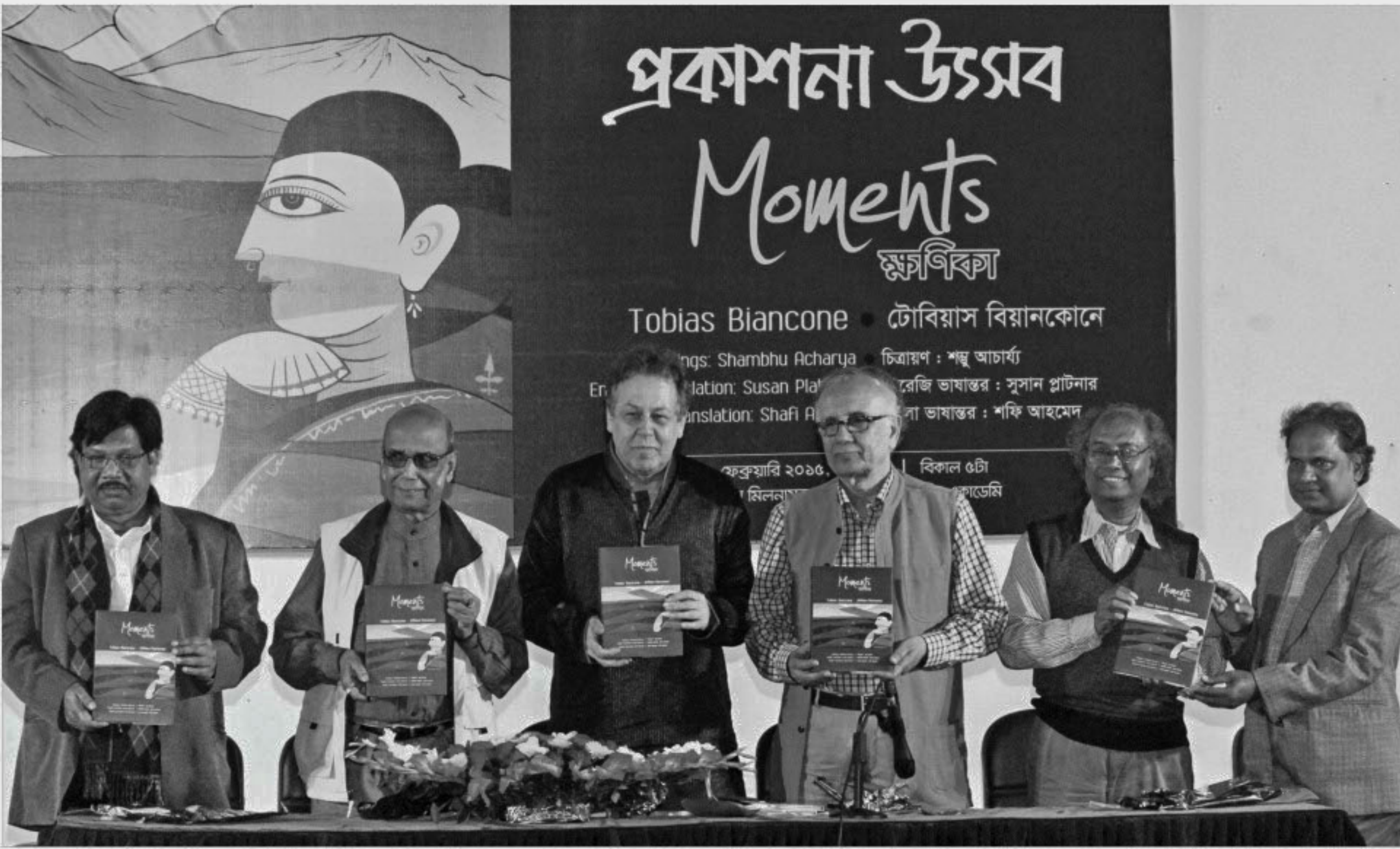


From left, Liaquat Ali Lucky, Syed Shamsul Haq, Tobias Biancone, Ramendu Majumdar, Prof Shafi Ahmed and Shambhu Acharya hold up a book of poems, Moments, by Swiss poet Biancone at its publication programme organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and ITI Bangladesh at the academy yesterday. The poems were translated by Prof Shafi Ahmed and illustrated by Shambhu Acharya.

