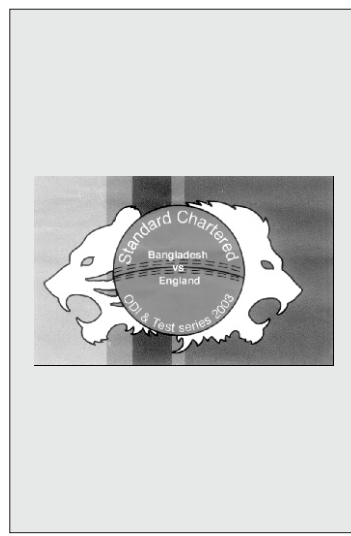


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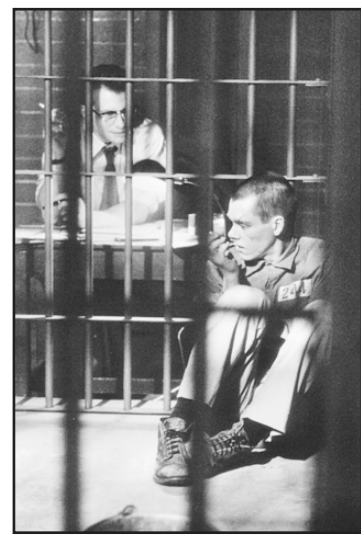


Our Choice
The Cider House Rules IMDb rating 7.5
 On MGM, October 25 at 9:00 pm
 Genre: Drama
 Tobey Maguire, Charlize Theron, Delroy Lindo
 Homer is an orphan in remote St. Cloud, Maine. Never adopted, he becomes the favorite of orphanage director Dr. Larch, who imparts his full medical knowledge on Homer, who becomes a skilled, albeit unlicensed, physician. But Homer yearns for a self-chosen life outside the orphanage.



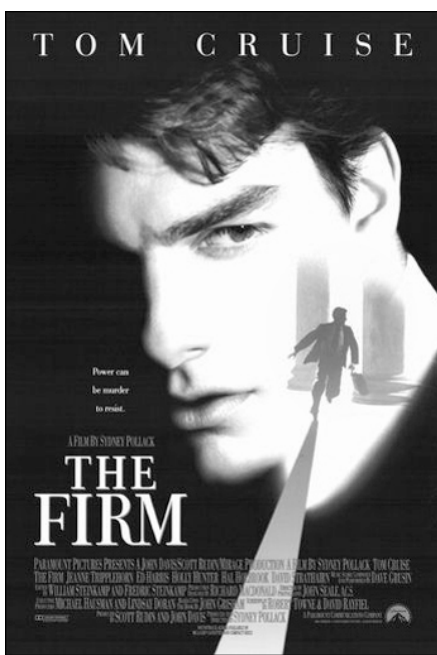
The Sport

England Tour of Bangladesh
Standard Chartered Test & ODI Series 2003
2nd Test, Day 1
 Live on October 29 from Chittagong, Bangladesh
 On Star Sports at 09:22 am
 Bangladesh Vs
 England



The Movie
Murder in the First IMDb rating 6.9
 On Star Movies, October 25 at 11:00 pm
 Genre: Drama/Thriller
 Christian Slater, Kevin Bacon, Embeth Davidtz
 The true story of Henri Young, a 1930's convict who has been sent to prison for stealing five dollars. But when Young and others attempt to escape, they are caught. As punishment, a naked and wet Young is thrown into a dark, damp, rat-infested cell, where he is his beaten continuously.

Satellite TV



The Firm (IMDb rating 6.6)
 On HBO, October 26 at 9:30 pm
 Genre: Thriller/Drama
 Tom Cruise, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Gene Hackman
 Mitch McDeere is a young man with a promising future in Law. About to sit his Bar exam, he is approached by 'The Firm' and made an offer he doesn't refuse. Seduced by the money and gifts showered on him, he is totally oblivious to the more sinister side of his company. Then, two Associates are murdered. The FBI contact him, asking him for information and suddenly his life is ruined. He has a choice - work with the FBI, or stay with the Firm. Either way he will lose his life as he knows it. Mitch figures the only way out is to follow his own plan...



