

## Notebooks in 50 sacks seized

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A mobile court yesterday seized illegal notebooks and guidebooks for primary and secondary level classes from Barisal river port area.

Acting on a tip-off, the court led by Magistrate Qamruzzaman and Magistrate Shafiullah Tapan raided MV Parabat-11 launch that reached Barisal river port from Dhaka at around 9:00am.

Court sources said law enforcers led by the magistrates searched through 285 sacks of books brought from

the capital and found 1,200 illegal notebooks and guidebooks worth around Tk five lakh in 50 sacks.

The mobile court seized the sacks imprinted with the names of Islamia Library and Rahmania Library of Barisal city. None of the two wholesale bookstores came to the port to receive the books.

Court sources said the banned notebooks and guidebooks were sent from Dhaka for sale in different areas of the district.

Officials of the district administration said drive will continue in the city to

stop selling of banned notebooks and guidebooks. "We will destroy the seized notebooks and guidebooks; they added.

As notebooks and guidebooks are still in high demand, a section of Dhaka based publishers supply them to different areas across the country for sale, said Delwar Hossain Rupak, president of Barisal Booksellers and Publishers association.

Some bookstore owners make a good profit by selling the banned notebooks and guidebooks at higher prices, Delwar added.