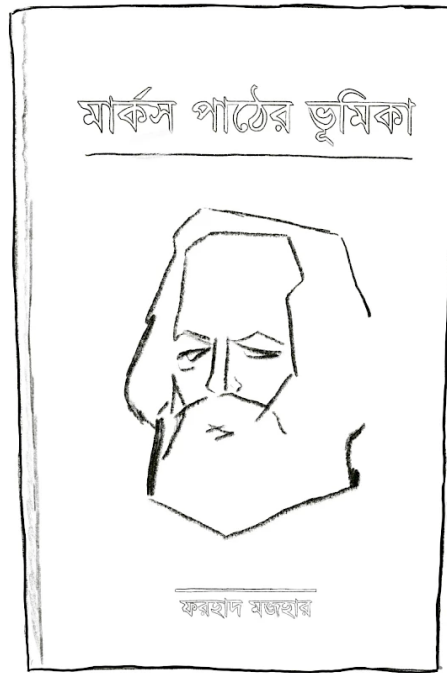


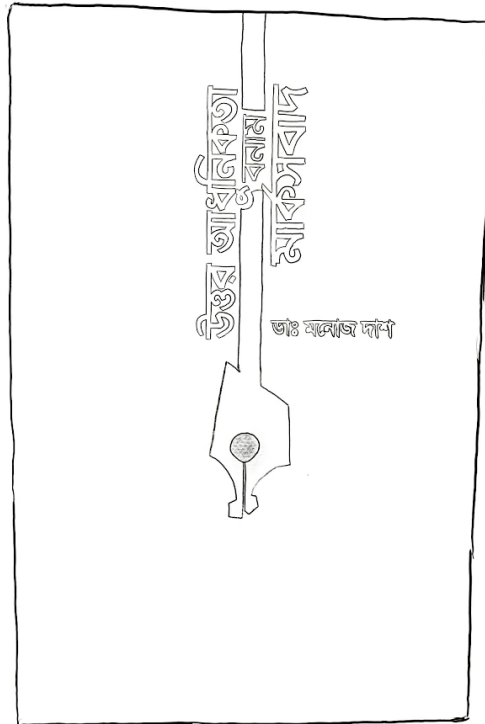
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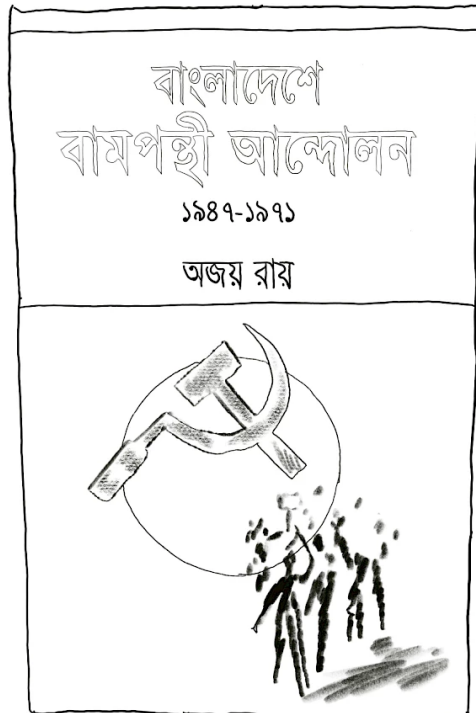
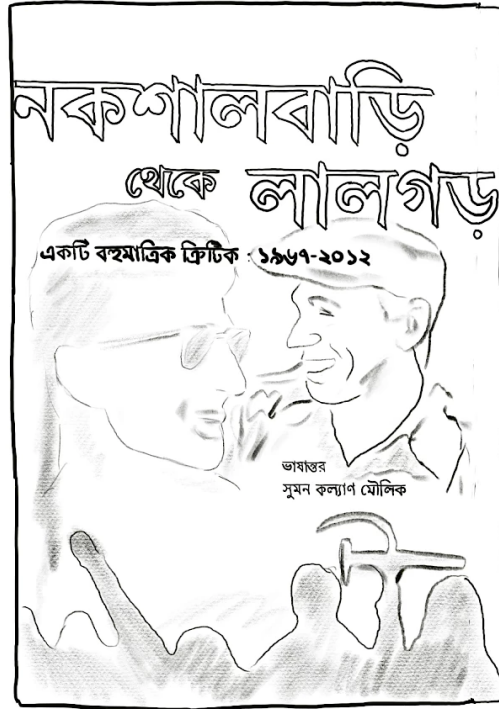
Part of Class and Redistribution

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Naeem Mohaiemen studied at two schools run by imported leaders – New Tripoli in Libya with a Maltese headmaster, and St Joseph in Bangladesh with Jesuit priests. Colonel Gaddafi explained *Jamahiriyah* as a "state of the masses." Perhaps the thirty medical families imported to run Okba Ibn Nafaa Air Force Hospital were part of those masses as well. The Gurji school was an experiment in socialist cohabitation; Egyptian, Jordanian, Bangladeshi, and Polish students together. Our Arabic teacher

was quick with his slaps, he thought of us as children of a lesser tongue. It was some kind of early lesson in *realpolitik*.

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