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## Banglapaedia to be published on January 3

The newly formed committee to review the chapters on religion and culture of the first ever 10-volume Banglapaedia has started its work.

Prof. Sirajul Islam, director of the Bangladesh national encyclopaedia project, talking to BSS said that the committee had been formed with former Vice Chancellor of the Open University Prof. Shamsheer Ali as its Chairman.

The names of Justice Abdur Rauf, Director General of the Islamic Foundation Ashraf Ali and Vice Chancellor of the Islamic University Prof. Mostafizur Rahman have been proposed. Prof. Islam said:

Prof. Islam said the sub-committee was formed after a section of national dailies published some reports on a few articles about religion and culture of the Banglapaedia.

The project director said the Banglapaedia should not contain any information that might hurt the country's religious, cultural and political beliefs. "The editorial board is exercising all sorts of caution in this regard, he said, adding, "we do not want any controversy about this prestigious publication."

He said the manuscript of each chapter is being sent to press after careful scrutiny. The printing is progressing alphabetically. He hoped that the Banglapaedia could be published

on January 3 of the next year as per plan if there were no problems. He hoped the work of the sub-committee would be completed within the next two months.

He said a CD version would be released two to three months after the publication of the Banglapaedia. He said the government has been giving allout support to its publication.

The Asiatic Society of Bangladesh is the sponsor of the Taka eight crore project. The government will bear 74 per cent of the expenses. The contents of the Banglapaedia, both in Bangla and English, will be the same.

The book will contain all the information relating to history, art, society, economy, state and administration, science and technology after establishment of Bangla region. The price of each set of English version is Taka 12 thousand and Taka ten thousand for Bengali version.