Double Jeopardy (IMDb rating 6.0)
 On AXN, October 25 at 8:30 pm
 Genre: Thriller/Action/Drama/Mystery
 Tommy Lee Jones, Ashley Judd
 Libby Parsons is happily married to Nick and has a wonderful son, Matty. One day while spending the night on their boat, Libby wakes up and finds Nick gone and blood all over the boat and a bloody knife. When an investigation begins, it's discovered that Nick was financial trouble and had a two million dollar insurance policy. Though claims that she knew nothing about it, she would be convicted and sent to prison. She entrusts Matty to her friend, Angela and it's during one of her calls to Matty that she learns that Nick is alive. And she also learns that since she's already been convicted of killing Nick already, she can kill him and not be charged. After seven she's paroled and placed in the custody of Travis, a parole officer.

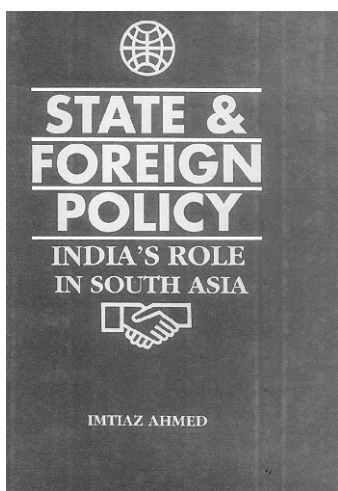


Kiss the Girls (IMDb rating 6.3)
 On AXN, October 26 at 9:30 pm
 Genre: Action/Drama/Mystery/Thriller
 Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd
 Washington DC detective Dr. Alex Cross travels to North Carolina to investigate the apparent kidnapping of his niece. Aided by escaped kidnaper Kate McTiernan, Cross hunts down the kidnaper, who operates under the pseudonym 'Cassanova'.

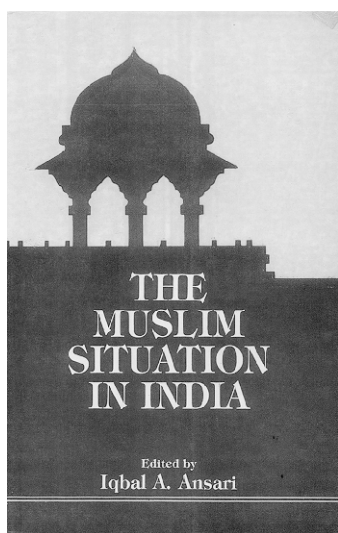


The Rock (IMDb rating 7.0)
 On Star Movies, October 29 at 7:00 pm
 Genre: Action/Thriller/Drama
 Sean Connery, Nicolas Cage
 A group of renegade marine commandos seizes a stockpile of chemical weapons and takes over Alcatraz, with 81 tourists as hostages. Their leader, a former highly-decorated U. S. general, demands \$100 million to be paid in ransom, as restitution to families of soldiers who died in covert operations and were thereby denied compensation. Otherwise, he is threatening to launch 15 rockets carrying deadly VX nerve gas into the San Francisco Bay area. An elite SEAL team, with support from an FBI chemical warfare expert (Stanley Goodspeed) and a former Alcatraz escapee (John Mason), is assembled to penetrate the terrorists' defences on Alcatraz and neutralise the rocket threat before time runs out.

