavahana, Raghunandana while that of the Bengali manuscripts identified are Krttivasa Kaxirama Dasa, Krsnadasa Kaviraja, Alaol, Abdul Hakim, Fakir Garibullah and so on. Most of the Islamic books are printed those were printed in 19th and early 20th century AD. To preserve the exact pronunciation of the Sanskrit and Bengali words the diacritical marks have been used in translation. The writing materials of the manuscripts are tulat paper, palm leaf and mill paper. Most of the manuscripts are written on tulat paper. A good number of the manuscripts identified were copied between the later part of the 17th century and the middle part of the 18th century AD. The later manuscripts are in better condition.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869360>

A Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit and Bengali Manuscripts in the Bangladesh National Museum, Part 2 / Prof. Dulal Kanti Bhowmik

Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume 6, 2018

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2018

520p.

9789843390875

\$ 100.00 / HB

2232gm.

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<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869361>

A Descriptive Catalogue of Ancient Coins of Bangladesh in the Bangladesh National Museum / Dr. Md. Shariful Islam

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2018

544p.

9789843390882

Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume 7, 2018

\$ 100.00 / HB

2314gm.

This volume of catalogue contains the curatorial data of 500 coins from the ancient period. There are near about 3300 punch marked coins preserved in the Bangladesh National Museum (BNM) collection but most of the coins are still unpublished but only 234 coins have been selected in this catalogue.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869362>

A Descriptive Catalogue of Traditional Musical Instruments in the Bangladesh National Museum / Saymon Zakaria

Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume 8, 2018

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2018

344p.

9789843390899

\$ 100.00 / HB

1570gm.

Bangladesh National Museum preserves five classes of Bangladeshi traditional musical instruments made of various elements and made in different manufacturing mode. This classification is harmonized with the classification what Bharata Muni did in around 400 BC. He discussed in his Natyashastra on 'three fold' application of the musical instrument in the performances of the play. He also discussed the specific characters of sound, scale, rhythm, hearing, cadence, melody etc the instruments produce. Later, in the seventeenth century, the Bengali epic-poet Alaol and Abdul Hakim wrote about the musical instruments and their tunes, sound-scale, rhythm, melody etc. According to their instruction and our observation of history of music and comparative theories, the Bangladesh National Museum divides the musical instruments into five Parts. This book in six chapters presents the pictorial description of the musical instruments preserved in the Bangladesh National Museum. They are not only mainstream Bengali musical instruments but also the traditional musical instruments of Bangladeshi ethnic communities and some globally used instruments popular in Bangladesh.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869363>

A Descriptive Catalogue of Historical Paintings in the Bangladesh National Museum / Professor Dr. Najma Khan Majlis

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2018

200p.

Includes Bibliography

9789843390905

Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume 9, 2018
\$ 100.00 / HB
1076gm.

The Descriptive Catalogue of Historical Paintings in the Bangladesh National Museum is one of the several catalogues which contain a representative selection of objects of above mentioned title. Since its inception in 1913 A.D. in the erstwhile Dacca Museum (now Bangladesh National Museum) along with other artifacts the collection of Historical Painting grew though in a slow pace. Different art object from this collection have been included in this descriptive catalogue. These have been divided into five categories with 73 historical paintings. The largest category in this catalogue is that of Eid and Muharram procession paintings of Dhaka. Most of the paintings in this descriptive catalogue are real miniatures except the Eid and Muharram procession paintings which have some similarity and dissimilarity with miniature painting. Miniatures are mainly rendered on handmade paper, two dimensional, profusely decorative and narrative style. On the other hand Eid and Muharram procession paintings have some similarity in style but rendered in large format. In those paintings has generally painted by water colour whereas miniatures are painted by tempara and Gouache. We believe that this descriptive catalogue on historical paintings would be of help to researchers, students and others. Moreover, we hope this catalogue would give a new insight to the Art historians, Archeologists and Art connoisseurs.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869364>

A Descriptive Catalogue of Folk Art in the Bangladesh National Museum / Shawon Akand
Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2018

604p.

9789843390912

Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume 10, 2018

\$ 100.00 / HB

2526gm.

The specimens of folk art in Bangladesh National Museum's collection are enormous in number and quite diverse in style and form. A part of this rich collection is regularly exhibited in various permanent exhibition halls of the Bangladesh National Museum, while the rest are preserved in store rooms. Samples for this catalogue have been selected from both the display halls and the section preserved at store rooms. We have primarily emphasized on the materials and mediums of folk art objects production while categorizing them for this descriptive catalogue, such as clay, wood, metal, ivory, etc., in this publication. The plan of this book is as We discuss "folk paintings' in the third chapter, pottery in the fourth, weaving in the fifth, metal crafts in the sixth, wood work in the seventh, bamboo and cane work in the eighth, ivory in the ninth and assorted types of folk art in the tenth chapter. The various samples of folk art covered here include masks. hand-designed fans (Nakshi Pakha). traditional decorated 'cake mould' (Nakshi Pithar Chhanch), rickshaw art and so on. Certain additional factors were taken into consideration in the selection of specimens for this catalogue. Thus, for instance, artworks ranging from ancient to modern periods have been selected from the collection to illustrate how they have evolved over

time. Also, artworks made in and collected from different regions have been included in this catalogue.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869365>

A Descriptive Catalogue of Gold and Silver Jewelry in the Bangladesh National Museum / Zinat Mahrukh Banu & Firoz Mahmud

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2018

568p.

9789843390929

Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume 11, 2018

\$ 100.00 / HB

2344gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869366>

A Descriptive Catalogue of Buddhist and Hindu Sculptures in the Bangladesh National Museum / Enamul Haque

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2018

404p.

9789843390868

Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume 12, 2018

\$ 100.00 / HB

1756gm.

This catalogue, one of several planned by the Bangladesh National Museum, contains a representative selection of Buddhist and Hindu Sculpture in the Bangladesh National Museum. Though the first Image acquired for the Museum in 1914, today the Department of History and Classical Art holds a substantial number of Sculptures. One hundred and eighty different objects from this collection have been included in this catalogue though a large portion of Vishnu images. This entire catalogue has been divided into two sections: Buddhist and Hindu Sculptures. Of these seven different deities of Buddhist with Vishnu and his incarnations, we have selected images to keep importance on its poses, postures and historical background. It has not been possible to date all the images accurately or provide the provenance of many. Nevertheless, we believe that this representative catalogue would be of help to iconography researchers and students as well as the general public. We hope, moreover, that it would encourage greater research in the area.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869367>

A Descriptive Catalogue of the Arms and Armour in the Bangladesh National Museum / Firoz Mahmud

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2018

500p.

9789843390936

Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume 13, 2018

\$ 100.00 / HB

2054gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869368>

A Descriptive Catalogue of the Contemporary Art in the Bangladesh National Museum /
Mustafa Zaman

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2023

268p.

9789843390943

Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume 14, 2023

\$ 100.00 / HB

1108gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869369>

A Descriptive Catalogue of the Gold Coins in the Bangladesh National Museum /
Muhammad Manirul Hoque

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, 2023

320p.

9789843390950

Descriptive Catalogue Series, Volume 15, 2023

\$ 100.00 /HB

1276gm.

This volume of catalogue contains the curatorial data of 500 coins from the ancient period. There are near about 3300 punch marked coins preserved in the Bangladesh National Museum (BNM) collection but most of the coins are still unpublished but only 234 coins have been selected in this catalogue. Four copper cast coins have been included in this book discovered from the excavation of Mahasthan in Bogura district. Kushana initiation gold coins and some Kushana copper coins have been included in this catalogue. These coins were collected from different areas of Bangladesh in different times of the last hundred years of the museum. 18 Gupta gold coins are included in this catalogue these are discovered from different areas of Bangladesh. There are near about 1000 Harikela coins preserved in the BNM collection which demands a separate volume of catalogue book. The present author has selected only one 53 Harikela coins to affix in this book from different hoards discovered many places from southeast Bengal. Ancient coins are very important sources of reconstructing the history of our ancient glorious past. This book may certainly be used as corroborative evidence of the epigraphic, archaeological and literary sources of ancient Bengal. It will also help to the archeologists, historians, numismatists, epigraphists, scholars and general readers to learn the numismatic materials of ancient Bengal.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869370>

The Cultural Heritage of Bangladesh / Dr. Anwarul Karim

Dhaka: Karubak, KPC Ltd, 2023

642p.

9789849775065

\$ 50.00 / HB

900gm.

The book *The Cultural Heritage of Bangladesh* is a book on cultural anthropology of Bangladesh. The history of Bengali, Bengal and Bangladesh is presented with great care. Every chapter of the book has glimpsed the responsibility of truth and patriotism. It will carry the heritage of Bengali and Bangladesh within and outside the country.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869371>

Bangladesh Folk Life and Folklore For Ages / Dr. Anwarul Karim

Dhaka: Karubak, KPC Ltd, 2023

336p.

Includes Bibliography

9789849812616

\$ 30.00 / HB

534gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869372>

Art

Dhaka University in Artists' Creation

Dhaka: Dhaka University Alumni Association (DUAA), 2022

1v.

English & Bengali

\$ 35.00 / HB

806gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869373>

Traditional Jamdani Designs / (Ed) Faizul Latif Chowdhury (et al.); (Translators) Sk. Saifur Rahman & Mitia Saleh

Dhaka: National Crafts Council of Bangladesh (NCCB), 2018

246p.

English & Bengali

9789843441867

\$ 120.00 / HB

1768gm.

Jamdani is a magnificent piece of art, a unique cultural heritage of Bangladesh that is part of an ancient handloom. Rich in intricately patterned and artistically elaborate motifs, the Jamdani textile is a type of Muslin. UNESCO has inscribed Bangladesh' Jamdani in their representative list of intangible cultural heritage of humanity. Today, the challenge is to sustain this cottage industry. That is why the National Crafts Council of Bangladesh (NCCB) has supported this traditional craft and promoted the preservation of traditional Jamdani designs. In this volume, NCCB has worked for the recreation of long-lost motifs and designs and support to a traditional weaving technique. These designs have been collected through extensive research and have been preserved on woven samples by Jamdani weavers. Line drawings of these designs printed here along with articles on production and trade and

techniques of weaving provide a rich source of information. This volume is not only a collector's item but also a treasure for researchers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869374>

Mangsi : The Old-Days-Life of the Mros in Bangladesh / Moinul Alam

Chattogram: Purbaswar, 2023

232p.

9789849609582

\$ 100.00 / HB

1578gm.

That was a time of travel to capture the simple but vivid pictures of the Mros, the scenic beauty of the hilly area of the district Bandarban as well, with a second-hand film camera. This photo book contains the old-days-life of the Mros: their household work, family ties, the groups of the Mros on the way to the market, shopping, returning home by boat, rejoicing in the Ciasad Pai, and their social and religious customs, rituals, etc. The nature, atmosphere, subject matter, appearance, and colors of the time we left a few decades ago are not quite the same anymore. Before further changes in the current wind, we can see the gray-day pictures of the Mros at a glance.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869375>

Architecture

Architect Tanwir Nawaz – Selected Works: Exploring the World of Architecture and Design / Architect Tanwir Nawaz

Dhaka: TARA Publication, 2023

xxxiii, 243p.

9789843543080

\$ 120.00 / HB

1784gm.

This book is a short recollection of some of the selected works of Architect Tanwir Nawaz, from his early student days to about 2022. It reflects a variety of projects and experiences of the architect and his long journey through the World of Architecture and Design.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869376>

Homesteads of the Barind Landscape / Sajid Bin Doza

Dhaka: Pathak Shamabesh, 2023

100p.

Includes Select Bibliography

9789849817918

\$ 30.00 / PB

304gm.

Bengal's rural settlements face the peril of diminishing values and disappearing villages, erasing the intangible aspects of its populations. The northern parts of Bangladesh, particularly the Barind track, stand as a repository of rich mud house traditions, deeply embedded in the region's history. This book meticulously explores the inherent wealth of mud and thatch construction techniques found in the mud houses of northwestern Bengal. Focusing on the formulation, construction process, and sustainable phenomena of rural homesteads, the book serves as a valuable reference for future generations. It stands as a crucial documentation for scholars and researchers, aiming to preserve and shed light on the cultural legacy of rural mud houses that is currently under threat.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869377>

Biography/Memoirs

Professor Sirajul Islam: Tribute to an Icon / (Eds) Harun-or-Rashid & Ahmed A Jamal
Dhaka: Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, 2023

xiv, 228p.

9789843550538

\$ 40.00 / HB

760gm.

Brought out by the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, the present Volume is compiled in honour of Professor Sirajul Islam (b. 1939) to mark the celebration of his 85th birthday. He is the former Professor of History; University of Dhaka and the author of several outstanding books being published at home and abroad. He has become a household name among the academia and learned readerships by virtue of 14-volume magnum opus Banglapedia [National Encyclopedia of Bangladesh]. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to knowledge, he is honoured as a Fellow by the British Royal Asiatic Society, the British Academy and the Royal Historical Society.

After going into voluntary retirement from Dhaka University in 2000, he devoted himself to the task of turning the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh in to a vibrant and premier non-government learned body of the country. He is now widely recognized as the builder of the modern Asiatic Society.

Needless to say, such a person deserves acclaim and appreciation from all of us, which is why the Society brings out this Volume.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869378>

The Rising of the Fossilized Memory: A Memoir / Farida Huq

Dhaka: Adorn Publication, 2022

208p.

9789842006470

\$ 25.00 / HB

408gm.

