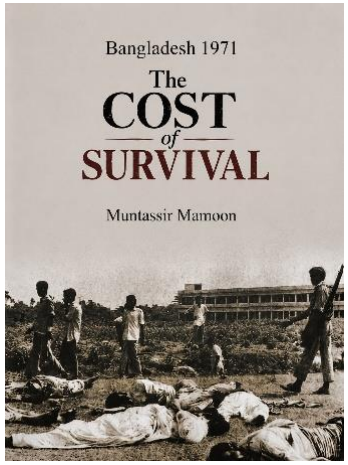
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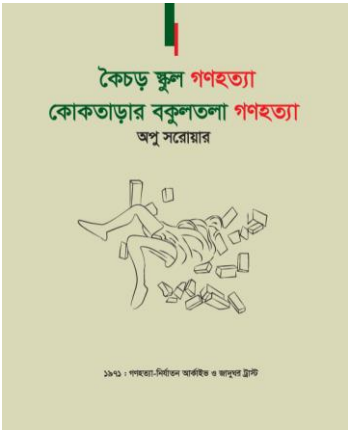
Bangladesh 1971: The Cost of Survival
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The history of Bangladesh's Liberation War is not merely the history of battles on the battlefield, political decisions, or military developments; it is also intertwined with the fear, uncertainty, displacement, hunger, oppression, and struggle for survival of millions of people despite adversity. Dr. Muntassir Mamun's book *Bangladesh 1971: The Cost of Survival* presents this broad and complex human reality of 1971 to readers from a different perspective.
Written on the basis of historical documents, information, and various authentic sources, this book gives particular importance to the everyday lives and struggles for survival of people in occupied Bangladesh. How people managed their lives amid the horrors of war, how they adapted to adversity, and how they attempted to maintain a normal life during a time of uncertainty—the book brings these experiences into the discussion of history.

An important aspect of the book is that it does not view 1971 merely as a political or military event. Rather, it also explores the question of how war and occupation affected society and individual lives. As a result, alongside the familiar events of the history of the Liberation War, it creates an opportunity for readers to think anew about the experiences and crises of ordinary people and the cost of survival.
The Cost of Survival, therefore, is not merely an account of the events of 1971; it is an attempt to look closely at people's lives during wartime. For readers interested in the Liberation War, genocide, and the social history of Bangladesh, the book is simultaneously an informative, thoughtful, and important read.

Kaichar School Gonohattya and the Koktara Bakultala Gonohattya **[Genocide of Kaichar School & Koktara Bakultala Genocide]** [Bangla]
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The history of the 1971 genocide is not merely the history of large-scale and widely discussed assacres; the countless local genocides that took place in different parts of the country are also an inseparable part of that history. The book *The Kaichar School Genocide and the*

Koktara Bakultala Genocide has documented the history of two such brutal genocides.

The book has been written on the history of these two massacres—the 'Kaichar School Genocide' in Sadar Upazila of Bogura District and the 'Koktara Bakultala Genocide' in Panchbibi Upazila of Joypurhat District—which took place on 13 May and 10 May 1971, respectively. Researcher Apu Sarwar has presented the history of these two genocides on the basis of local-level information, memories, and available data.

The particular significance of the book lies in the fact that it presents the overall history of genocide in Bangladesh to readers through the experiences of two specific localities. During the Liberation War, countless people lost their lives in the massacres carried out by the Pakistani occupation forces and their collaborators. The names and identities of many of them have still not been properly incorporated into the mainstream of national history. Preserving the history of these locally committed genocides, therefore, is not merely an act of remembering the past; rather, it is a historical responsibility against oblivion. The book also creates an opportunity to learn about the locations, times, victims, and sequence of events of the genocides. As a result, it is important for researchers and students of history, while at the same time it can become a valuable source for local people and the new generation to learn about the history of the Liberation War in their own areas.

Documenting local genocides is extremely important in constructing a comprehensive history of the 1971 genocide. Within this broader tradition of historical research, Apu Sarwar's book is a necessary and significant addition.

***Ato Rokto Kano?* [Why So Much Blood?]** [Bangla]

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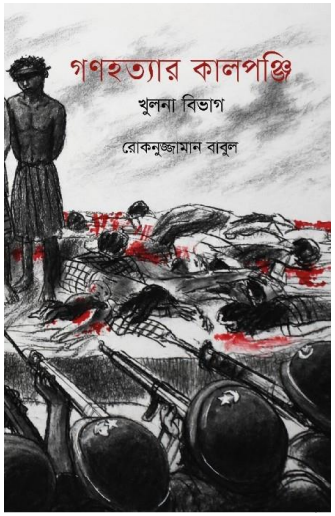
Among the list of books written on 1971, *Why So Much Blood?* is a significant addition. This book by Maitreyi Devi provides an opportunity to view the bloody history of 1971 from a different perspective. The title itself seems to be a profound human question posed in the face of the horror of that time, people's helplessness, and the enormous loss of life—"Why so much blood?"