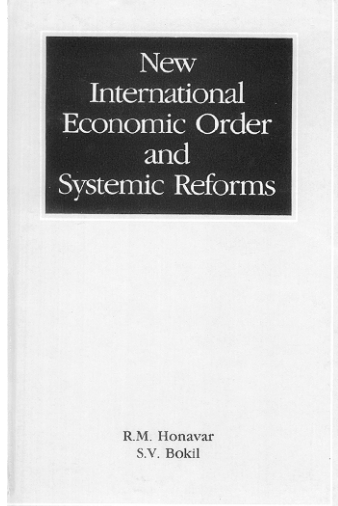
Books



State & Foreign Policy
India's Role in South Asia
 Edited by Imtiaz Ahmed
 In this book the author sets forth that, although conceptually and in appearance state and foreign policy appear fragmented and independent, in reality they are related, albeit dialectically, socially and politically. The central thesis, therefore, is that one understands the relationship between state and foreign policy from the standpoint of dialectics. It is, therefore, first and foremost a methodological application exposition. The methodological application of dialectics, however, compels the author to examine the subject not only on the level of theoretical abstraction but also at the more important level of social reality. In the language of dialectics, this can be referred to as the concrete analysis of a concrete situation -- the situation being the Indian state and its foreign policy, with particular reference to India's role in South Asia. Three inter-related parts, therefore, remain central to this study: first, methodological; second, the understanding of the Indian state; and third, the understanding of the Indian state; and third, the understanding of India's role in South Asia.

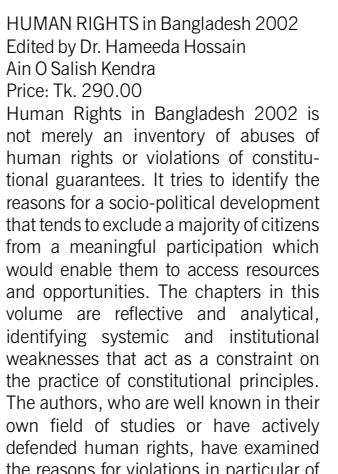


The Muslim Situation in India
 Edited by Iqbal A. Ansari
 Price: Tk. 280.00
 The Indian Constitution envisages a secular polity guaranteeing the minorities the right to preserve their cultural, linguistic and religious identity. Communal readings of history during the past forty years, particularly of the Partition, have however distorted the people's perceptions, attitudes and values. Militant creeds propagating various shades of fundamentalism have raised their ugly heads, frequently leading to violent clashes between Muslims and Hindus. While the majority community sees in these developments a threat to the country's integrity, the minorities view the former's efforts at centralisation and homogenisation as a threat to their separate cultural-religious identity. The resultant deterioration in secular values provided the backdrop for an open discussion on the Muslim situation in India held at a seminar organised by the Institute of Objective Studies in New Delhi in July 1987.

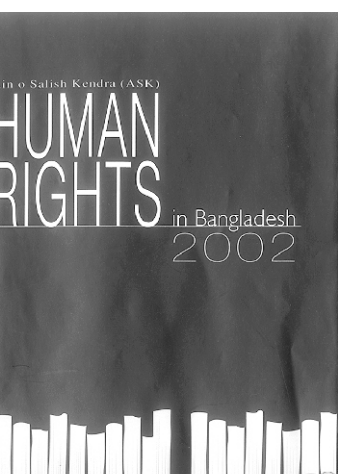


New International Economic Order and Systemic Reforms
 S.V. Bokil & R.M. Honavar
 Price: Tk. 125.00
 The book begins with an analysis of the NIEO reforms agenda. The authors find that this is a middle-of-the-road programme, and implies no design to destabilise the conservative thinkers in the North. Moreover, the programme does not contain any radical redistributive demands to dispossess the richer countries of their affluence. Even then the North-South dialogue has reached a stalemate due to unfounded fears and lack of bargaining leverage with the South. As a way out, the authors believe that focusing attention systemic reforms may lay the basis for a new international economic order.

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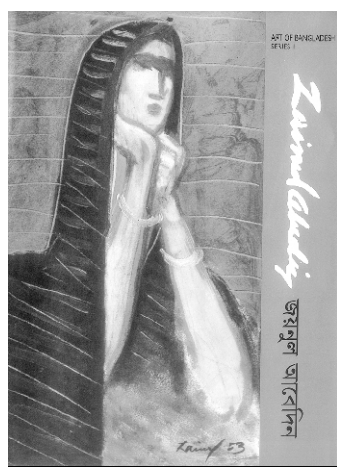