Although writing was neither her passion nor her hobby, a born writer with latent talent Farida Huq depicts her earnest thinking and thoughtful revelations and ideas centering her

personal and social life in this memoir which easily touch the readers both internally and externally. The everlasting values that enrich our mind and soul are the main focus of these write-ups. Her interactions with the nearest and dearest ones took humanity to extra heights to attain which is the motto of all human beings. Undoubtedly the writer belongs to previous generation, still her earnest endeavor is to build up a bridge between old and new generations. Her creativity, art of expression and style of story telling is so captivating that it made her vision into a reality.

Our invitation to all is to have a taste of this amazing reality.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869379>

In The Corridors of Elysium : Of Legends, Legacies and Lost Treasures / Chowdhury Ishraq

Uz Zaman

Dhaka: Academic Press and Publishers Library, 2022

xii, 428p.

9789848045862

\$ 30.00 / PB

532gm.

This book is all about the author's journey to and from his school.

The author explains that such a journey is, in fact, much more than just a physical one. It is a journey of lessons, learning and growth which germinates at home, gets refined along the way, and blossoms at school.

Through his own example, the author illustrates how members of a family are instrumental in modulating and refining an individual's overall academic journey and experience. He also indicates how teachers and friends at school seem to seamlessly take on the roles and responsibilities of parents and siblings at home.

Besides, the author recollects the sights, sounds and situations he encountered on way to school and back while travelling across the city in a rickety and overcrowded public transport. He also provides a vivid description of edifices from almost half a century ago, including those at his school and the house he grew up in most of which do not exist anymore.

At the same time the author recounts his school activities, both curricular and extra-curricular, including playful misdemeanors. He explores the depths and values of childhood friendships and pays a fitting tribute to his teachers for their relentless and selfless efforts in building worthy future generations.

And just as importantly, the author has successfully enriched the narrative with refreshing humor and amusing anecdotes.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869380>

Adventures Of A UN Official : Challenges and Rewards Of Duty Travel / Iftikhar Ahmed

Dhaka: Pathak Shamabesh, 2023

xxx, 246p.

9789849761662

\$ 35.00 / HB

604gm.

Enjoy the thrills and excitement of enchanting irreplicable travel experiences from all corners of the World.

This fairy-tale book is totally different from the traditional travel guides, dealing uniquely with UN Duty Travel focusing on unplanned, accidental, surprise, often thrilling, huge number of episodes which can rarely be replicated by any fun-seeking adventure-loving traveler.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869381>

Travels of My Life / Sajjad Hussain

Dhaka: Academic Press and Publishers Library, 2023

xii, 284p.

9789849579038

\$ 25.00 / HB

484gm.

The book Travels of My Life is the sum total of the travel stories by the author in and out of the country until the summer of 2023. Interestingly it starts with the story of his birth and childhood travels with his family. He describes the travels of his youth with his father and as a young man with his friends in interesting details. As a young student in Dhaka University, he has travelled to the then almost inaccessible areas of the Chittagong Hill Tracts as a member of a hiking team. During his government service years, the author had limited opportunities of visiting foreign countries but he travelled to every nook and corner of the country and also had the opportunity of visiting few foreign countries. He recalls some of them in great details.

After his retirement his interest in travelling was further whetted. He travelled to some very interesting places like the Andaman, Cuba and Uzbekistan. These are not in the list of usual travel destinations of the average traveller. The book covers travels all across Europe, Asia and parts of America in 30 chapters. They are all full of interesting details. The author looks at the places he visited from various different aspects like a bit of history, something about the economy, the people etc. These facts make the reading interesting. The author hopes that the readers will enjoy the book. Welcome to the world of travels by Sajjad Hussain.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869382>

My Life's Journey: Anecdotes from Six Continents / Shaukat Hassan

Dhaka: Academic Press and Publishers Library, 2023

xxvi, 464p.

9789848045961

\$ 30.00 / PB

590gm.

This book is a personal story, a collection of snippets and anecdotes from Shaukat Hassan's fifty plus years of eventful journey through life. The author shares many delightful incidences, the scary moments that spelt danger, and his occasional brush with death. His development work spanned six continents over a period of forty years, often placing him in the midst of crisis situations that frequently led him to question his faith in man's capacity

to govern justly. He was numbed by the death and destruction he witnessed firsthand during the Tamil-Singhalese conflict. He found himself sympathizing and working with the citizens and activists of Ukraine's Euromaidan revolution. And he spent five years in fear of whether he would be among the next victims of Taliban bombing in Afghanistan as he worked with the Hamid Karzai and Ashraf Ghani governments to improve the governance of that country.

The book narrates the author's work and experiences under challenging circumstances and often in hazardous environments whether in Sri Lanka or Ukraine or Palestine or Afghanistan with simplicity and elegance. This book provides valuable lessons learned from interactions with different governments, militaries, academics, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, media and citizens' groups across the world. It is also a study of trying to balance conflicting interests of donor agencies and the communities they professed to serve. It reveals many real life challenges associated with vast differences in cultural perceptions and practices, and with differing definitions of concepts such as ethics, morality, honesty and truth. The author acknowledges the countless men and women from all walks of life who enriched his life in small and large measures.

The book is also a story of visits to many historical, cultural, and religious sites, and of learning about man's in on earth's history at large, and of his contribution to humanity in particular. The book represents a professional personal odyssey across the world that will delight the reader.

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Close to My Heart : A Daughter's Tribute to Her Father / Piary Akhter; (Translator) Dr. Khurshid Akhter Hossain

Dhaka: Shahitya Prakash, 2020

186p.

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678gm.

Close to My Heart - A Daughter's Tribute to her Father by Dr. Khurshid Akhter Hossain is the English translation of Janak Swarney Attoja by Prof. Piary Akhter. Both the authors are daughters of the late Mr. Golam Mobarak whose life journey has been soulfully described here.

This book is a tribute to a great man who left a lasting impression on the lives of his children and grandchildren. The life story of Mr. Golam Mobarak can be easily relatable to many middle-class, educated families as they faced the trials and tribulations of a challenging environment during the partition of the Indian sub-continent in 1947. He demonstrated tremendous vision and courage to navigate through a difficult time and establish himself as a pioneer in a newly-formed nation, thus, making a pathway for his next generation.

The book traces the entire journey of Mr. Golam Mobarak from his humble beginnings in Midnapore, West Bengal, to the Presidency College in Calcutta, and all the way to Dhaka, Bangladesh where he rose to the position of a Labor Commissioner, and later became a trail

blazer as a law practitioner. The book is a memoir by his daughter and serves as both a personal and social history of life during the pre and post partition of the Indian sub-continent.

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A Freedom Fighter of Liberation War 1971 / Col Mohammed Abdus Salam

Dhaka: Palol Publishers, 2021

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240gm.

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Journey of Life / Col Mohammed Abdus Salam

Dhaka: Palol Publishers, 2021

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486gm.

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Life Indomitable in the Cage of Hyenas / Montu Khan; (Translator) Sagar Chaudhary

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2024

xvi, 176p.

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374gm.

In Life Indomitable in the Cage of Hyenas, Montu Khan recounts the brutal ordeal he had to endure at the hands of the Pakistani military during the Liberation War of 1971. A dedicated political activist since his school days, Montu Khan was arrested by the Pakistani Military in May 1971. This narrative tells us about the unbelievable horror he faced in the military camps. Montu Khan's poignant account reveals the unexpected glimmers of kindness amidst the darkness, as fellow prisoners and even some Pakistani sentries offered compassion during those trying times of barbarous inhumanity. Life Indomitable in the Cage of Hyenas is not only a personal memoir, but rather it delves into the core of humanity, exploring the extremes of cruelty and kindness. It is also a heart-rending account of the horrifying war-crimes that pay tribute to the indomitable spirit of the prisoners and freedom-fighters against the unbearable brutality of the Pakistani Military during the Liberation War of Bangladesh.

With history, politics, and patriotism as its backdrop, this book paints a vivid picture of how individual lives are shattered by national and international upheavals.

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My Life in Tea / Anwarul Azim

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2023

236p.
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488gm.

My Life in Tea tells the story of Anwarul Azim's years in tea gardens. Interwoven into this beautiful narration is a nostalgic look at old Dhaka from the mid to late 1900s and the war of '71. Readers will find intriguing the contrasting culture and jargon of the tea-gardens and will learn to appreciate their daily cups of tea with new insight into the effort that goes into providing the perfect hot beverage. Through masterful and often humorous descriptions, the book brings the sepia-tinted Dacca of the 1950s to life and narrates anecdotes about the University of Dhaka, the psycho-social aspects of middle-class families, the effect of the liberation war on the tea-gardens, and the differences between the city-life and the life in the tea-gardens. Through the pages, readers not only get a sense of the beauty of the tea gardens, but also achieve an understanding of the hierarchy that existed, the influence of British culture, and of course, of the people employed there. Most importantly, through this book, the readers will come to recognize and befriend a person who has led a life that has been eventful and adventurous.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869388>

The Spirit of 1971: A Memoir of Dr. Mohammed Fazle Rabbee and Dr. Jahan Ara Rabbee :
As Told by Their Daughter / Dr. Nusrat Rabbee
Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani, 2023

304p.
9789849750345
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396gm.

In the 1960s, East Pakistan was a thriving, growing culture, aspiring to greatness, with Nusrat Rabbee's parents, Dr. Mohammed Fazle Rabbee and Dr. Jahan Ara Rabbee, leading the way. Each at the top of their medical careers, the Rabbees were pillars of the society and trusted advisors to neighbors, family, and friends. Then, in December of 1970, an election turned sour brought continued Martial Law to the land and a situation that crippled the progressive East Pakistani people from thriving in every way, especially economically. Over the course of nine terrifying months, East Pakistan fell under attack from the Pakistani army, who attempted to take away their cultural, moral, and professional leadership all at once. It would take unimaginable destruction and countless deaths, including that of Dr. Nusrat Rabbee's beloved father, for the East Pakistani people to once regain their footing. After the fallout, and for the next several decades, Bangladesh has grown to become a mecca of growth and progress, though Dr. Rabbee reminds readers to not forget the sacrifices and strides made by the relentless champions of the first few decades, the martyrs for the cause of a free Bangladesh, and those few dedicated and educated leaders in every sector, who built the infrastructure and backbone from scratch. In this captivating account of 1971 and beyond, Dr. Rabbee provides readers with a firsthand account of the events that shaped her childhood and which sparked the birth of a nation. Through the lens of a poignant family story, she provides a deeply personal inside

look at the violence, unrest, and aftermath of the war. Part memoir, part love story, and part historical text, *The Spirit of 1971* gives deep insight and understanding into the history, ancestry, and heritage of country of Bangladesh, and is a must-read for anyone interested in the politics of the region during this tumultuous time.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869389>

21 Siddheshwari Lane: Memories from 1954 to 1969 : A Memoir / Nilufer Ahmed

Dhaka: Adorn Publication, 2024

96p.

Includes Index

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226gm.

21 Siddheshwari Lane is about the hundred-year-old house where the author has grown up from childhood. The house was bought by her father from a Hindu zamindar, Purno Babu who used this house as his Bagan Bari, a four bigha land. After renovating this house and adding another floor, her father named it 'Huq Villa'. The second floor was added to accommodate his growing family. Just adjacent to this house there was the Siddheshwari Kali mandir which was about 200 years old. Hindus from Dhaka, outside Dhaka and all over the country used to come to celebrate the Poush Mela in this temple every year. The story of 21 Siddheshwari Lane revolves around the author's family, their growing up years amidst tears and laughter. Huq Villa is the witness to the way the children brought with love, discipline and guidance by the parents. These were the guiding principles of the society and each family used to follow the principles of the way of life in those days.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869390>

A Fairy Tale : Autobiographical Stories / Dr. Abdullah Shibli

Dhaka: Jonantik, 2022

126p.

9789849603825

\$ 15.00 / HB

268gm.

"A Fairy Tale" is a collection of personal essays some of which were previously published in *The Daily Star's Literature Review*. These fifteen autobiographical stories are written from a very intimate perspective, and the inspiration came from the lives of the author's parents and family, and span more than forty years. Some of the essays were published in the column "Letters From Boston" that he wrote during 2008-2014.

The first essay, "Buring Down the House" recounts an experience of a fiery incidence in Karachi. "1963" is a time capsule resurrected after a meeting with a stranger in Boston. In the longer essay, "The 1975-76" Bangladesh TV Quiz Championship", Dr. Shibli recounts in great details how the Mohsin Hall quiz team won the first television quiz competition in Bangladesh.

These narratives are written in very casual English and, since most of the readers are Bengali-speaking, the metaphors, style, and the narrative address the expectations of the readers who typically read the Star Literary Review.

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A Highway Engineer's Untold Story: Memoir / Shaikh Fazlur Rahman

Dhaka: Adorn Publication, 2021

160p.

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342gm.

Shaikh Fazlur Rahman had never thought of writing a book but destiny chose this path for him. With the varied development of professional and personal life and the vagaries of fortune over a span of half a century, he felt he had to take up pen and paper to share his dreams, efforts, successes and failures which were all intermingled in his heart. He counts himself fortunate to have experienced great moments of history - the last days of the British rule in India, then post-independent Pakistan and most importantly the great liberation war and the emergence of Bangladesh. He is a keen observer of the ups and downs of our country, the sufferings of people, the erosion of moral values in general and some drastic changes in the social system. He came in contact with great personalities who earned his respect and admiration as well as with some well-known individuals who had flaws. In this book he depicts a kaleidoscope of life-a life full of struggles and challenges, successes and happiness, sorrows and miseries. We hope the readers will find pleasure going through the book.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869392>

My Days with the United Nations World Food Programme / Abdur Rahman Chowdhury

Dhaka: Academic Press and Publishers Library, 2024

xiv, 188p.

9789849725015

\$ 20.00 / HB

384gm.