The publication of a new edition of the book after a long period has created an opportunity to bring the history of 1971 and the consciousness of that period to a new generation of readers. It is particularly noteworthy that Poonam Mukherjee has added the editing, annotations, and introduction to the new edition. As a result, alongside the original book, its historical context and the supplementary discussions necessary for reading it have also been opened up to readers.

In our historiography of 1971, alongside political and military events, documents of individual human emotions, experiences, and humanitarian responses are also extremely important. *Why So Much Blood?* carries particular significance for readers from that perspective. The book does

not merely remind us of a bloody period of the past; rather, it compels us to think about genocide, war, and their impact on human lives.
For readers interested in the history of 1971, the Liberation War, and genocide, the book is undoubtedly a valuable addition to their collection.

Gonohattar Kalponji: Khulna Bivag **[Chronology of Genocide: Khulna Division]** [Bangla]
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Preserving the history of the 1971 genocide in the sequence of time, place, and events is an important task of historical scholarship. Rokonuzzaman Babul's *Chronology of Genocide: Khulna Division* is an important research-oriented work written with this need in mind. By documenting chronologically, the incidents of genocide, killings, and torture that took place in various areas of Khulna Division, the book has undertaken an effort to connect the local history of the Liberation War with the broader national history.
Many incidents of genocide and torture in 1971 are still scattered among local memories, eyewitness accounts, and

fragmented documents. There is also a risk that these memories may disappear over time. In this context, one of the important features of the book is its presentation of the genocide incidents from every district of Khulna Division in the framework of a chronology, after investigating, collecting, and organizing them. As a result, it is not merely a list of events; rather, it is an effort to preserve the history of the 1971 genocide at the local level.
A strong symbolic expression of the brutality of genocide and the realities of wartime can also be seen in the book's cover and presentation. In addition to researchers, students, and readers interested in history, the book can be particularly helpful for those interested in working on the local history of the Liberation War in Khulna Division.
Most importantly, rather than limiting the history of genocide to a few widely discussed incidents at the national level, this book has attempted to make the memories and evidence of the massacres that took place in every locality a part of history. From that perspective,

Muktijyddha Sihuder Talika: Lalmonirhat Zila **[List of Martyrs of the Liberation War: Lalmonirhat District]** [Bangla]
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The sacrifice of the martyrs is one of the most valuable legacies of independent Bangladesh in the history of the Liberation War. However, within the broader scope of national history, the identities of martyrs from specific regions and localities often remain hidden. The book *List of*

Muktijyddha Sihuder Talika: Lalmonirhat Zila is an important initiative to address this gap.



Published under the editorship of Muntassir Mamun and compiled by Riyad Hossain, this book attempts to preserve the information and identities of the martyrs of the Liberation War from Lalmonirhat District. By bringing together and documenting the names and information of the martyrs of a particular district, the book has connected local history with national history. Behind each name lies a life, a family, a locality, and the history of the ultimate sacrifice for independence.

The importance of such list-based books is not limited merely to the preservation of information. They serve as primary materials for future research and create avenues for exploring the history of the Liberation War at the local level. In particular, the book plays an important role in conveying the history of the Liberation War in Lalmonirhat and the memory of its martyrs to the new generation.

Preserving the names of the martyrs not merely in a list, but as permanent records of history, is the greatest significance of this book. The book is a necessary addition for readers, researchers, and students interested in remembering and authentically preserving the sacrifices of 1971.

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The history of the 1971 Liberation War is not merely the history of the overall course of the war; one of its most painful chapters is the sacrifice of those people whose lives were given in exchange for the emergence of an independent Bangladesh. The book *List of* ***Muktijyddha Sihuder Talika: Rangpur Zila*** is an important endeavor to preserve the memory of those sacrifices and document them authentically.

Published under the editorship of Muntassir Mamun and compiled by Riyad Hossain, this book undertakes an initiative to preserve the identities and information of the martyrs of the Liberation War from Rangpur District. This effort to separately identify and list the martyrs of a particular district is especially significant for the study of local history. This is because, just as the overall narrative of the Liberation War is important in national history, it is equally essential to properly preserve the sacrifices of the people of every district, upazila, and locality in the historical record.

The names of the martyrs are not merely parts of a list—each

name is associated with a family, a life, a locality, and an individual story of sacrifice for independence. By documenting those names and memories, the book has, on the one hand, enriched the history of 1971 and, on the other hand, fulfilled the responsibility of preserving the memory of the martyrs for future generations.

In particular, such books are extremely necessary for research on the local history of the Liberation War, the investigation of the identities of martyrs, and region-based historical studies. By preserving the memories and sacrifices of the martyrs of Rangpur District in an authoritative list, the book can be considered a valuable document of the history of 1971.

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