

BOOK ON ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT LAUNCHED

'Promised Land?' to help better understand ME politics

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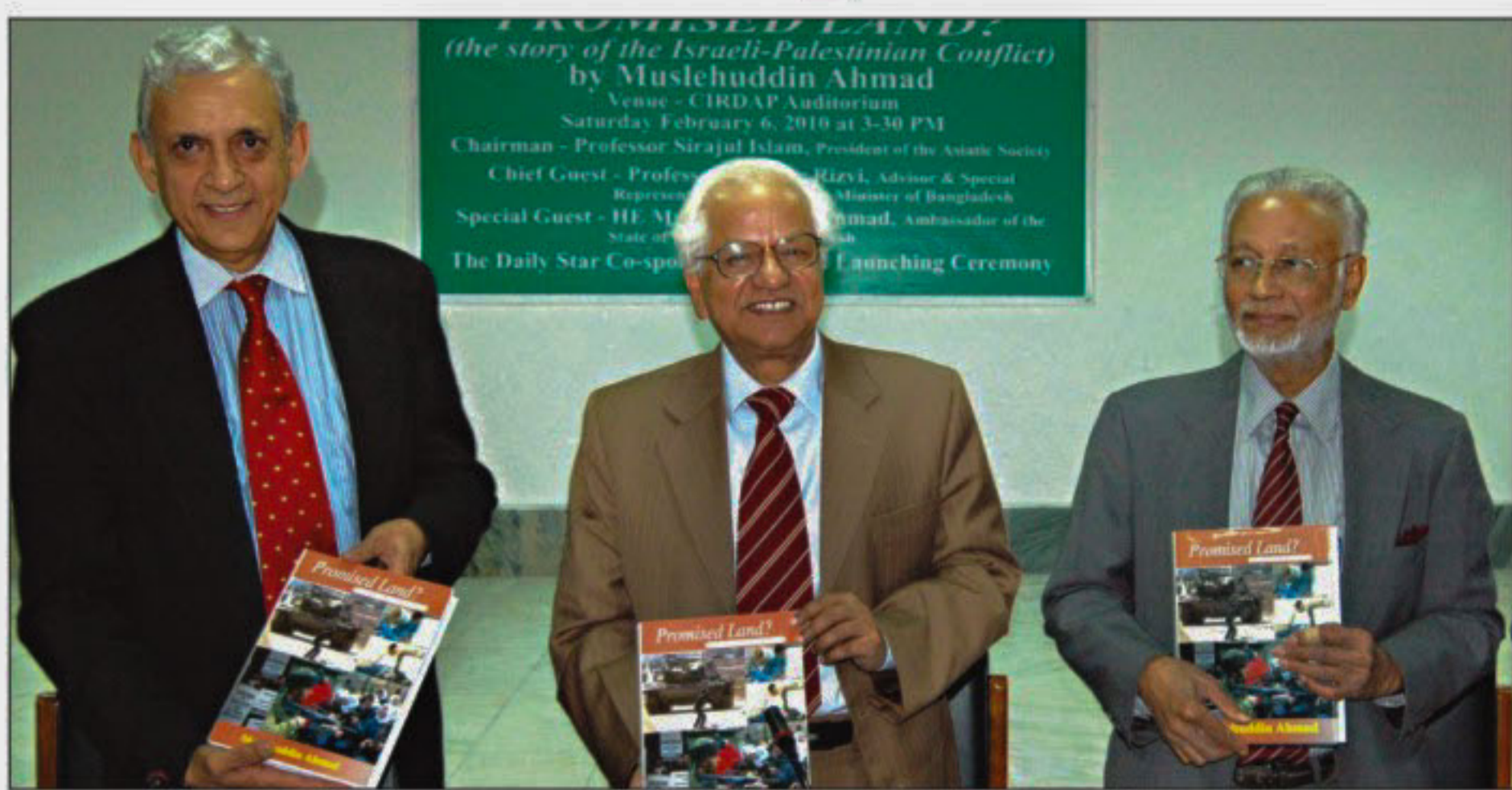
A book on Israeli-Palestinian conflict by former secretary and columnist Muslehuddin Ahmad was launched at Cirdap auditorium in the city yesterday.

The book entitled 'Promised Land?' is a compilation of columns on 'Spotlight on Middle East' written by the author and published in The Daily Star for over one and a half decade.

Prime Minister's Adviser Prof Gowher Rizvi attended the publication ceremony as the chief guest while Prof Sirajul Islam, president of Asiatic Society, chaired the event, co-sponsored by The Daily Star.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Rizvi said the book would certainly help the students of international affairs and the diplomats have a better understanding of the Palestinian issues.