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My Early Years: Life in East Pakistan / Ramendu Majumdar; (Translator) Anshuman

Bhowmick

Dhaka: Kathaprokash, 2022

150p.

9789849641810

\$ 15.00 / HB

318gm.

Ramendu Majumdar is a leading cultural personality of Bangladeshi and the face of Bangladesh theatre in the global platforms. Born in colonial India, his life is a living

chronicle of a nation that has earned the world's awe. Ramendu has been a close witness to many crucial incidents that shaped the sub-continental history. This frank memoir will take the readers inside the mind of a man who has always lived by example.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869394>

Ecology/Environmental Studies

Climate Change Issues and Perspectives of South Asia / (Eds) S. Dara Shamsuddin, M. Shamsul Alam & Rezaul Roni

Dhaka: Shahitya Prakash, 2020

xxxiv, 358p.

Includes Index

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1234gm.

This book is designed for teachers, researchers, environmental professionals, tertiary level students and informed general readers. of South Asia looking for a supplementary reading on what is happening to the Climate of this Monsoon region. Coming as a sequel to the earlier two books published in 2011 and 2015 respectively on Climate Change and Climate Variability Issues, both in Bangladesh context, this book looks at the climate change issues at South Asian scale. South Asia enjoys the same Monsoon climate, and climate change would affect us all, without respect to national political boundaries. With 19 articles collected from Bangladesh, India and Pakistan and arranged in four sections, addressing three issues. First, the knowledge issue, dealt with in section one. How familiar are we with the science of climate change? What are the developments in the UN Climate Change Conferences? Did IPCC work with scientific objectivity and transparency in dealing with the aspects of climate science? Second is the impact issue based on field evidence related to projected climate change impacts. Impact issues are covered in sections two and three. The third is the policy issues, placed in the last section. We looked at national policies and planning related to climate-change-adaptation and mainstreaming with the national development programs. How did the South Asian nations' policy responses evolved through various protocols and agreements signed over the last decades regarding the Green House Gas emission, Climate Change adaptation and mitigation? The political ecology of the climate issues linked with the intertwined problems of poverty, sustainable development, environment and vulnerability challenge all the South Asian nations. While most of the development problems are definable and measurable making them amenable to planned solution, how far the climate change problems are amenable to planned solution without affecting the scheduled development requirements?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869401>

Water Development in Bangladesh: Past, Present and Future / S. Nazrul Islam

Dhaka: Easter Academic, 2022

xlvi, 776p.

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\$ 75.00 / HB
1338gm.

This book offers a comprehensive analysis of the water sector of Bangladesh and has four main parts. It begins with the conceptual framework necessary for discussing water policies. It then uses this framework to offer a comprehensive review of the water development projects that were implemented in the past. Next, the book examines the merit of water projects that are either currently under implementation or planned to be implemented. Finally, the book offers directions in which water development should proceed in the future. About seventy years ago, a water development strategy, called the Cordon approach, was imposed on Bangladesh, primarily by external" agencies. This strategy focused on cordoning off flood and tidal plains from river channels. However, this approach did not serve Bangladesh well. This book shows that deltaic Bangladesh, characterized by high and extreme seasonality of rainfall and sediment flow, requires the Open approach so that rivers can overflow on flood and tidal plains, recharge their ecology, and raise their elevation through sedimentation. The switch from the Cordon to Open approach however faces challenges arising from both knowledge gap and material interests. This book strives to meet the knowledge gap. generate public discussion, and thereby help to overcome the obstacles related to material interests as well A radical change in the direction of water development in Bangladesh has long been overdue. This book can play an important role in bringing about that change.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869402>

Economics

Valiant Entrepreneur: Role of Rural Development Academy, Bogura / Khalil Ahmed (et al.)
Bogura: Rural Development Academy, 2023

248p.

English & Bengali

9845564224

\$ 25.00 / PB

580gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869403>

From Food Deficit to Surplus: A Development Trajectory of Bangladesh Agriculture / Dr. S
M Bokhtiar & Dr. Syed Samsuzzaman

Dhaka: Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), 2023

xxiv, 240p.

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782gm.

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Fostering the Voices of Women: A Scorecard Approach to Measure the Impact of ASA's Microfinance Program on Women's Empowerment in Combating Poverty / Md. Ariful Haque Choudhury (et al.)

Dhaka: ASA Bangladesh, 2022

196p.

\$ 35.00 / PB

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Shrimp : Profit for Whom? / Gouranga Nandy

Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani, 2023

160p.

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160gm.

Shrimp farming started on a commercial basis in the eighties of the last century in the south-western part of Bangladesh. Under the patronage of the government, a class of urban rich people came forward in shrimp farming. It was very profitable. For this reason, there is a lot of coercion here in the initial phase. In most of the cases, shrimp farming started by cutting the embankment forcefully without any consent of the land owners', without lease-deed and paying the any compensation (rent). It creates unrest in this area, people are victims of disappearances and murders, their habitats are destroyed; many were killed while opposing forced shrimp farming. A significant portion of the people in the area are now accustomed to a life centered around shrimp farming. Now the income from shrimp is low, but the locals are forced to cultivate it as there is no other option.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869406>

The Other Face of Globalisation : COVID-19, International Labour Migrants and Left-Behind Families in Bangladesh / (Ed) Tasneem Siddiqui

Dhaka: Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU), 2021

xxiv, 200p.

Includes Index

9789843499776

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400gm.

There is no doubt on anyone's mind that integration of global labour market created scope for marginal people of the global South to benefit from globalisation. At the same time, it is also well recognised that globalisation has its other face as well. The very nature of current form of globalisation exposes international labour migrants to various types of decent work deficit. It is also well established that when the global economy is in crisis, the migrant workers bear the brunt disproportionately more compared to the nationals. Outbreak of COVID-19 is no exception.

This book examines the vulnerabilities of low skilled Bangladeshi migrants in different destination countries after the outbreak of COVID-19. It takes the readers through experiences of termination of jobs, non-payment of wages, involuntary return of some migrants during the pandemic and securitisation and arrest of others in their own homeland. The book also brings forward the harsh reality of drastic cuts in food intake, day-to-day expenditure, increasing dependence on borrowing of left-behind distressed migrant households due to disruption in flow of remittances. It is based on a survey of 100 involuntarily-returned migrants and 100 members of migrant households whose family members are still working abroad, 25 in depth interviews of returnees and detailed case studies of 30 left-behind women members of migrant households who endured violence during COVID-19. The research was conducted by 9 member organisations of Bangladesh Civil Society for Migrants (BCSM) led by RMMRU.

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Talks on Trade and Development / Motaher Hussain

Dhaka: Ahmed Publishing House, 2022

192p.

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356gm.

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Trials and Tribulations: Politics, Economy and Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh / Ali Riaz

Dhaka: Prothoma Prokashan, 2023

x, 142p.

Includes Index

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290gm.

In the past years, the politics, economy and foreign relations of Bangladesh have remained in a state of flux while the country continued to slide towards absolutism. The COVID-19 pandemic, mode of governance and emerging geo-politics of the region impacted the economic and political landscapes of the country as well as the government's external alignments. The essays of this book chronicle these developments, offer thought-provoking analyses, and explore what these developments portend. Trials and Tribulations will help readers understand the challenges the country is confronting, and the roles various actors played in shaping the present state of affairs. Written for a wider audience, these essays unpack the complex dynamics of the economy and politics, and the interplay of domestic politics and foreign affairs with clarity and depth. Academics, policymakers, students and observers of Bangladesh will gain a different perspective by reading this book.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869409>

Connectivity in South Asia: Comparative Economic Development / Lieutenant General

Molla Fazle Akbar0 (Retd.)

Dhaka: Ahmed Publishing House, 2023

312p.
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\$ 30.00 / HB
472gm.

The South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) was founded decades ago, although the regional integration in South Asia is still far from being a top goal for South Asian countries. The alteration of the global economic system and current events in South Asia necessitate revisiting the case of South Asian integration. This book investigates the political and economic influences that have been obstacles to the region's economic integration. It examines regional connectivity structures in other regions of the world to determine the most important lessons for South Asia. Moreover, the use of legal instruments, commerce, and investment sectors geared toward regional integration of South Asia are also examined throughout the highlights the need for a fresh look at the. Additionally, this book focuses on the necessity of revitalizing SAARC book. It in order for it to effectively steer a multilateral process of region connectivity in South Asia. relevance of integration in the region.

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SDGs in South Asia : A Comparative Study of Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka / Salahuddin M Aminuzzaman

Dhaka: Prothoma Prokashan, 2023

336p.
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This book attempts to assess the progress of achievements, implementation concerns, and challenges of SDGs in the context of South Asian countries with particular reference to Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aim at substantively changing the content, system, and process of inclusive development and distributive justice. The broad conceptual base of SDG is to create a safe common future for all. Considering the context, this book attempts to overview the implementation processes and concerns of the SDGs in three select South Asian countries, namely Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. The book starts with a narrative of the evolution of four different UN Development Decades, followed by the MDG and SAARC development. Later, the writer has respectively presented and analyzed the building blocks of SDGs, qualitative concerns and an institutional review of SDG implementation arrangements of the case countries.

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The Progression: Urban and Regional Development Planning Perspectives / Md, Shaukot Ali Khan

Dhaka: Shahitya Prakash, 2022

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Bangladesh Public Financial Management : The Systems Regulation and Procedures / Firoz Ahmed

Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani, 2023

xviii, 390p.

9789849750390

\$ 35.00 / PB

758gm.

This is a comprehensive book on Bangladesh Public Financial Management (PFM). Although PFM is an important topic in the current development discourse, it is surprising that no authentic book on Bangladesh PFM is yet available in this country. In this background, this book has been conceived and produced. It is expected that this book will fill a long felt void that existed up till now in this area. This book covers broad PFM topics to present a complete PFM book for use by the members of the Public Service and students of public administration.

The book contains eighteen (18) chapters on wide-ranging PFM topics: PFM Definitions and Concepts, Legal and Regulatory Framework, Financial Regulations, Bangladesh Revenue Management, Budget Concepts and Structure, Budget Classification, Budget Formulation, Budget Authentication and Parliamentary Procedures, Budget Execution, Development Project Management, Government Accounting, Government Auditing, Public Procurement, Public-Private Partnership (PPP), PFM Reforms and Glossary of Definitions. Public sector officials and members of the development partners may find this book immensely useful for their guidance and ready reference to the detailed PFM systems and procedures. This book will also meet the long-felt academic requirements of the university students of Department of Public Administration and other social science disciplines. The public sector training academies may also find this as a useful guide book for conducting PFM training courses.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869413>

Taxing the Digital Economy in Bangladesh : An Exploration of the Frontiers and Charting a Possible Road Map / Mustafizur Rahman & Amenda Philomina Purification

Dhaka: Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), 2023

xvi, 100p.

9789849809661

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230gm.

In recent years, there has been an exponential growth of the digital economy in Bangladesh, both in terms of the diversity of the services offered and types of activities as also the number of players who are actively participating in the digital economy landscape. The recent past pandemic has triggered many digital-platform-based entrepreneurial

initiatives in Bangladesh, including E-commerce, F-commerce, startups, home-based freelancing activities, and business process outsourcing (BPO) activities, to name a few. In this backdrop, issues of taxing the Bangladesh digital economy have emerged as an important area of policy interest for several reasons: search for additional opportunities in view of low domestic resource mobilisation (DRM) in Bangladesh, digital economy as a potential source of taxation; the need to revisit the incentive structure for the digital economy; and the need to introduce new policies to stimulate this sector.

This paper has attempted to address four issues in connection with the above: (a) Map the digital landscape of Bangladesh; (b) Capture the current state of the country's digital economy taxation; (c) Draw lessons from cross-country experiences and best practices in the area of digital economy taxation; and (d) Come up with a set of actions and policy initiatives to expand the opportunities of taxing the digital economy in Bangladesh, taking into cognisance the involved trade-offs and new opportunities.

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Blue Economy: Diplomacy for Bangladesh / Md. Shariful Islam

Dhaka: A H Development Publishing House, 2023

320p.

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9789849267287

1. Economic Conditions – Blue Economy – Bangladesh.

\$ 35.00 / HB

542gm.

This intellectually stimulating book investigates the role of Blue Economy Diplomacy (BED) for the pursuit of Bangladesh's Blue Economy (BE) objectives in marine fisheries and maritime trade sectors. It argues that the future of Bangladesh largely depends on the sustainable use of its marine resources. However, Bangladesh has economic, manpower and technological limitations to exploit its BE potential under marine fisheries and maritime trade sectors. In addition, Bangladesh cannot address challenges to marine fisheries and maritime trade sector on its own. This book finds that Bangladesh requires economic, security and technological cooperation from other states and non-state actors for the sustainable utilization of BE under marine fisheries and maritime trade sector. In this scenario, BED is essential for Bangladesh to forge cooperation and collaboration in order to explore and exploit the untapped potentials under marine fisheries and maritime trade sector. The book finds that there is possibility of inter and intra-state conflicts among fishers. Thus, BED would be useful in mitigating and resolving conflicts, arising out from increasing scarcity of marine resources, i.e. fisheries. The book argues that regional cooperation is the key in order to explore and harness Bangladesh's BE potential. In this case, the regional mechanism i.e. BIMSTEC would be imperative in realizing BE objectives. The book also recommends for the establishment of a BIMSTEC Maritime University to expand maritime education and research in the Bay of Bengal region which is essential to explore and harness the BE potentials.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869415>

Economic Crosscurrents: A Collection of Short Essays Published in The Daily Star / Dr. Abdullah Shibli
Dhaka: Jonantik, 2021
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344gm.