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Blockade keeps tourists

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hope for the tides to turn as his daily sales have reduced to Tk 100, a tenth of his expectations.

Though arrivals at the seven-kilometre long Parki beach still doubles at weekends, the figure on a single weekday now stands at around 200, nowhere near that of yesterday, says MA Kyum Shah who owns a resort there.

Only two or three buses carrying picnickers arrive, that too only on the weekends, a far cry from the usual 50 or so used to be seen every day, he said.

Restaurateur Mohammed Selim says he is in a fix for daily revenues plummeted to Tk 500 from as high as Tk 7,000. The same goes for the around 100 business establishments like his which fear of going bust if the situation prevails.

The picturesque Foy's Lake, now housing a theme park of Concord amidst undulating hills, is also passing the worst possible of times with barely 100 visitors setting foot every day.

Assistant Marketing Manager Bishwajit Ghosh said the number usually hovered around 1,500 and rose by another 1,000 on

the weekends.

"We used to daily host at least 20 picnics for educational institutions and clubs and five corporate picnics. The number has become almost zero now," he said.

The blockade has effectively infused security concerns and put off the city's residents on the lookout to satisfy their taste buds and experience new dishes at the around 600 restaurants.

As per staff, the daily sale at Kashundi Restaurant in Probortak has come down to around Tk 5,000 to Tk 6,000 while Bonanza Restaurant in GEC area saw it slashed to half.

The latter's manager, Mohammad Nasir, says no longer do foreigners step foot inside though some 20 to 25 used to do so in the evenings.

The revenue drop is around one-third for Café Chhufia Hotel and Restaurant at Bayezid Bostami Road.

Though not revealing the figures, one owner of Hotel Zaman, Restaurant and Biriani House in Chawkbazar went as far as to saying they were just "staying alive".

BRUR faculty, students

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teachers' dormitories. The two are involved with Samannita Odhikar Bastobayan Parishad, a faction of BRUR Teachers' Association. The parishad had expressed solidarity with the students' demonstration.

The injured, who received treatment at Rangpur Medical College Hospital, joined the demonstration after being released from the hospital

on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Apel Mahmud, an assistant professor and president of another faction of the association known as Neel Dal, said they were in favour of resolving the existing problems with talks while continuing with academic and administrative activities of the university.

VC AKM Nurun Nabi, who was not on the campus, could not be contacted.

Political dialogue

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consensus on the matter.

Nagorik Oikya Covenor and well-known former student leader Mahmudur Rahman Manna said proper investigations were non-existent in arson cases and only filing of cases accusing unnamed persons and "instigators" and extra-judicial killings were not signs of proper investigations.

He criticised the prime minister, ruling party lawmakers and top law enforcement officials for ordering law enforcers to shoot arsonists and demanded a stop to immolating people.

What happened on January 5 was not an election, he said, criticising the ruling party's attack on advocates of dialogue. "They are saying we are lunatics and instigators because we have been urging them to hold dialogues."

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal President ASM Abdur Rab urged holding dialogue under Dr Kamal's supervision.

Gonoshasthaya Kendra Trustee Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury and Prof Amena Mohsin of Dhaka University also spoke.

Litigants suffer amid

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27 cases. Starting at 9:00am, the court-2 proceedings however closed for the day at 11:00am, instead of 1:15pm, due to the work abstention, Deputy Attorney General Bishwajit Debnath told The Daily Star.

SCBA Vice President Rafiqul Islam Mehedi and its Assistant Secretary AKM Rezaul Karim Khandker approached many HC judges in the morning and requested them not to run judicial proceedings but some did not respond to their call, sources said.

On condition of anonymity, some SC lawyers said many HC judges usually did not conduct proceedings during hartal due to the absence of lawyers. They, however, could not say how many cases could not be disposed of yesterday.

Prosecute arsonists

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nation, so there was no need for another.

The Nirmul Committee Acting President Shahriar Kabir demanded a ban on Jamaat-e-Islami terming it a criminal organisation and called for at least 50,000 new recruits in the police force.

Maj Gen (ret'd) Abdur Rashid, executive director of Institute of Conflict, Law and Development Studies, called for formulation of a law to restrict the scope of hartal and blockades.