HUMAN RIGHTS in Bangladesh 2002
 Edited by Dr. Hameeda Hossain
 Ain O Salish Kendra
 Price: Tk. 290.00
 Human Rights in Bangladesh 2002 is not merely an inventory of abuses of human rights or violations of constitutional guarantees. It tries to identify the reasons for a socio-political development that tends to exclude a majority of citizens from a meaningful participation which would enable them to access resources and opportunities. The chapters in this volume are reflective and analytical, identifying systemic and institutional weaknesses that act as a constraint on the practice of constitutional principles. The authors, who are well known in their own field of studies or have actively defended human rights, have examined the reasons for violations in particular of the right to torture, ill treatment, arbitrary arrest and detention, freedom of assembly and movement and prison conditions. Several chapters have presented findings on the deprivation of social and economic rights of workers in garment factories, in shrimp farming areas and the right to shelter. Rights of particular groups of citizens, such as minorities, women and children focus particularly on their vulnerabilities. The information and analyses presented in this volume raise more than academic concerns. It also describes citizens' actions in preventing and promoting human rights and will be of use to activists, defenders of human rights and hopefully to policy makers to recognize the need for establishing democratic norms and human rights in the society and state.

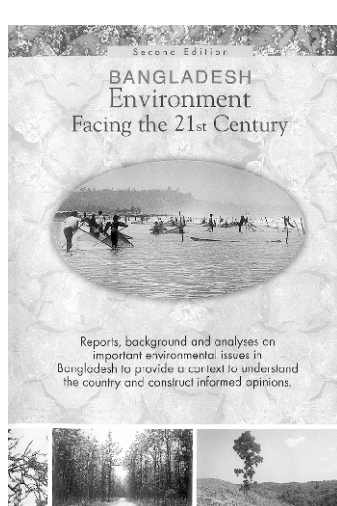


Pathways to Critical Media Education and Beyond
 Edited by Pathak Shamabesh
 Deliberations on Media Reforms and the Manila Initiative
 SIGNIS-Asia and World Association for Christian Communication (WACC)
 Price: Tk. 425.00
 While the mass media has certainly benefited us, it has largely contributed to the creation of an unhealthy, undemocratic and unsustainable world. It therefore needs attention and intervention from all of us children, young adults, parents, women, workers, religious groups, indigenous and minority communities, the disabled, media professionals and advocates of democratic media. This is the way to the establishment of a people-oriented democratic media. It is these pathways that are fleshed out in this volume.

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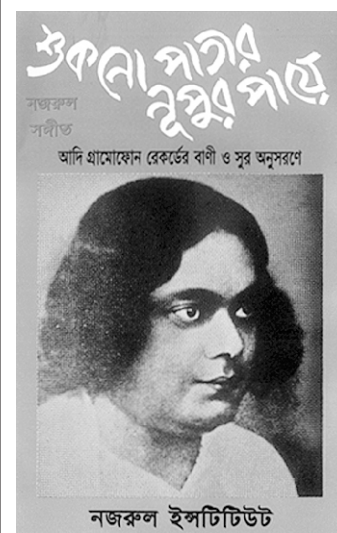
100 Songs of Hasan Raja
 Edward Yazijian
 Price: Tk. 495.00
 Today most Bangladeshis have heard of Hasan Raja and many can sing or cite at least a line from one of his songs. Even so, there is very little written material available about him in Bengali and nothing in English except for few isolated quotations. From all the information available about Hasan Raja it is clear that he defies any easy description or classification on any level. On the one hand he was a powerful landlord who possessed almost limitless wealth and influence, yet he seemed more at home in a rural environment than among wealthy society. His songs are written in the simple language of rural Sunamganj rather than that of the elite society of which he was a member. He was the author of two books, yet he has almost no formal education. He was by birth a Muslim, yet he wrote many songs about Radha Krishna and the goddess Kali. He was known as a cruel and greedy landlord as well as a generous person who gave land and money to the poor. One thing about Hasan Raja is certain he was a true original who wrote songs of great depth and feeling that are still relevant to Bengali speaking people today. We hope that these translations can convey at least something of the urgency and beauty of his songs to the English speaking public.