"Economic Crosscurrents" is a collection of short essays published in Op-Ed section of The Daily Star newspaper during 2018-2021. The Daily Star is Bangladesh's largest circulating English-language newspaper, and the author has offered its readers an analytical insight into the national and international events. The articles are organized in three groups: International Economics, Economic Policy, and Challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The essays cover a range of topic including Brexit negotiations, international trade issues, monetary policy, inflation, and environmental policy. Dr. Shibli is a strong advocate for income equality, social issues, labor rights, and analytical rigor in policy discussions. In "Is Poverty a Dirt Word", he offers a critique of conventional wisdom; in "Should vaccines be considered public goods?" he argues for policy options to fight the pandemic. In a series of articles on the economic recovery from the pandemic, he identifies some critical issues in public policy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869416>

Transformation of Credit Unions in Bangladesh to a New Paradigm / Dr. Fr. Liton Hubert Gomes
Dhaka: Bhashaprokash, 2024
192p.
9789849452201
\$ 25.00 / HB
352gm.

"Transformation of Credit Unions in Bangladesh to a New Paradigm" is a research-based book. This research explores the changing perceptions and understanding of credit unions and analyzes the influence of a new paradigm called, New Credit Union Development Model (NCUDM) on fundamental financial, organizational and operational transformation. The research introduces the concept of the NCUDM which came about through The World Council of Credit Unions, Inc. (WOCCU) in Latin America and accepted most business approaches in the second implementation of the NCUDM in British credit unions.

The NCUDM is founded on seven core doctrines of success: (1) serving financial needs of large population; (2) ensuring maximized savings; (3) diversifying portfolios; (4) efficient operation; (5) financial discipline; (6) self-governance; and, (7) assimilation. These doctrines of success are contrasted to the operation of the traditional concept of credit unions.

The present research contributes nine important attributes of the NCUDM on business management issues grouped into three clusters: (1) Business Culture: Ideology; (2) Operational Management: organization, human resources, operating environment, marketing; (3) Financial Management: member savings, member loans, financial discipline

and financial structure. The research also contributes twelve components: member-relations, community building, core values, change awareness, leadership structure, leadership behavior, democratic practice, cooperative values, training/formation, financial assistance, member satisfaction and directors' competency in terms of business environment performance issues.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869417>

Achieving Sustainable Development Goals In A Post-Pandemic World / Dr. Ranjan Roy
Dhaka: A H Development Publishing House, 2023

144p.

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1. Economic Conditions – Bangladesh.
2. Economic Development – Bangladesh.

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334gm.

The SDGs are considered a roadmap for achieving sustainable development by 2030. However, for the second year in a row, the world is no longer making progress on the SDGs. Bangladesh has been encountering challenges in implementing the SDGs. The major challenges specifically remain with SDG 3, 6, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 17. The COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine have made the SDG targets tougher for this country. Multiple crises have invoked that the government must be introspective and reprioritise the investment portfolios for the SDGs. Pertaining to these concerns, the book draws major policy efforts and commitments regarding the SDGs, beyond its financing mechanisms. To realize SDGs, the Prime Minister's deep commitment is praiseworthy; however, radical changes in leading, visioning and acting at the different governance levels are crucial. Topical cross-cutting issues, such as halting biodiversity loss and harnessing climate-smart technologies, are elaborately presented. The bottom line is that rethinking economic growth, rethinking development, and rethinking governance is pivotal to achieving the SDGs in these difficult times.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869418>

Planning Monitoring and Evaluation in Bangladesh: Theory and Practice / Nasim Banu
Dhaka: Adorn Publication, 2020

320p.

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458gm.

Bangladesh is such a country that needs massive development works to be undertaken. Certainly it is a country of immense possibility and probability and also of unthinkable potentiality. As economic supremacy is a vital factor for the progress and stability of a country different plans for development works are to be taken in private and public sectors. To make any plan effective and to achieve the desired target it needs proper monitoring and evaluation by the authority. Dr. Nasim Banu, a veteran researcher,

educationist and teacher, in the present book, has diligently delineated the importance of planning, monitoring and evaluation in Bangladesh. To our mind, authoritative policy-makers, educationists, students and general readers may derive much benefits from her presentation and analysis of the subject from different angles.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869419>

The Economic Life Of A Bengal District / J.C. Jack, ICS (Ed) Khurshid Solaiman Polly
Dhaka: Nyanjuli, 2022

176p.

9789849525059

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328gm.

This is not like conventional introduction of writers of eminence including, William Shakespeare, Leo Tolstoy, Homer, Tagore or others. It is not for literary importance but historical significance, I am happy to remember a great researcher for his outstanding contribution for a district of Bangladesh. He is James Charles Jack, popularly known as J. C Jack, ICS. He was Settlement Officer, for the district of Greater Faridpur; also District Magistrate, Bakarganj (present Barishal) during British period. He outshines many of his colleagues in the ICS for his book 'The Economic Life Of A Bengal District', even after a century the radiance of the book has not eroded. Albert Einstein rightly said that there are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. JC Jack's contribution was a miracle; it was neither a routine work nor an ordinary presentation. It was really an extraordinary research work.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869420>

Macroeconomic Policy and Institutions for Growth in Bangladesh / Birupaksha Paul
Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2023

xvi, 240p.

Includes Index

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460gm.

Bangladesh's respectable growth performance has made the country an intriguing story of development. The country could have achieved even higher growth had it adopted state-of-the-art macro policy by building stronger institutions. Policy favouritism to the super-rich has kept on producing gradual erosion in fiscal capacity, ever-increasing default loans, incessant money laundering, and debility in the capital market. Growing income inequality, rising unemployment, and environmental degradation pose formidable threats to Bangladesh's goal of becoming a developed nation by the early 2050s. Macro policy must be constructed with adequate knowledge. Expertise, rather than sheer obedience with mediocrity, should determine institutional leaderships. A quality marriage between modern macro policy and accountable institutions must be ascertained to make the nation's growth well-sustained, development inclusive.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869421>

Toward Development of Bangladesh / Amir Mohammad Sayem

Dhaka: A H Development Publishing House, 2021

154p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical References

9789849364696

1. Politics & Government – Bangladesh.
2. Development & Governance – Bangladesh.

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314gm.

Amir M. Sayem's book, *Toward Development of Bangladesh: Challenges and Pathways*, offers a reasonable and constructive outlook on the overall development of Bangladesh. Written in a reader-friendly style, this text briefly but critically analyses diverse issues and challenges, such as socio-economic and environmental, institutional and good governance, public policies and plans related, political and civil rights-based, and some others and excellently provides visionary as well as pragmatic pathways for making real changes in the extent situations. This is a fine book for policymakers, political leaders, academic circles, government officials, students, and others working and interested in the development of Bangladesh for understanding varied issues and challenges that require continued efforts and effective pathways for addressing these.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869422>

A Review of Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 / S. Nazrul Islam

Dhaka: Eastern Academic, 2022

xxii, 158p.

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352gm.

The Government of Bangladesh approved in 2017 the Bangladesh Delta Plan 2010, prepared with the financial and technical assistance of the Netherlands. This book offers an analysis of this plan, highlighting its strengths and weaknesses. It appreciates the plan's long-term perspective and the compilation of knowledge, offered in the form of twenty-six baseline studies that are helpful for further research. The book also notes the recognition by the Plan of the possibility of alternative philosophies regarding water development. At the same time, the review notes the Plan's lack of appropriate formulation of its tasks; biased appraisal of Bangladesh's past water development experience; ineffective treatment of the transboundary issues; partial attention to the Netherlands' delta management experience; and the reluctance to follow consistently the water development philosophy that is more appropriate for Bangladesh.

As a result of these weaknesses, the Plan could not give birth to its own plan of action and instead relied on pre-existing project proposals of the implementing agencies to put together its project portfolio. Instead of ushering in a new stage, the Plan thus left the water

development trajectory of the country, by and large, the same as before. The book urges a reexamination and revision of the Delta Plan.

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Education

Advancement of Publishing as a Science and Technology in the Developing Countries : A Study of Scholarly Publishing With Special Reference to Bangladesh, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia / Manzarul Islam

Dhaka: The Scholar & Academic Press & Publishers Library, 2023

xiv, 198p.

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378gm.

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Imagining Post-Covid Education Futures / (Ed) Imtiaz Ahmed

Dhaka: Centre for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka. 2023

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Chronicle of A Glorious Seafaring Nation : A Compendium of Maritime and Riverine Bangladesh / Kamran Reza Chowdhury

Dhaka: Department of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping, 2020

300p ; Maps

Includes Bibliography

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Fifty Years' (1972-2022) Literature and Legacy : Supreme Court of Bangladesh / Supreme Court of Bangladesh

Dhaka: Supreme Court of Bangladesh, 2022

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Birth of Bangladesh : The Politics of History and the History of Politics / Nurul Kabir
Dhaka: Samhati Publications, 2022

1230p

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1484gm.

"If it is logical that the sections of a people rendering greater sacrifices for liberating a country will have higher claims on the independent country and its material resources, the poorer classes of the people, particularly the peasantry and the urban poor, have the highest claims on the resources of Bangladesh. The reason is by all evidences, youths coming from the country's peasantry and its urban poor constituted the largest part of the Mukti Bahini-the body of the freedom fighters that successfully fought the country's liberation war. [...] Bangladesh awaits the completion of the genesis of its struggle for independence by dismantling the autocratic state erected by the anti-poor rich, and creating on its debris an egalitarian 'people's republic' for actualisation of 'equality, social justice and human dignity' for all its citizens, not only those of its poorer classes, and, thus, settling gloriously the of its history. [...] The dream of a politically democratic state with an egalitarian socio-economic order that motivated thousands of youths to take up arms, and inspired millions of people to endure the ordeal of a war, to liberate the country does not appear to be dead. The dream, a little subdued in the face of autocratic political and economic governance by the rich ruling classes of the country, often flashes across society in times of crisis, clearly indicating that a resurgence of the submerged consciousness of the revolutionary past is possible."

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869428>

The Rohingyas : A Long History of Genocide / Md Solaiman

Dhaka: Karubak, KPC Ltd, 2023

164p.

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'THE ROHINGYAS: A LONG HISTORY OF GENOCIDE' is composed of the author's actual research. This book focuses on the Rohingya refugee crisis, international law, genocide, Rohingya rights, and Bangladesh's security. The author also highlights the Burmese Army's criminal responsibility, political leaders' silence on the issue, and the shortcomings of the International Criminal Court. The author outlined a theoretical framework using logic and analysis. The book's layout and fictional appearance are appropriate for a research publication. The author has successfully advocated for South Asian countries' legal reformation and urged them to make a concerted effort to address the Rohingya problem

by referencing the EU and South American nations' successful refugee crisis management in terms of legislation.

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1971 : The Siliguri Conference : Government in Exile Meets the Elected Peoples Representative : An Untold Story of the Liberation War / (Ed) Matiur Rahman
Dhaka: Prothoma Prokashan, 2022
120p.
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The Siliguri Conference held in July 1971 is an entirely undiscussed chapter. This book, for the first time, publishes this unexcavated document. A priceless expansion to the study of the history of the Liberation War of Bangladesh.

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50 Years of Bangladesh for Children / (Ed) Syed Manzoorul Islam (et al.) ;(Translator) Sajib Sarker
Dhaka: Prothoma Prokashan, 2022
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The Study of Local History in Bangladesh / Dr. Mohammad Mohibullah Siddiquee
Dhaka: Ahmed Publishing House, 2021
200p.
Includes Bibliography
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352gm.

We may briefly define local history by claiming it to be that which describes the history of a particular place, its geographical aspects, various statistics connected with it, trade and business thereof, administration, revenue system, social customs and practices, cultural rites and ceremonies and the socio-economic conditions as well as the political antecedents of the masses of that place. This chapter is mainly devoted to an adequate understanding of the pivotal importance, problems and possibilities of local history in the context of Bangladesh. It also attempts as briefly as possible to trace the origin and evolution of this branch of history, and some suggested solutions to the problems raised in the chapter have been included.

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History and Heritage , Book 1 : Land and People of Bengal / Muhammad Abdul Latif

Dhaka: Palok Publisher, 2021

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Bengal, now divided into modern Bangladesh and the Indian state of West Bengal, is a region in Eastern South Asia, located at the apex of the Bay of Bengal. The present volume entitled "Land and People of Bengal" mainly deals with the history of selected geographic aspects of Bengal such as geologic formation and physiographic regions, climatic conditions, human settlements and formation of Bengali Race, early civilization and archaeological sites, spread of Indian and Abrahamic religions in Bengal, and the development of education, health, transportation, and communication systems as the mark of civilization, described in historical perspective.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869433>

History and Heritage , Book 2 : Language and Literature of Bengal / Muhammad Abdul Latif

Dhaka: Palok Publisher, 2021

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Book 2 of the series entitled History and Heritage describes the process of the development of language, script, and literature of Bengal. Bengali is the language of the Bengalis. The Bengali language has originated in the Eastern Branch of the Indo-European family of languages, and the script has evolved from the eastern variety of the Northern Class of Brahmi characters derived from the Indus Valley writing systems. The tribal languages and script are also taken up to write in this book.

The earliest extant Bengali literature is the Charyapada written in the ancient period between the seventh and eleventh centuries AD. Most of the medieval texts comprise verses narrating wonderful mythological tales. The prose literature has been the creation of the modern period after the establishment of the Fort William College in Kolkata in 1800. This book describes the significant literary works and profiles of the poets and prose writers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869434>

History and Heritage , Book 3 : Lifestyle and Culture of Bengal / Muhammad Abdul Latif

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The lifestyle of the Bengalis has undergone many changes over the millennia of their initial settlements. The people, initially settled in the Bengal region, appear to not to have been the roaming people living on hunting and gathering in forests. In many countries, the primitive people found their shelter in caves and/or under the shade of woodland trees. But the early people of Bengal, when they migrated into and settled in this land, had already acquired a good degree of civilization and did not live by hunting and gathering alone— they combined agriculture with hunting and gathering.

