

023

## Text-book Board refutes allegations

Staff Correspondent

Mr. Eltasuddin, Chairman of National Curriculum and Text-book Board on Monday refuted the charges of irregularities brought against the management of the Board. The publishers responsible for black marketing of Board's paper, have been black listed, he added.

Talking to newsmen at his office chamber on the day, the Chairman further claimed that the management had already realised a portion of the outstanding amount and about Tk. 12 lakh was yet to be realised.

Refuting the charges brought by Mudran Shilpa Samity the chairman said out of a total of enlisted 242 printing presses of the Board, only 35 were members of the Mudran Shilpa Samity. So the management cannot keep distribution of work limited to 35 presses, he said.

Mr. Eltasuddin claimed improvement in the performance of the Board as regards publication of books in recent years with the adoption of some administrative measures. The Mudran Shilpa Samity represents only a small percentage of press. Mr. Faizul Kabir, member Text-book Board said. The demands placed by the Mudran Shilpa Samity regarding allotment of work, are not acceptable to the management, he said. He wondered how the Samity could bring charges of anomalies and corruption against the management.

We allot work to three categories of presses for smooth and quality production, he said. Only two cases of black marketing of board's paper have been detected in recent years, he said.