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National Book Policy by Feb 21

A national book policy will be announced within February 21, 1994, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof. Jahan Ara Begum said on Thursday, reports UNB.

"The Government is considering to adopt a coordinated policy for the growth of publication industry", she told a press conference at National Book Centre (NBC) in Dhaka.

The press conference was organised to brief the press on the arrangements of the 15th National Book Fair beginning in the capital January 1 under the auspices of NBC.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the 15-day book fair at Osmani Memorial Hall at 4.15 p.m. The slogan of the book exhibition is "first project has been taken up" for the development of the publication industry and the other project aims at providing books to the district and thana libraries and renovation of those libraries.

The press conference was attended, among others, by Cultural Affairs Secretary Islam Uddin Malik and NBC Director KM Habibullah.