

Muhith's book on Bangladesh history launched

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HISTORY of Bangladesh: A Subcontinental Civilisation, a book on the history of Bangladesh looking into its roots in the subcontinental civilization, by finance minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, was unveiled on Saturday.

Muhith wrote the book over a period of twenty-two years and it covers the period from pre-historic times of Indian civilisation to 1975. The book deals with the early history of Indian subcontinent from prehistoric period through ancient and medieval to the Mughal period. It searches for the identity of Bangladesh and its history till the end of British rule in Indian subcontinent. The book covered the struggle of Bangladeshis for democracy and economic freedom.

Asiatic Society of Bangladesh president Professor Amirul Islam Chowdhury presided over the launching ceremony while Dhaka University professor emeritus Anisuzzaman, history professor A Momin Chowdhury and Sonia Nishat Amin addressed the ceremony.

Momin Chowdhury said that Muhith in some cases made generalised and sweeping statements on historical events. Citing specific examples, he said that the book made some mistakes in maintaining chronology of the events and defining the different periods.

Nishat Amin said that book lacks in bibliography which was very important for such a narrative book.

Muhith said that there was a scarcity of good books on the history of Bangladesh and stressed more research in this field.