They had permanent dwellings constructed either of bamboo and thatch, which are in modern time known as jhupri lived by the very poor sections of the population, or they lived in pits constructed by them in the ground. The successive development in dwelling was the brick-built houses lived by the richer sections of the population. The changes in dwelling have been from the shelters made of available crude agricultural materials in the ancient to mediaeval times to the modern high rise apartment buildings today.

The Bengalis have an unusually rich indigenous culture evolved through generations of practices. With the indigenous culture was added traditions derived from various religions with their spread. Thus, the Bengalis have a common native culture, religious culture, and national culture. The Bengalis have also adopted foreign culture, especially the western culture, to enrich their own culture.

The subject matters of this book are the lifestyle and a range of cultural dimensions of the people of Bengal, described in historical perspective. The major issues include lifestyle, customs and festivities, art and architecture, performing arts, and games and pastimes which are organized in seven chapters.

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History and Heritage, Book 4 : Ancient and Medieval Bengal / Muhammad Abdul Latif
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Bengal is the name of the territorial unit of the region referred to here given by the Muslim rulers in the medieval period. As the title specifies, the subject matter of this manuscript incorporates history— political and economic— of the ancient and medieval periods. Most historians hold that the ancient period of Bengal began with the advent of the Gupta power in the region in c. 320 AD and ended with the fall of the Hindu power and consequent rise of the Muslim power in c. 1200 AD. In our present discussion, however, we have taken to include the prehistoric time into the ancient time. In the ancient period, the geographical boundary varied as also in the medieval period with a fair degree of political stability, which was absent in the ancient period. The ancient Bengal was ruled by Hindu-Buddhist powers while the medieval Bengal was by Muslim power.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869437>

History and Heritage, Book 5 : Bengal Under British Rule / Muhammad Abdul Latif

Dhaka: Palok Publisher, 2021

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Bengal is the name of the territorial unit of the region referred to here given by the Muslim rulers in the mediaeval era. From then on, this territorial unit came to be known differently in different periods of history. Lastly, the Bengal Province was partitioned into East Bengal and West Bengal on 14 August 1947 when India earned freedom from the British. East Bengal became the eastern wing of Pakistan, created by dividing British India into Pakistan and free India, and West Bengal was annexed with Independent India.

This book describes the political process of Bengal including dual administration and establishment of British Rule in Bengal; territorial expansion and founding of British Empire in India; Resistance movements in Bengal and beyond; establishment of Crown rule in British Indian Empire; awakening consciousness, nationalism and political movements; terrorist revolutions and repressive administrative policies; constitutional development and Legislative Councils; ministries in Bengal and state of administration 1935 - 1947; and Indian independence and creation of Pakistan. It also describes the economic conditions of Bengal during colonial rule.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869438>

History and Heritage, Book 6 : East Bengal as East Pakistan and Road to Bangladesh /

Muhammad Abdul Latif

Dhaka: Palok Publisher, 2021

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The present volume, entitled East Bengal as East Pakistan and Road to Bangladesh, describes the political and economic aspects of East Bengal (East Pakistan) during 1947-1970.

The political and economic history of East Pakistan during Pakistan period was the history of deprivation of the East Pakistanis by the West Pakistanis. The deprivation was in the form of national power imbalance, which led to the denial of Bengali participation in the central decision-making process and of the economic disparity in the disfavor of East Pakistan. The regional power imbalance was created by the civil-military bureaucracy dominated by the West Pakistanis, particularly the Punjabis, who had a long tradition of

bureaucratic participation, which automatically limited the intermediate Bengali participation in the government. The economic disparity was twisted in the form of public-private investment and the use of foreign aid and surplus trade balance of East Pakistan in West Pakistan and of inter-wing trade. These factors led to the growth of politics of regionalism in East Pakistan, and the elites there were compelled to launch strong mass movements for regional autonomy. Consequently, East Pakistan declared independence on 26 March 1971 and got liberated from Pakistan's occupation on 16 December of 1971 after nine months of the War of Liberation, and thus emerged independent Bangladesh.

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Towards A Sonar Bangla : The Bangladesh Liberation War from US Soil / Iftikhar Ahmed

Dhaka: Pathak Shamabesh, 2018

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This Monograph represents a special case study on the background, challenges faced, strategy adopted and the outcome obtained in a spontaneous, valiant and fearless battle by a tiny group of Bengali students from the conservative rural Mid-Western region of the US to counter the support to the Military Regime in Pakistan by the US Administration during the 1971 Bangladesh War of Liberation. The Monograph concludes with an account of a couple of the initial efforts towards attaining the much sought-after Sonar Bangla launched immediately following the liberation of Bangladesh, notably in close personal association with the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, himself. We are sure that this Monograph would certainly be a value-added to the enormous and rich volume of historical literature covering numerous aspects of the Bangladesh War of Liberation during 1971 now widely available.

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Glimpses on Bangladesh: A Country of Hope, Love, Courage, and Resilience / (Chief Ed)

Major General Mohammad Maksudur Rahman

Dhaka: Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategies Studies (BISS),

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A Dictator and His Victims 1977 : Summary Trials, Swift Deaths, Gruesome Burials /

Zayadul Ahsan; (Translator) Shibabrata Barman

Dhaka: Alexandria, 2022

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One of the dark chambers in the history of this country is an abortive coup attempt inside the Armed Forces that took place on 2 October 1977, when several military men fought pitched battles in and around the Cantonment, leaving a trail of bloodshed.

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Fifty Years Journey of Bangladesh : Genocide, Nation-State and Bangabandhu's Cherished Bangladesh International Conference, 31 March – 1 April 2022 / (Ed) Chowdhury Shahid Kader

Dhaka: Center for Genocide-Torture and Liberation War Studies, 2022

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Sheikh Mujib : Struggle for Independence and Economic Freedom / M.A. Hossain

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People of Bangladesh will remember Sheikh Mujib forever. Some will admire him. Some will adore him. Some will try to rediscover him. Some will be angry; why he trusted traitors, cobras, and ignored security. Some will dislike him as well! He sincerely, believed politics should not be merged with religion, though two nation theory was Against this philosophy. The autonomy movement, 1960-1970 did not erased it, just faded it. In Liberation war, it revived cruelly, exposed its ugly from of fundamentalism. Sheikh Mujib from his childhood always supported the true and just causes what he considered right to be done. He was a devoted Muslim, abided all religious practices those did not harm others.

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Journal of Bangladesh National Museum, Vol. 6, December 2019 / (Ed) Md. Reaz Ahmed

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Museum, 2024

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50 Years of Bangladesh : A Tale of a Miracle / (Ed) Sharif Uddin Ahmed

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Since its inception in 1971, the account of Bangladesh as a country has been nothing short of a miracle. Within a mere 50 years, the country's journey has turned its previous label as a "bottomless basket" around, giving way to an emerging "Asian Tiger" as it currently marches towards its goal of becoming developed by 2041. The present book is a scholarly endeavor to depict this astonishing tale of a dream come true, hoping that readers will find the book absorbing and thought provoking.

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Bangladesh : Political Odyssey of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman / Syed Badrul Ahsan

Dhaka: Pathak Shamabesh, 2023

152p.

Includes Bibliography

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The story of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Bangabandhu—friend of Bengal—to his people, remains an epic tale of struggle for the people of Bangladesh and indeed for people in the South Asian region. In his relatively brief life of fifty-five years, a significant segment of which he spent in prison when Bangladesh was part of the Pakistan state, he engineered the rise of Bengali nationalism based on the need for his people to have their voices heard in the country. Mujib's campaign throughout the twenty-four years in which his country was part of Pakistan was defined by a consistency underscored by his political programme of seeking autonomy for East Pakistan. Leading his political party to a landslide victory at Pakistan's very first general election in December 1970, he soon realised that the political and military establishment in distant Rawalpindi was not ready to hand over power to him. That was the moment which propelled him into a movement for the liberation of Bangladesh. Detained and flown to (West) Pakistan to face trial before a military court, which sentenced him to death, Bangabandhu was freed when Bangladesh stood liberated as a sovereign state in December 1971. And yet his struggle was far from over. Taking charge of Bangladesh, he was soon buffeted by an enormity of problems. Political intrigue led to his assassination as also the murder of almost his entire family in August 1975. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was, and is, Bangladesh's window to the world. This is the story of his rise from political worker to Father of the Nation.

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Implacable Foes : Subhas Chandra Bose, Secularism and the Struggle Against World-Imperialism and Gandhism / Tahsen H. Ali

Dhaka: Pathak Shamabesh, 2022

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In the telling of the Indian subcontinent's anti-colonial struggle in the twentieth-century against the British Empire – the Raj–the role of Gandhi, his non-violent tactic–Satyagrah – the Indian National Congress and their supposed success against the Raj has dominated the narrative; and still informs perceptions in the subcontinent and beyond.

Revolutionaries and insurrections were ridiculed as inconsequential and misguided ventures, respectively.

The history of the British presence, however, was not one of non-violence; and it was the control of the subcontinent and its resources—including the deployment of a vast mercenary army drawn from a displaced, brutalized peasantry—that propelled London to its position as foremost world power at the centre of the global capitalist-system in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Would such an empire seemingly bow to an opponent professing to employ strict non-violence? Or did such an opponent help keep the real enemies of the Raj at bay?

Historian Ali traces British fears of revolutionaries and their plans; despite public dismissals, in private the Raj was always concerned, casting worldwide surveillance nets and arraying sinister agents and collaborators to monitor revolutionaries—and thwarting their activities where possible.

The only leader of Congress to emerge in the inter-war years who supported the outright and complete overthrow of the Raj by armed insurrection; Bose became an enemy of both the Raj and the Gandhian Congress; characterized as

its one “implacable foe” by the Raj, while Gandhi frankly admitted to an Imperial Viceroy, speaking of Bose, that “he is my opponent.”

Insurrection coupled with a distinctive vision for a national revolution in the subcontinent meant that Bose also faced two implacable foes; imperial occupier and domestic enemies.

Ali argues that it was Bose and the revolution he represented that posed the real threat to the Raj and its collaborators in the subcontinent.

Implacable Foes also speaks for the enduring applicability of Bose's life and message, a generous secularism and forward-thinking progressivism, in the present-day; in a subcontinent still grappling with the poisonous legacies of British imperialism and the spectre of two nuclear-armed states facing off against each other; for the future of amity and equitable relations in South Asia.

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Fifty Years of Nation Building : Political Economy of Bangladesh's Development / Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2024

xxx, 260p.

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512gm.

The book presents a forward-looking exercise in the light of 50 years of journey of Bangladesh amidst the centenary celebration of Dhaka University since both are intertwined with shared history. The country has travelled and traversed a chequered path from the infamous 'Basket Case' to an export-oriented and semi-industrial society offering a curious case of 'development surprise' to the world. Major challenges still loom large, deserving careful academic enquiry alongside comprehension on the notable achievements in nation building.

The volume critically reviews and examines the genesis, trends and features of Bangladesh's experience on selected fronts notably politics, economy, society, and ecology comprehended through the lens of political economy, provoking thinking for academia and providing a useful tool for policy makers. More specifically, it aims to provide readers with an insight into different strands of, and lessons from, the country's diverse experiments and experiences of the nation building pathway.

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Nature, Course, and Causes of Change in Social Systems and Civilization : A Utilitarianistic Analysis of Human History / Sushi Ranjan Howlader
Dhaka: A H Development Publishing House, 2022
608p.

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1. Social systems – Civilization.

\$ 60.00 / HB

896gm.

The book extensively deals with human history, civilization, and the emergence and downfall of human history and culture. It laid out six social systems human beings experienced from prehistoric to the current industrial social system. It describes how human beings, using their knowledge and intellect, modify and develop each social system from the hunting stage through the food-growing stage to the current industrial civilization. It also discusses the features of the three subsystems of all social systems: economic, socio-political, and cultural, and points out the major challenges of the present system. Reading the book will be greatly useful for academia and researchers who are engaged in examining and dealing with the trend of social change and are concerned about the future of civilization.

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War Heroines Speak : The Rape of Bangladeshi Women in 1971 War of Independence from Ami Birangona Bolchi / Dr. Nilima Ibrahim; (Translator) Dr. Nusrat Rabbee
Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani, 2023

xxiv, 236p.

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340gm.

"War Heroines Speak" tells the heroic and sorrowful stories of 7 women survivors who were subjected to rape and torture by the Pakistani army during the 1971 Bangladesh war.

Striving to shed light on the realities of war crimes, this book has been translated from the original anthology compiled by Dr. Nilima Chowdhury in 1994.

No other book captures the human impact of war in rural and urban Bangladesh-- and the ripple effect from the frontlines to the communities. In this quiet narrative, the young women and children clearly express how they went from an idyllic childhood to the horrors of genocide.

Dr. Nusrat Rabbee hopes this translate book will help the world understand the history behind this genocide and to hold Pakistan accountable for wartime crimes.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869451>

Star Light : Narratives of Bengali Pride / Syed Badrul Ahsan

Dhaka: Kathaprokash, 2023

176p.

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350gm.

These are stories of jurists, of diplomats, of artistes, of actors, of academics, of poets and writers, of journalists. All the individuals portrayed here are each remarkable for the rich contributions they have made to our lives over a long stretch of time.

The narrative here is therefore one which informs us of the absolute necessity of remembering the many ways in which they have all added substance to our lives, indeed to our imagination and to the ways we look out at the world from home ground.

The past is of course another territory. But the past, woven into the present, is always the foundation of heritage. The linkage of the two propels us into shaping our dreams of the future.

