



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina exchanges greetings with graduates and their family members at the graduation ceremony of "DSCSC 2016-17" course of Defence Services Command and Staff College at Mirpur Cantonment yesterday.

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Book fair a window into world literature

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Literature can leave a lifetime impact on our minds. It helps us understand ourselves and the world around us. And it transcends boundaries through translation.

This year's Ekushey book fair saw a large number of translated versions of world literature by prominent authors.

Curious booklovers were seen buying, flipping pages, and searching for books to satisfy their literary palate at Suhrawardy Udyan yesterday.

Dr Lutfun Nahar, a surgeon of Dhaka Medical College, was buying "Kabalmysteriet" (The Solitaire Mystery) by Norwegian author Jostein Gaarder.

"I have read Gaarder's 'Sophie's World'. His books are like a quest to find fulfillment and the meaning of life," she said.

Sandesh, the books' publishing house, also brought several others including French philosopher Michel Foucault's "Society Must Be Defended", translated by Sanjiban Sarker.

The new edition of the Bangla translation of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" by eminent litterateur Syed Shamsul Haq is also one of the favourites at the fair published by Anyapokash publication.

Even a collection of timeless world plays is presented in a book "Natak Samagra" by dramatist Tariq Anam Khan.

A complete collection of translated short stories of Maxim Gorky by Hayat Mamud is also selling well along with other classics, said Proshenjit Roy, staff of Charulipi Prokashon.

Many publishers were seen selling mostly translated books at the fair. For example, 11 new translated books arrived at Oitijhya's stall.

However, some visitors also expressed dissatisfaction over the high cost of the translated books.

Adnan Toufiq, a Dhanmondi resident, could not buy HAR Gibb's "Travels of Ibn Battuta" translated by Iftekhar Amin though he bargained hard for it at Oitijhya Prokashani.

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Darul Ihsan University can't run activities

SC upholds HC verdict

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Darul Ihsan University (DIU) cannot run activities as the Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court verdict that last year declared it illegal for not complying with the rules.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Chief Justice SK Sinha passed the order after dismissing an appeal of the university authorities challenging the HC verdict, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told reporters.

He also said the SC has given some directives, which will be available in the full verdict.

On April 13 last year, the HC announced the verdict after hearing 13 writ petitions filed by a group of people claiming ownership of DIU at different times.

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