The book is probably the



Guests hold copies of a book titled 'Promised Land?' at its publication ceremony at Cirdap auditorium in the city yesterday. From left are Prime Minister's Adviser Prof Gowher Rizvi, Prof Sirajul Islam and columnist Muslehuddin Ahmad.

first one on Israeli-Palestinian conflict that is written objectively, he said, adding that the author wrote it without any pre-conceived thoughts.

Prof Rizvi also thanked the author and The Daily Star for publication of this book, which will contribute a lot to understanding of the politics involving the Middle East.

Prof Sirajul Islam in his speech said a book on Israeli-Palestinian politics by any Bangladeshi author came out after a long time. The author had done exten-

sive research and worked for a long time to produce this book.

Since the author is a peace lover, he has written the word 'peace' many times in his book and suggested ways to establish peace in the region, he added.

Muslehuddin Ahmad gave a brief description about the content of his book.

He thanked The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam for inviting him to write the column on 'The Spotlight on Middle East'.

Speaking on the occasion, Executive Editor of The Daily Star Syed Fahim Munaim said the book could be an important reference for the students of international affairs and the diplomats.

He also invited the author to write more columns on such issues for The Daily Star.

The ceremony was attended by noted academicians and intellectuals.

TENDER MANIPULATION

Bhola BCL men blame AL leaders

STAR REPORT

Leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday locked the Bhola district Awami League (AL) office alleging tender manipulation by the local leaders of AL and its associate bodies.

Bhola District BCL President Rubaiyyat Hossain and Joint Secretary Kamruzzaman at a rally alleged that local AL leaders and its associate organisations looted about Tk 2 crore through tender manipulation in LGRD, Water Development Board and Roads and Highways after the AL-led government assumed power.

Globalisation increases income inequalities, says expert

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Globalisation increases income inequalities, having a further bad impact on people's health, said globalisation expert Prof Ronal Labonte.

Speaking at a seminar titled 'Globalisation and health', he said economic growth would not improve equity in population's health in any acceptable time. Because, for every \$1.30 in global economic growth, only \$1.30 trickles down to the poorest 20 percent. The amount is less than half that trickled down in the 1970s.

James P Grant School Public Health, Brac University and ICDDR,B jointly organised the seminar at Sasakawa Auditorium.

Prof Ronal Labonte, Canada Research Chair on Globalisation and Equity in Institute of Population Health of University of Ottawa spoke on different aspect of globalisation and its impact on different groups of population all over the world.

"Globalisation policies have reversed trends in health gains except for health technology benefits," he said.

Globalisation also increases inequalities between skilled and unskilled workers within and across national borders and labour market insecurity has risen sharply with globalisation, he added.

He stressed the need to consume less and ethically and to mobilise the people's health movement.

Policies should provide for systematic

resource redistribution between countries and within regions to enable poorer countries to meet human needs, effective supranational regulation to ensure that there is a social purpose in the global economy, and enforceable social rights that enable citizens and residents to seek legal redress, he said.

The seminar was chaired by Dr Alejandro Cravioto, executive director of ICDDR,B who is also the acting dean of James P Grant School of Public Health. Associate Dean and Director of James P Grant School of Public Health made his welcome note of the seminar. Researchers, academia, students and public health professionals from different organisations were also present.

LEGAL NOTICE TO DU VC 'Protect sanctity of Shaheed Minar'

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A legal notice was served yesterday to the government and the Dhaka University vice-chancellor, asking them to protect the sanctity and honour of the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka.

Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB), a human rights and environmentalists' organisation, served the notice.

The organisation in the notice requested the authorities to take steps for setting up a

museum on the Central Shaheed Minar premises that can help visitors know the history of 1952 Language Movement.

HRPB also asked them to inform the organisation within 48 hours about the steps they would take in this regard.

HRPB President advocate Manzil Morshed served the notice to the cabinet secretary, the cultural secretary, the Dhaka City Corporation mayor and the DU vice-chancellor.



Naval Headquarters
Banani, Dhaka-1213

1. Bangladesh Navy Ships will carry out live missile firing from 06 to 08 Feb 2010 (Saturday, Sunday and Monday) from 0700 AM to 1700 PM in the Bay of Bengal in the area as shown in the map (also mentioned below):

Map of Missile Firing Area



BANGLADESH NAVY SHIPS WILL CARRY OUT LIVE MISSILE FIRING FROM SATURDAY TO MONDAY (06 TO 08 FEB 2010)

Coordinates	Latitude	Longitude
A	21°40'.6 North	090°53'.2 East
B	22°02'.8 North	091°34'.2 East
C	21°56'.0 North	091°41'.5 East
D	21°18'.3 North	091°17'.0 East

2. All types of ships, craft and aircraft are hereby warned and requested to refrain from entering, plying or engaging in any other activity in the area during the said period. Danger height for the firing area during firing will be 3,000 (three thousand) meters and safety ht is 12,000 meters.

3. Cooperation of all concerned is solicited in this regard.

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