And so there we are. Enjoy. And relate the stories to others around you.

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Dacca: The Mughal Capital / Abdul Karim

Dhaka: Jatiya Sahitya Prakash, 2020

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When the Earth Trembled: Towards a Theory and People's History of the Bangladesh Liberation Movement and Lessons for Today / Haider A. Khan

Dhaka: Kathaprokash, 2022

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When the Earth Trembled is a fascinating discussion on the rise and ambiguous achievements of the Bangladesh Liberation Movement. Professor Haider A. Khan tells a metastory by referring to multiple stories and accounts of the same events. While this metastory is also about martyrs and heroes and the moments of despair and cowardice, it involves developing the concept of "polyphonic prose-poetry of revolutionary mass movements". Although When the Earth Trembled highlights the domestic, internal contradictions as primary and determinant, it sees the dynamic of the Bangladeshi developments as interwoven with the worldwide aspirations of 1968. It is these tensions, the idea of the Eventualizing Dynamics, and the ultimate future-orientation that make the book so rewarding. - Heikki Patomaki,

University of Helsinki

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Migration of Metaphors : Making Sense of Music in the Lives of the Urban Poor in Dhaka / Sumon Rahman

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2024

xviii, 202p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

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424gm.

Book Details:

In heart of Dhaka, the urban soundscape has been reshaped by a remarkable musical evolution. The urban poor, who form a significant part of its population, have redefined the rules of music consumption since the 1980s. Migration of Metaphor discusses the rise of "urban folk," a genre formed through the interaction of traditional melodies with contemporary tales of the urban marginalized community. This book delves into the heart of Dhaka's vibrant subcultures, where a new generation of artists, often from humble backgrounds have become the voice of the marginalized. Migration of Metaphors reveals "urban folk" as a hybrid musical form that intertwines with the larger revival of Bengali folk music. This insightful book takes you on a journey into the heart of Dhaka's streets, where the sound of urban folk is not just music but a rallying cry for the urban poor's quest for recognition and identity.

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Law

Human Rights and Bangladesh Leadership in Prospect : ELCOP Yearbook of Human Rights 2022 / (Chief Ed) Prof. Mizanur Rahman, Prof. S M Masum Billah & Tapas Kanti Baul

Dhaka: Empowerment through Law of the Common People (ELCOP), 2022

xvi, 152p.

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Claiming Our Rights : Feminist Discourses in Bangladesh and South Asia / Hameeda Hossain

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2023

xiv, 322p.

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564gm.

The book delves into the discursive development of women's rights and movements that have propelled their plight forward over almost half a century. The evolving history of the rights movement for gender equality finds a framework through the hands of Hameeda Hossain in this body of work that contains essays written by her over the years. The author has dedicated her work to discussing the involvement of women in policymaking, in power hierarchies, and in people's politics or the lack thereof. The book explores women's economic and political empowerment as well as their participation in the marketplace, the parliament, and other decision-making bodies.

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The Language of Justice in Practice / Dr. Nahid Ferdousi

Dhaka: Academic Press and Publishers Library, 2022

xii, 100p.

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252gm.

Each species has its own distinct way of communication. Apart from all other species human being is the only one who has mastered cognitive language communication. Therefore, there is no divergence about the fact that language plays a very significant role in human life and living. It is a constitutional right of every human being to be treated naturally regardless of a persons' background. Considering geographical atmosphere and its impact, expressing feeling and understanding any judgment or any decision in native language should be treated as the birth right of every human. Judicial system of any country is established to protect people's liberties, basic and legal rights. Thus, judges and courts have a significant impact on peoples' rights and justice. To make countries judicial system more effective and less hustle free one significant change in court proceedings is mandatory. Every judgment should be published in native language considering easy adoptability and understanding of any accuser and defender. Many states have already established such rights. Any trial to be considered as fair must pronounce a judgment in a language which can easily be understood by litigants. Therefore, instead of being interpreted in local language, judgment pronounced in native dialect is the only viable and respectable solution.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869458>

Parents' Rights in Bangladesh / Dr. Nahid Ferdousi
Dhaka: Academic Press and Publishers Library, 2021
xii, 132p.
Includes Index
English & Bengali
9789848045718
\$ 20.00 / HB
308gm.

Exploring 510.072 million square kilometers 3814 distinct cultures across the world, one simple similarity is found in both human and animal kingdom i.e. parents are the most adjacent and dearest one to their children. Parents are the safe homes, they play the most significant role in shaping children's life with proper guidance, care and love. Parents' arms are the warmest, heartening and soothing place available on earth for every child from new born to old. Therefore, logically and naturally it's a holy duty of adult child to ensure maximum love, care and safety for parents. Unfortunately, reality is much harsher, after turning adult children often tend to overlook love, care and unconditional efforts of their parents.

Like other countries of Asian region, many parents in Bangladesh are forced to live separately far away from their children. Absence of comprehensive legitimate system and presence of some culpability in existing laws also inculcate adults to ignore parents' rights. Bangladesh Parents Maintenance Act 2013 is considered as a progressive law for the protection of those deprived parents who are often overlooked by own children and family members. This law makes a bridge between ethical responsibility and legal obligation of children towards their parents.

This book adequately addresses the concepts of parents care and maintenance, the responsibility, obligations of an adult child, vulnerabilities of elder parents, changes in family structure and inadequacy of the society, present scenario of elder parents in Bangladesh and filial obligations to elderly parents in Asian countries. The book covers wide spectrum of legal issues related to parental care.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869459>

Human Rights: Issues and Challenges / Akhter Hussain & Waseef Hussain
Dhaka: Academic Press and Publishers Library, 2022
232p.
9789848045787?
\$ 25.00 / HB
420gm.

The book contains a series of articles on human rights and humanitarian issues of countries from around the world. Dr. Akhter Hussain and Mr. Waseef Hussain have both written newspaper articles on numerous humanitarian struggles and moral causes which have been compiled to form this book. The reader will find thorough and extensive information on genocides, mass repression, independence struggles, ethnic discrimination, religious intolerance, authoritarianism, violations of democratic freedoms, and so on that have

occurred in various societies across the globe. The writers sincerely hope to provide their readers with an honest, comprehensive, and informative account of important human rights causes and struggles.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869460>

Legal Insights / Dr. Nahid Ferdousi

Dhaka: Academic Press and Publishers Library, 2023

xii, 128p.

9789848045831

\$ 20.00 / HB

244gm.

This book is a compilation of the published articles of the Daily Star and various conference papers of the author on different aspects of laws and justice issues in Bangladesh under one cover.

The book covers a wide spectrum of discussion about legal issues related to elderly rights and institutional care, wife's property rights, maintenance rights of Muslim women, child-friendly juvenile justice, effectiveness of children courts, vulnerabilities of juvenile delinquents in children development centers and legal status of Bangla language in the higher judiciary in Bangladesh.

This book adequately addresses the way of reforms of juvenile justice system, value-based child protection, violence against women in dowry practice, elderly protection, the standard of human rights and the effectiveness and the limitations of the relevant legislations. The progressive analysis and suggestions on these issues provided in the articles are insightful and exemplary.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869461>

Juvenile Crime and Justice : Contemporary Issues / Dr. Nahid Ferdousi

Dhaka: A H Development Publishing House, 2024

336p.

Includes Index

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1. Juvenile crime.

2. Juvenile courts.

\$ 40.00 / HB

536gm.

Large numbers of children in Bangladesh live in conditions of deprivation and in circumstances that can easily lead them to crime. Juvenile crime and justice issues require more attention since it determines the values of the next generation. Equally, juvenile delinquents are the most vulnerable whose need special care and protection, especially in their justice system. This book is a compilation of the published journal articles and research works of the author on juvenile, crimes and juvenile justice issues under one cover.

This book successfully presents the causes of delinquency and their significance for justice policy along with developments in correctional institutions to prevent and control juvenile

crimes. As well, the book covers a wide spectrum of discussion about chronological changes in the legal framework, judicial activism, and institutional treatments relating to child protection in the juvenile justice system in Bangladesh. The progressive analysis of children's rights and suggestions about their welfare in respect of the juvenile justice system is exemplary.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869462>

Women in Kabinnama : Exploring Conjugal Relationships in Colonial Bengal / Bilkis Rahman

Dhaka: Pathak Shamabesh, 2017

72p.

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268gm.

Women in Kabinnama deals with a brief history of the conjugal relations in Muslim families in the nineteenth century Bengal. The author, Dr. Bilkis Rahman, has attempted to reconstitute the nature of the relationships between husband and wife based on a meticulous and thorough study of the marriage deeds (kabinnama). She examined the terms and conditions in 122 marriage deeds of Muslim families belonging to the nineteenth and the first half of the twentieth century.

While the religion of Islam permits a man to marry up to four women, the marriage deeds examined by the author show that men were discouraged to marry more than one woman and there were several clauses in a marriage deed safeguarding the interest of women, even ensuring the right of divorce on the part of women. Some marriage deeds testify that the position and status of women in Muslim families was extremely high. The main objective of the book is to highlight the fact that the provisions laid in the Muslim Family Law Ordinance, 1961 in respect of marriage, divorce, subsistence etc. are not unprecedented. Rather, an analysis on the terms and conditions asserted in 122 marriage deeds will show that some arrangements were already made in safeguarding the interest of the women.

As social conditions changed, the author maintains that Muslim women enjoyed less and less freedom and rights for various reasons. The investigation carried out by the author indicates that due to the recognition by the society that women represented a weaker sex, the Muslim Family Law attempted to stop deteriorating conditions of women. It would be interesting to note that today's Muslim women do not enjoy the same degree of protection that the women of the nineteenth century did, she concludes.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869463>

Literature

A Gift of the Magi to the West : Tagore's Gitanjali and Nobel Prize / Dr. Anwarul Karim

Dhaka: Karubak, KPC Ltd, 2022

320p.

Includes Bibliography

9789849653349

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Selected Short Stories / Jahan Ara Siddiqui

Dhaka: Academic Press & Publishers Library, 2023

184p.

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\$ 18.00 / HB

346gm.

This is a selected anthology of translation of short stories of Jahan Ara Siddiqui. The subjects are diverse. A middle-class woman would migrate to a distant country that was her 'dream land'. It took her a lifetime to realize such an island did not exist. 'Trapped' would depict how the top bureaucrats became political slaves to fulfill their ambition. 'Profession' speaks about the helplessness of a shelterless village girl during the famine of 1974. A police officer is intoxicated by 'Power', believing he owns the chair he sits on. But finally, he realizes that power can be so short-lived and dangerous.

The story 'Mother' is most captivating. A poor divorced mother fights on to go through the labyrinth of justice system for her rights to be with her child. In the heart-rending story of the 'Prisoner', a woman is compelled to live with the murderer of her child, as she has nowhere else to go. A village girl becomes victim of an acid attack. But the road to 'Justice' is long, costly and risky. With money, the rich and influential culprits can go scot free. 'The Reverse flow' is an analysis of man's psychology of middle age crisis.

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Ruddro and Beyond : Selected Poems of Ruddro Muhammad Shahidullah / Ruddro

Muhammad Shahidullah (Translator) Nadira Bhabna

Dhaka: Adorn Publication, 2023

148p.

English & Bengali

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286gm.

Ruddro Muhammad Shahidullah is one of the few poets of twentieth century Bangladesh who managed to make Bengali poetry popular among the readers. Though noted for his romantic and revolutionary poetry, he also penned short stories, plays and songs. Ruddro's poetry portrays the frustration resulted from the shattered dreams and aspirations of Bengali nation which achieved independence through a blood shedding war with the cost of millions of lives in 1971. Born in 1956, Ruddro Muhammad Shahidullah witnessed the struggle of the nation for independence as an adolescent and subsequently experienced the desultory and despairing milieu of independent Bangladesh as well. Ruddro is one of the rarest poets of Bangladesh who had much more to give. He died young at the age of only 34! His voice stands unique and conspicuous in the tradition of Bengali poetry. This book

contains the representative poems of Ruddro Muhammad Shahidullah in admirable translation by Nadira Bhabna.

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The Rhythm of Life : Selected Poems / Ejaz Eusoofi; (Translator) Jyotirmoy Nandy (et al.)
Dhaka: Adorn Publication, 2024

120p.

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246gm.

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Musafir : Story of An Unrelenting Journey / M. Fazlul Karim

Dhaka: Pathak Shamabesh, 2022

336p.

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\$ 40.00 / HB

716gm.

The urge to see the unseen and know the unknown is innate in human nature. People do not like to be confined to a particular place or region for a long period of time; they want to visit new places, explore new areas. Spectacular developments in transportation and communication in the past few decades has revolutionized how one goes to places, allowing anyone with money and interest to visit even the remotest areas of the planet. This is a captivating story of a family constantly on the move, travelling to newer places facing unimaginable troubles and travails as a result of tensions and conflicts. It begins in the colonial period, progresses through the momentous developments of partition of the Subcontinent, exploitation and oppression of the Bangalees during Pakistan time, the War of our Liberation and flourishes in a newly independent Bangladesh which secures its rightful place in the comity of nations. It is the story of a boy at a district town with an atlas in hand, dreaming of journeying through the world, without any idea how to realize that dream. In the end, joining the Foreign Service after completion of higher studies helped achieve that objective, living essentially the life of a musafir. There palpably are dangers on the road, predicaments and worries in various places far away from home, as the writer had faced in Afghanistan, Hong Kong, Syria, Jordan and in many other places. Travelling not just broadens one's horizons, but also enhances fellow-feeling and understanding among nations and peoples. I hope the story will resonate well with the students, professionals as well as the general masses who dream to travel through the globe to enjoy the exquisite natural beauty of distant lands and expand knowledge by getting to know different peoples and cultures first hand.