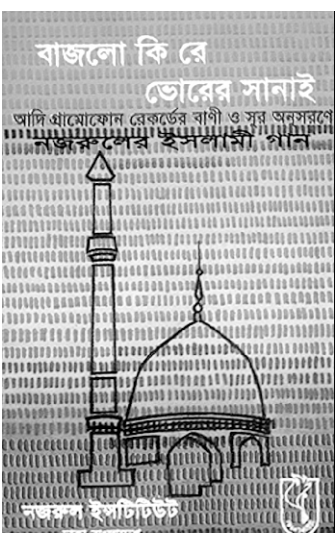
The Devotee, The Combatant
 Selected Poems of Shamsur Rahman
 Translated by Syed Najmuddin Hashim
 Price: Tk. 600.00
 Bangladesh is frequently defined by poverty, resource scarcity, over population, corruption and natural calamities. These are, of course, some conditions that need to be addressed in policy discussion for poverty eradication and overall progress of the country. But there are other factors beyond our boundaries building unavoidable conditions and threats, which eventually stand in the way of environmental safety and sustainable development. Bangladesh has stepped into the 21st century with all these conditions and threats in vogue. Some of these conditions and threats already have profound impacts on our ecology, life and livelihood. Produced by the Society for Environment and Human Development (SEHD), Bangladesh Environment: Facing the 21st Century, is a citizen based country report on the state of Bangladesh's environment.

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CDs & Cassettes



Shukno Patar Nupur Paye
 Nazrul Sangeet
 Nazrul Institute
 Price: Tk. 60.00

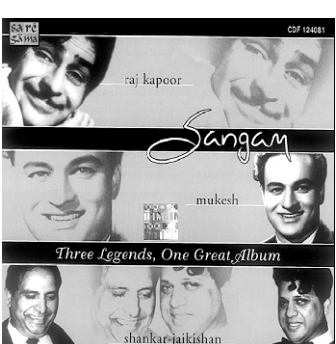


Bajlo Ki Re Bhorer Shanai
 Islamic Songs of Nazrul Islam
 Nazrul Institute
 Price: Tk. 60.00

Produced by the Nazrul Institute, Dhaka, these two cassettes contain selected songs on Islamic and other varieties of themes by Kazi Nazrul Islam. Sung by eminent vocalists of Bangladesh like Sohrab Hossain, Asafudowlah, Ferdousi Rahman, Khalid Hossain, Sadya Afden Mallick, MA Mannan, Fatematuz Zohra, Nilufar Yasmin, Rowshan Ara Mustafiz, Khairul Anam Shaki, Yasmin Mushtari and others, these songs conform to the original tunes and reflect the abundant richness and lustre of Nazrul's songs.



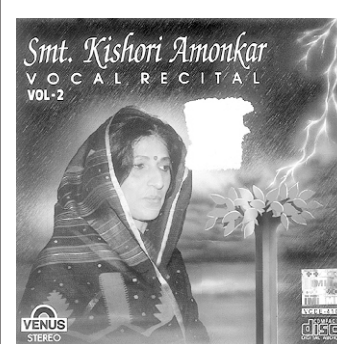
Priyotom Hey Jago
 Rabindra Snageet by Sunanda Bosak & Subir Sen
 Price: Tk. 150.00



Sangam
 Hindi Film Songs
 Price: Tk. 300.00
 The album presents the work of three legendary maestros of the Hindi film industry--actor Raj Kapoor, musician duo Shankar-Jaikishan, and singer Mukesh. Tracks like Awara hoon, Mera joota hai Japani, Main aashiq hoon, Kisi nargisi nazar ko and many others will bring back the nostalgic memory of the golden era of Hindi films.



Begun Gun Gave
 Vocal Recital by Pt. Bhimsen Joshi
 Price: Tk. 200.00



Smt. Kishori Amonkar
 Vocal Recital (Vol. 2)
 Price: Tk. 200.00



Ghazalsara
 Ghulam Ali
 Price: Tk. 75.00



Janmo Amar Dhonyo Holo
 Instrumental from Tona Tuni
 Price: Tk. 100.00
 This marvellous collection brings almost all timeless patriotic tunes of the country including Ekti Bangladesh, Haye amar mon matano desh, Shona shona shona, Shurjodye tumi, Ei Padma ei Meghna, Amar bhai-er rokte rangano, and the titular Janmo amar dhonyo holo mago. This will surely enhance the patriotic feeling in the audience.

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