Prof Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir delivered Kabir Chowdhury Memorial Speech-4, while women's rights activist Rokeya Kabir spoke among others.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 28th death anniversary of Moniruddin Yusuf, a renowned poet, philosopher and translator. On Friday a milad mahfil will be held after Jumma Prayer at his village in Kishorganj and another at his son's Mohammadpur residence in the capital after Asr prayer, said a press release. The Centre for National Culture will also arrange a programme at their Dhanmondi office on Friday at 4:30pm.

Badiul Alam
CITY DESK



Today is the 12th death anniversary of Badiul Alam; a freedom fighter, politician, and an advocate.

He was the Awami League Chittagong-unit president during liberation war and became Lawyer's Association president in 1981.

On Thursday, Advocate Badiul Alam Memorial Foundation will organise a doa and a milad mahfil after Asr prayers.

Khaleda Akhtar Banu
STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 7th death anniversary of Khaleda Akhtar Banu; wife of Prof Abdul Mannan, former chairman of parliamentary standing committee on ministry of cultural affairs.

Khaleda was a writer, researcher and former chairperson of the Bangla department of Abuzor Gifri University College, said a press release.

A doa mahfil will be held today.

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Blockade dampens book fair prospects

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For the first time in many years, the spacious and well laid out grounds of the Amar Ekushey Granthamela offer booklovers a congenial environment to browse through their favourite volumes before making purchase decisions.

Ten publishers including Anya, University Press Limited, Somoy, Agamee and Ananya which draw considerable crowds were given separate pavilions.

"Since an architect designed the layout of the fair grounds for the first time this year, the stall placement has been well-organised, so much so that visitors can move around freely," Farid Ahmed, publisher of Somoy, told The Daily Star.

"Because of the pavilions, buyers can now check the book before purchase," he said, mentioning the seating arrangements for visitors on Suhrawardy Udyan.

However, Sanjoy Majumder, publisher of Murdhonno, said the Udyan portion where all the stalls of major publication houses were located was not lighted up sufficiently.

"Most of the lighting and decorations have been done on the Bangla Academy portion. For a newcomer entering the fair from TSC or Doyel Chattar, it would be difficult to understand that the main fair is taking place at the park," he said.

Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor too felt the need to add more lights on Suhrawardy Udyan, after visiting the grounds as well as the nearby Muktaamancha Sunday.

"The light inside the fair boundary is adequate but we should install more lights in the surrounding areas and on walkways leading to the main grounds," he said.

This year, six toilets inside the fair grounds along with 23 near the Muktaamancha were opened for visitors, said Altaf Hossain, secretary of Bangla Academy.

Despite all the facilities, publishers are worried about sales.

Majumder said, "Our main customers come from outside Dhaka. They keep a budget to buy books every

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Invitation for e-Tender

1. Invitation Reference No.	CPS/M(Main)-45/2015/203 date: 03-02-2015.
Tender ID (from e-GP Portal)	19007.
Name of work	Renovation of 1000sft building, building No-2 (10 unit) at Chittagong Power Station.
2. Invitation Reference No.	CPS/M(Main)-45/2015/204 date: 03-02-2015.
Tender ID (from e-GP Portal)	19031.
Name of work	Renovation of 500sft building, including inside and outside portion, building No-1 & 3 at Chittagong Power Station.
3. Invitation Reference No.	CPS/M(Main)-45/2015/202 date: 03-02-2015.
Tender ID (from e-GP Portal)	18995.
Name of work	Renovation work of officers dormitory 1 & 2 at Chittagong Power Station.
4. Invitation Reference No.	CPS/M(Main)-45/2015/199 date: 03-02-2015.
Tender ID (from e-GP Portal)	18871.
Name of work	Extension work of PDB High Schools (2nd floor) of Chittagong Power Station including renovation of old part of the school at CPS.
5. Invitation Reference No.	CPS/M(Main)-45/2015/201 date: 03-02-2015.
Tender ID (from e-GP Portal)	18977.
Name of work	Construction of retaining wall cum slope protection work at the 11 acre newly acquired land at the outside of south boundary wall of Chittagong Power Station.
6. Invitation Reference No.	CPS/M(Main)-45/2015/200 date: 03-02-2015.
Tender ID (from e-GP Portal)	18952.
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