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A Travelogue in Memory of Syed Mujtaba Ali, Huru Nana's Life, and Travel Stories Inspired by Deshe Bideshe / Dr. Abdullah Shibli

Dhaka: Jonantik, 2022

128p.

9789849653684
\$ 20.00 / HB
324gm.

"A Travelogue" is a tribute to Syed Mujtaba Ali, the eminent literateur. It is a collection of essays, some of which were previously published in the Daily star's Literature Review. These stories are written from a very intimate perspective, and the inspiration came from the work and life of Syed Mujtaba Ali's life and works.

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The Burning Stones / Rizia Rahman; (Translator) Niaz Zaman & Shirin Hasanat Islam
Dhaka: Shamabesh, 2023
152p.
9789849685555
\$ 25.00 / HB
358gm.

Set in Balochistan, where Rizia Rahman lived during the late fifties, The Burning Stones focuses on an intellectually challenged bhisti named Lalu. It is through his perspective that the reader learns about the struggle for independence in Balochistan. It is also through Lalu that the reader learns the stories of Zaro, who lost her husband to the independence struggle and is now in the process of losing her son, and of the beautiful Mahbuba, who is in love with Zaro's son.

The novel depicts the conflicts and prejudices between the different ethnic groups. While Brohis and Pashtuns get along together, they dislike the Punjabis and the Hindustani settlers. Lalu delivers water to all the houses and shops which require his services, including the house of the Punjabi Jamil Bhatti. When the family is in danger, Lalu risks his life to protect Jamil Bhatti's son. However, after the insurgency fails, Lalu reacts violently to something derogatory that the young man says, with fatal results.

While telling the story of a freedom struggle which was brutally suppressed, the novel seems to foreshadow the continuing conflict in the region. Though North West Frontier Province has been renamed Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the suppression of Balochistan continues.

As the story of a freedom struggle, The Burning Stones is valuable reading for both Bangladeshis and Pakistanis as well as a wider readership outside South Asia.

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The Memsahab's Foot / Kasinath Roy; (Translator) Shawkat Hussain
Dhaka: Shahitya Prakash, 2022
104p.
9847012403709
\$ 20.00 / HB
290gm.

Set in the 1980's in Dhaka, against the backdrop of a military regime, The Memsahab's Foot is a fascinating story of a young university professor, who is also a left-wing radical, and his

beautiful, tempestuous wife, told from the perspective of Phulbanu, their young and attractive young maidservant. Phulbanu watches how her employers improve their social and financial standing, succumb to the lure of lucrative big money 'consultancies', and how a passionate love affair threatens her employer's wife, the titular Memsahib of the story. Originally written in Bangla by Kashinath Roy, this dramatic story has been lovingly translated by his friend Shawkat Hussain, both former professors of English at Dhaka University

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869471>

Kabuliwala and Other Stories / Rabindranath Tagore; (Translator) Shawkat Hussain
Dhaka: Shahitya Prakash, 2022

212p.

9847012403679

\$ 20.00 / PB

290gm.

Kabuliwala and Other Stories is a collection of twelve outstanding stories of Rabindranath Tagore, translated into English by Prof Shawkat Hussain, a former professor of the Department of English, University of Dhaka.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869472>

A Straight Pendulum / Shahnaz Munni (Translator) M Harunur Rashid

Dhaka: Shamabesh, 2022

90p.

English & Bengali

9789849662419

\$ 10.00 / HB

296gm.

The poems translated for this volume reveal Shahnaz Munni's poetic milieu, her sensibility and the view she takes of the life and living around her. Her poetry reads interestingly fresh and is informed by a graceful poise that she is able to sustain all through. She hardly ever loses her composed stance even when it comes to describing the upheaval that puts her familiar world upside down.

The imagery she makes use of speaks of the forte of her poetry. Her themes are built around everyday experience that takes on significant forms that are at times surreal, magic real and often absolutely absurd and yet they make sense for the truth she tries to get through to her readers. Her love poems hardly exude any raw emotions and since she uses a different persona in each poem, the 'I' is not easily definable as the poet herself.

She evinces in her poetry both modern and postmodern traits, though her world is overly postmodern. She consciously avoids the extremes of both worlds which endows her with a metamodern sensibility. The 'pendulum' mentioned in the title poem of this volume is symbolic of her poetic self. Like the pendulum she chooses to oscillate avoiding an extreme stance and that is what makes her poems so refreshingly significant.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869473>

Official Publications

Report of the Pilot Survey on Disaster-Affected Households : Sex, Age, and Disability Disaggregated Data (SADDD) for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation [Bangladesh] / Md. Rafiqul Islam

Dhaka: Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Statistics (ECDS) Cell, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, 2022

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Fifty Years of National Accounts Statistics of Bangladesh

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Survey on Children's Education in Bangladesh 2021: Survey Finding Report
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Labour Statistics in Bangladesh: An Empirical Analysis : August 2018
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Literacy Assessment Survey 2023 [Bangladesh]
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Survey on ICT Use and Access by Individuals and Households, 2023: Report [Bangladesh]
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Survey on Street Children 2022 : Survey Findings Report [Bangladesh]

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English & Bengali

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\$ 40.00 / PB

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Gender Statistics of Bangladesh 2018

Dhaka: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), Statistics and Informatics Division (SID),
Ministry of Planning, 2019

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9789844750234

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702gm.

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Politics

Issues and Events in Bangladesh Foreign Policy in 2022 : A CBGA Assessment, Volume I /
(Ed) Delwar Hossain

Dhaka: The KRF Center for Bangladesh and Global Affairs (CBGA), 2023

x, 322p.

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\$ 50.00/ HB

796gm.

The KRF Center for Bangladesh and Global Affairs (CBGA, Dhaka) has launched a landmark initiative of publishing its yearly assessments of selected events, issues and challenges in foreign policy, global affairs and major challenges in the world. The research team of the CBGA has identified a host of issues and events that dominated contours and discourse of bilateral relations between Bangladesh and India in 2022. It is the first volume on Issues and Events in Bangladesh Foreign Policy in 2022. The events and issues covered in this volume were published as a series of CBGA Briefs in 2022. The book has also covered briefs and opinion pieces published by the researchers of the CBGA in different national and international dailies and online portals in 2022. The volume will be immensely beneficial to the scholars, students and observers of Bangladesh and its foreign policy, foreign policy analysis, international relations, disciplines of social sciences and humanities and analysts of different backgrounds. The insights of the papers in the book will also be of great interest to policy makers, diplomats and international donors. It is the first of its kind in Bangladesh by a think-tank and thus merits serious attention both from academic and policy perspectives.

Foreign policy of Bangladesh demands continuous and micro-level analysis of bilateral, regional and international developments. Bangladesh demonstrated its strong presence in

regional and global domains through its foreign policy decisions and domestic achievements in 2022. The country has become a major actor in regional and global politics. Many argue that Bangladesh has been transformed from a norm taker to a norm promoter in contemporary international relations. Bangladesh has been a glaring example in the promotion of 'peaceful international relations' after giving shelter to more than 1.2 million forcibly displaced Rohingyas in its territory. It is also worthy to note that Bangladesh promotes friendly and cooperative relations with all nations big or small. The volume is divided into four sections which concentrate on Bangladesh's bilateral relations with major development partners, including India, China, Japan, the USA, the UK, EU, multilateral diplomacy and major issues in its domestic arena with implications for diplomacy and foreign policy. The diversity and multidimensional issues and events in Bangladesh foreign policy as the volume vividly reflects the visionary leadership of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina in leading the diplomatic journey of Bangladesh.

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Ballad of Rohingya : Conflictual Past, Exiled Present, Uncertain Future / Mahbub Saber
Dhaka: Pathak Shamabesh, 2022

xviii, 212p.

9789849685524

\$ 35.00 / HB

570gm.

This book offers substantial vitalities for those readers who are eager to develop an in-depth understanding about the ongoing Rohingya Crisis in particular, and about the Rohingya people in general. Written in an analytical framework, the information presented in this book are well supported with references. Illustrations i.e., figures, photographs, maps, charts; and tables are also used as deemed necessary and to support the chronological development of the book. Bangladeshi perspective of the crisis, that often remains obscured, even within the country, has received due importance as well. Few chapters are also dedicated in exhuming the identity dogma of the Rohingya's, arguably the core issue in solving this crisis. At the end, the probable future scenarios of the current crisis is drawn reviving lessons from past incidents, and the book concludes with few recommendations in solving the crisis.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869487>

Bangladesh in International Peacebuilding: Discourses from Japan and Beyond / (Ed) A K M Abdur Rahman

Dhaka: Pathak Shamabesh, 2019

xxvi, 280p.

Includes Index

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\$ 40.00 / HB

682gm.

Peacebuilding has gained currency since the zeitgeist of the twentieth century's war-torn history, especially in the backdrop of the two Great Wars. However, it was not until the end of the Cold War, there was buoyancy for peace. The post-Cold War era was marked by the emergence of discourses on peacebuilding based on the changes in the UN peace operations. The world community has been witnessing a number of changes in world politics. The war on terror in the post-9/11 era, the rise of intra-state conflict, increasing importance of human rights concept in the international arena, and of late the rise of populism, inequality and violent extremism in the Global North, influx of refugees from the Global South to the North, etc., allowed this transition. The 2030 agenda for sustainable development also supports the idea that there can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development. In this backdrop, BISS organized an international conference in collaboration with the Japan Foundation, titled "Bangladesh in International Peacebuilding: Experience from Japan" with a view to exchanging ideas and sharing the experiences of Japan. This international conference provided an opportunity to enrich and contribute to the current academic discourse on peacebuilding. The present edited volume is a compilation of revised and edited version of the papers presented in that international conference. It aims to enrich the current discourse on peacebuilding in relation to changing global socio-political realities and Bangladesh's place in global peacebuilding effort. To think beyond the conventional approaches to peacebuilding, it also offers an opportunity for interplay among a broad range of perspectives. It intends to review existing theories and practices of peacebuilding with a particular focus on South Asian and Japanese practices and to explore its new approaches to adapt with changing dynamics of global politics.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869488>

Toward A Better World : Challenges and Pathways / Amir Mohammad Sayem

Dhaka: A H Development Publishing House, 2021

138p.

9789849364504

1. Politics – Government.

\$ 20.00 / HB

276gm.

The second book of Amir M. Sayem, *Toward A Better World*, offers a critical and constructive position to make the world a better place for all. Written in an easy-to-read style, this book briefly but excellently analyses a wide range of issues and challenges such as socio-economic and environmental, political, legal and freedom of expression, displacement crisis, geopolitical conflicts, and some others and excellently provides pathways for bringing out desired changes across countries including less developed. This is a superb text for leaders of sovereign states, officials of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, academic society, policymakers, and others interested in genuine development of the world for understanding diverse issues and challenges which require continued national, regional and global endeavors.

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Essays on Politics, Governance and Development: Reminiscence and Remembrance (1981-2021) / Tofail Ahmed

Kotbari, Cumilla: Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), 2023

xii, 476p.

9789843551269

\$ 30.00 / HB

526gm.

A total of thirteen essays published over three decades are brought together under a single cover in this book. One of the essays presents a detailed institutional framework for Local Level Planning (LLP) keeping the district at the focal point is a crucial issue need careful consideration. 'Rethinking Comilla Model', original experiments of 'CVDP Cooperatives', 'Social Development' evolved at Deeder CVDP Cooperative society and 'community-based children and mass education', these four essays may be considered an important program package innovated at BARD which also needs rethinking at the current juncture of Bangladeshi society when it is striving to achieve middle income country status. As far as the local government (LG) is concerned, the non-functional 'Ward Sobha' system and 'role of LG during Covid combat' deserve critical review for future policy making. Two articles on 'LG leadership' also raised a critical issue for the concern policy planners and political thinkers as it revealed 'uncommitted' nature of leadership at the grassroot as manifested in their change of political party allegiance with the change of regimes. There is an article on 'participatory embankment maintenance' which BWDB may review for a sustainable embankment maintenance in future. Last but not the least. 'the pension' system already initiated by GOB may create a new tension, the article on 'universal pension Scheme' brought fresh thinking on the issue which suggests pension has to be linked with income tax and VAT and all pension schemes should be brought under a single pension law and to be funded under a common pension fund which may make the pension system tenable and non-discriminatory.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869490>

Triumph Over Adversity : Bangladesh's Success in Battling COVID-19 : State, Society, Economy, and Politics / Pranab Kumar Panday

Dhaka: Kathaprokash, 2024

432p.

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644gm.

"Triumph Over Adversity: Bangladesh's Success in Battling COVID-19-State, Society, Economy, and Politics" explores Bangladesh's remarkable victory against Covid-19, unveiling the intricate dance of statecraft, societal resilience, economic strategies, and political dynamics. It vividly portrays human triumphs, scientific breakthroughs, and social solidarity, offering policymakers, scholars, and global citizens invaluable insights into navigating pandemics-an empowering testament to the indomitable human spirit in crisis.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869491>

Dynamics of Bangladesh-India: Land Border Management / Major General Md Mahbub-ul Alam

Dhaka: A H Development Publishing House, 2023

144p.

9789849753612

1. Land Management – Bangladesh – India.

\$ 25.00 / HB

314gm.

The book has highlighted the challenges of Bangladesh-India land border management and its impact on national security with some recommendations. The author has emphasized the policy and decision makers' research-based concept, wisdom and sympathetic considerations, bilateral coherent approach for identifying the root causes of heinous cross-border activities, and humanistic approach for its solution. The volume would serve as a guide for understanding the root causes of the challenges and as a management tool for the relevant authorities, such as border management agencies and government ministries responsible for border management in conjunction with other stakeholders. Both countries, especially Bangladesh will be benefitted and be able to take care of issues having direct and indirect impacts on national security.

It will have significant contributions to Bangladesh-India land border management and its remedies for different stakeholders. The findings will widen the knowledge of the relevant fields and will indicate the possible initiatives that could be taken for improving the management system. Thereby, a detailed study about challenges of Bangladesh-India land border management and measures to way forward is an appreciable effort by the author.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869492>

Foreign Relations of Bangladesh in an Intermediate Regime / Professor Dr. Abdul Latif Masum & Dr. Rowshon Ara Romke

Dhaka: A H Development Publishing House, 2023

192p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789849753605

1. Bangladesh – International Relation.

\$ 30.00 / HB

376gm.

This book brings out perspectives from powerful countries (India, China, U.S.A., EU, UN) and Bangladesh on various important issues of bilateral cooperation. It has nine chapters on major bilateral issues and domestic politics prevailing at that time. It argues that the domestic politics in Bangladesh negatively affect major powers and international communities. Accordingly, the main focus of this book is to understand the nature of foreign relations of Bangladesh which had involvement in its domestic affairs or internal politics and how foreign countries exerted pressure on Bangladesh to ensure good governance, election reforms, and for undertaking other necessary measures during 2006-2008 Caretaker Governments (CTG). In addition, this also made an attempt to explore the

role played by the U.S.A., India along with other western countries including Tuesday Club during that period of military-backed caretaker government. Furthermore, the book also critically examines the impact of domestic events and internal politics on decision-making relating to foreign policy. This unique caretaker government's pattern of foreign relations was not studied. Since not a single has yet been conducted on this issue therefore it is necessary to find out the reasons how foreign relations of Bangladesh worked during 2006-2008.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869493>

Living With Violence and Trauma : The Case of Rohingya Women in Myanmar and Bangladesh / Ameena Mohsin & Mohammad Atique Rahmn

Dhaka: Centre for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka, 2022

150p.

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1. Genocide – Rohingya – Myanmar.

2. Violence – Gender – Bangladesh.

\$ 30.00 / HB

454gm.

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Local Governance in Bangladesh : Grassroots Realities, Challenges and Potentialities / (Eds)

Milan Kanti Bhattacharjee, Dr. Abdul Karim & Dr. Md. Mizanur Rahman

Kotbari, Cumilla: Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), 2022

322p.

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\$ 25.00 / PB

596gm.

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Militancy and National Security of Bangladesh : Policy Options and Strategic Outlook / Sheikh Masud Ahmed

Dhaka: Jonantik Book & BISS, 2021

248p.

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590gm.

Militancy, especially the religious militancy drew global attention since the beginning of 21st century's unprecedented event of 9/11 US Twin Tower attack.

Since then, militancy, among many other security issues, became one of the major concerns of security experts and security professionals particularly with regards to protecting national security and national interests.

In Bangladesh, alongside a number of sporadic terrorist acts and incidents, the 2016 Holey Artisan attack has shown how the different security outfits of the Government of Bangladesh had to make determined yet steady moves to handle the crisis within a very

short time. In such context, nevertheless, the militant attacks in Bangladesh as a whole have necessitated the need for academic research and explorations so that strong and resilient counterterrorism strategies can be comprehensively crafted to foil and deal with any such ploy ahead of time. With this premise, the book looks forward to unfolding diverse political, societal and economic dynamics of the security concerns which emerge from the threat of militancy and violent extremism in Bangladesh.

Illustrating the 'Big' picture of the contemporary militancy scenario in the country, it addresses the evolution of militancy in Bangladeshi soil, provides a theological insight of militancy, highlights on the current legal and institutional measures as well as proposes for comprehensive policy options and strategic outlook with its focus on both the analytical and policy dimensions.

The book is expected to be useful for not only the academicians but also for the policy makers to deal with menace of militancy in regards to protecting national security and national interests of Bangladesh.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869496>

Bangabandhu and Bangladesh : Politics, Culture and Heritage / Akhter Hussain

Dhaka: Academic Press and Publishers Library, 2022

xii, 292p.

9789848045763

\$ 25.00 / HB

484gm.

The book, 'Bangabandhu and Bangladesh: Politics, Culture and Heritage' is a collection of selected articles and commentaries on Bangabandhu, politics, culture and heritage of Bangladesh. The articles on Bangabandhu tried to highlight only some areas of his unparalleled contributions in the creation of the sovereign state of Bangladesh. The other ones dealt with the achievements and challenges Bangladesh encountered in various areas over the last fifty years after independence. Bangladesh, since independence in 1971, has travelled a long way towards prosperity and development, dispelling doubts about its existence and constraints of an insurmountable nature. However, in the coming years, it is yet to be seen how she fares in institutionalizing democracy and ensures equity and social justice for her citizens for which so many of them laid down their lives.

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Governance Development & Diplomacy: Bangladesh Perspective / Bashir Ahmed

Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani, 2022

x, 190p.

Includes Bibliography

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382gm.

The underlying notion by political theorists, social commentators, and even politicians is that public participation increase public trust in authorities, improving citizen political

efficacy, enhancing democratic ideals and even improving the quality of policy decisions. Governance is integral to any form of government that has been conceived and practiced in the world since the dawn of civilization. It is common to democracy, monarchy, autocracy and dictatorship. But it differs from one form of government to another in terms of its goal and objective. Public sector here in Bangladesh is struggling over the decades to meet the demand of its citizens, ineffective public services, and unfavorable environment for the proper growth of private sector, leadership crisis, lack of transparency and accountability in administration, ineffective political institutions and so on. Bangladesh stands as a tolerant society; recent untoward incidents have raised a concern. Bangladesh is also home to an aspirational middle class that would like to reap the dividends of a better relationship with the South Asian countries. The country's success in establishing a strong economic development is partly due to its ability to successfully navigate the difficult geopolitical and geopolitical situation in South Asia by building good relations with its neighbors.

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Hope and Despair / Abdur Rahman Chowdhury
Dhaka: Academic Press and Publishers Library, 2023
xvi, 206p.
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382gm.

Since the publication of Uncharted Territory in February 2019 a series of events took place that jolted the entire world. Covid-19 a pandemic with deadly virus first struck Wuhan province in China and killed a large number of people in weeks. The virus moved at an astonishing speed and within months 200 countries fell prey to the pandemic. President Donald Trump's endorsement of white nationalism promoted racial hatred in the United States. His disdain for the international organizations and love for anti-immigrant rightist leaders in Europe exacerbated the destabilization process in the world. Though newly elected President Joe Biden rushed to restore American leadership abroad, the international community had its doubt about Washington's credibility. Biden's abrupt troops withdrawal from Afghanistan without prior consultation with European partners and neighboring countries in Asia could not win sceptics at home and abroad. Russia's protracted war in Ukraine and annexation of four eastern regions following a farcical referendum on 30 September 2022 do not bode well. Moscow's threat of resorting to nuclear weapon to score victory over Kyiv endangered peace in Europe. Hope and Despair is a collection of essays I wrote on the above issues in the past three years. These were duly published in the Financial Express, Dhaka; some with different headlines.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869499>

Psychology

The Power of a Positive Mind / Tamanna Ferdous Rumi
3rd Edition

Dhaka: National Publication, 2023

288p.

9789849770008

\$ 25.00 / HB

630gm.

This book is about Positive thinking and has focused on how a positive mind can change the world, following the experiences which she has observed and gained generally from her personal journeys.

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Sociology

COVID-19 : The Otherside of Living Through the Pandemic / (Ed) Imtiaz Ahmed

Dhaka: Pathak Shamabesh, 2021

xx, 376p.

Includes Index

9789848125946

\$ 50.00/ HB

804gm.

In the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, life continues to reproduce itself, albeit at its own pace, with pain, curiosity, tears, and laughter. This prompted me to look for researchers, both young and accomplished, and find out from them the 'otherside' of living through the pandemic. Some probably would prefer to call this the experiential side of life, but there is more to it. When we say, 'life continues', it continues not merely by flagging 'fear' and counting infections and deaths, which are certainly important, but not the whole of life, and still less so when it comes to reproducing the resilience of the people. Much of the 'otherside' of living through the pandemic is found in the resilience of the people. Put differently, the face of the 'otherside' is resilience, although it seldom gets flagged. Rather, in the backdrop of disciplinary knowledge, the 'otherside' is routinely ignored and peripheralized. But then, disciplines restrict thoughts, and more so imagination, the realization of which made my choice of researchers easy. I only had to invite researchers from as many disciplines as possible and provide them with an opportunity to reflect and write on the 'otherside' of living through the pandemic.

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Society and Sociology in Bangladesh : A South Asian Perspective / (Eds) Sadeka Halim, ASM

Amanullah & Rasheda Irshad Nasir

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2024

xxxiv, 486p.

Includes Index

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776gm.

Founded in 1957 by a UNESCO mission, the Department of Sociology at the University of Dhaka has since pioneered the study of Sociology in Bangladesh, ultimately setting the development discourses for the country by creating critical debates on relevant issues. This book highlights the overall contribution of the Department in nation-building, and the Department's commitment to reaching international standards and audiences. The collection of articles in this book is an important compilation as it is the first one of its kind since the Department's foundation. These carefully selected essays reflect the evolution of sociological thought in Bangladesh, and the latest developments in sociology as a discipline. In addition to sociology, this book provides food for thought for researchers, teachers, and enthusiastic readers of many related disciplines including anthropology, economics, development studies, political science, and public health.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869502>

Living with COVID-19 / Akhter Hussain

Dhaka: Academic Press and Publishers Library, 2022

136p.

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\$ 20.00 / HB

298gm.

Covid 19 is an infectious disease that shook every nook and corner of the world and turned into a global pandemic. It has devastated human life and livelihoods. Due to the infection, millions in different countries have lost their lives. For quite some time, in fact, no one knew how to treat the patients infected with the virus. There were frantic efforts to develop a vaccine to contain the deadly spread of the Covid 19 virus. However, in record time, a number of vaccines were developed and they are now being used to combat the virus to save human lives. The book, 'Living with Covid 19,' is a collection of published selected articles and commentaries on different aspects and dimensions of human lives that are still being dictated, to a great extent, by the virus. Bangladesh, as a country, has been the primary focus of these articles. However, in many cases, international dimensions were also discussed and explored. The deadly menace of known as, "Covid 19" is not over yet. Different variants of the Covid 19 virus are turning up all the time, threatening lives of people across the globe. The selected articles included in the book have the primary goal of recording the pandemic, whose extent, scale and deadliness have never been heard of or recorded in history.

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Begum Rokeya The Feminist : Views and Visions / Hasna Begum

Dhaka: Jatiya Sahitya Prakash, 2022

134p.

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\$ 25.00 / HB

260gm.

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Unvarnished Essays : Essays on Philosophy, Society, and Human Problem / Siddhartha Shankar Joarder

Dhaka: Jatiya Sahitya Prakash, 2020

200p.

Includes Index

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\$ 15.00 / HB

340gm.

This collection of brief essays by Siddhartha Shankar Joarder, first published in newspapers over the last three years, provides an example worth emulating, of a scholar stepping out of the ivory tower and into the world of everyday life. A philosopher by training and profession, Dr. Joarder offers critical discussion of an extraordinary wide variety of issues that is characterized by the virtues of philosophy: intellectual humility, precision, and cogency. Topics covered range from the lives and legacies of Bertrand Russell and Rabindranath Tagore, the philosophy of anti-natalism, the state of education in Bangladesh, and the role of science and philosophy in maintaining peace and facilitating development to the history of democracy in Bangladesh, with all its challenges and achievements, the democratic ideals of equality and liberty, the rise of terrorism, the seductive lure of power, and sexual violence against women. As is clear from this list, Dr. Joarder does not shy away from issues that are difficult and often controversial, which is why many readers will not find themselves able to agree with all that he writes. I myself disagree, for example, with his views on the limits of free speech, as laid out in his discussion of the 2018 arrest of Shahidul Alam. But rather than being a shortcoming of the book, this shows its importance. Thoughtful and civil conversations about issues over which we disagree are the ones that really matter.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869505>

Target The Children – Benefit Children, Women and Families : Parenting and Child Development in Rural Bangladesh Account of an ECCD Program / Momtaz Jahan (Foreword) Manzoor Ahmed

Bangladesh: Mrittika Prokashoni, 2023

1v.

\$ 15.00 / PB

170gm.

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Social Cost of Migration : Left-Behind Children, Husbands and Wives in Bangladesh / Tasneem Siddiqui & Anas Ansar

Dhaka: Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit, 2020

xxii, 202p.

English & Bengali

9789843475848

\$ 25.00 / HB

356gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869507>

Bibliography on Children in Bangladesh / (Compiled) Nazrul Islam & Md. Pearul Islam
Dhaka: Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, 2023

176p.

English & Bengali

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356gm.

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Folk Songs from Feminist Perspective: Bhawaiya, Biyer Geet and Palagan / Shibli
Chowdhury

Dhaka: Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, 2021 (Reprint 2023)

x, 224p.

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384gm.

Folk Songs from Feminist Perspective: Bhawaiya, Biyer Geet and Palagan is a research work which aims at analysing folk songs such as, bhawaiya, biyer geet, and palagan from feminist viewpoints. Through various interpretations or reinter pretations of the folk songs, it paints a dismal picture of women discrimination in the male dominated rural societies of the northern part of Bangladesh. Though the book emerged from an extensive doctoral research carried out by the author, who was later awarded a PhD degree in 2013 for it by the University of Rajshahi, it has been presented to reach the required standard as a full-scale book. It shows the myriad trajectories of women exploitation, seeks to explore the reasons for it, and suggests the recipe for emancipation. It deals with a very important academic discourse and at the same time becomes an interesting read.

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