

Trials of War Criminals and Crimes against Humanity in Bangladesh

Dear Respected Brothers and Sisters

You may be aware of the recent trials of war criminals and crimes against humanity that committed in 1971 in Bangladesh. Recently a few highly objectionable leaflets regarding the trials of some heinous war criminals in Bangladesh were distributed in various mosques in Sydney on 1st March after the Jumaah prayer. The contents of those leaflets were highly controversial and fabricated. Being Bangladeshi expatriates we feel obligation to respond to those misleading publicities.

As you know Bangladesh is a muslim country with 85% of its citizens are followers of Islam and all are true peace loving people. In the last election, the present government of Bangladesh was voted to power with more than 75% parliament seats while Jamat-e-Islam Bangladesh, the party belong to Delwar Hossain Syedee, Abdul Kader Mollah, Motiur Rahman Nizami and Golam Azam bagged only around 2% of the country's votes. They have been embracing similar results since they were allowed in politics by their rescuer the then President Major General Ziaur Rahman.

Jamat-e-Islam and it's the then leaders and activists not only opposed the liberation of Bangladesh in 1971, they assisted Pakistani occupation army and got involved in brutal killing, raping, burning properties, and torturing of millions of innocent people. People of Bangladesh still could not forget those atrocities and many are severely suffering from those trauma.

The trials of those crimes against humanity and war criminals are long standing demand of vast majority of people of Bangladesh. The seating government won the last election with enormous majority partly due to their commitment to ensure these trials. So, it is neither the party Awami League nor the government, it is the people of Bangladesh who decided to bring those heinous criminals to justice. The government does have no rights or can hardly dare to ignore these demands of millions of Bangladeshi people.

The claims of Jamat and it's allies regarding recent days' mass killing in Bangladesh are blatant lie. The present government of Bangladesh is not engaged in extra-judicial killing, rather Jamat and it's allies are getting ferocious, and involved in killing innocent people, cutting foot ligaments, burning down temples and houses of minorities. In the name of Islam, they are putting fire on public buildings, trains, buses and private vehicles. Last couple of days they became more violent destroying bridges, burning carpets in the mosques, burning our national flag and Shahid Minar. They are planning to kill the intellectual people, even Islamic scholars and Imams of the various mosques. In reality, they have started war against Islam, humanity and the country. Basically, they appear again with the same monstrous character as they did in 1971.

As we mentioned earlier the majority of Bangladeshi people are muslims and no political party can afford to exercise politics keeping itself against Islam. The trials of Kader Mollah, Delwar Hossain Saydee, Quamruzzaman, Nizami, Golam Azam and others are nothing against Islam, rather for their crimes against humanity which were committed during our liberation war in 1971. AND we trust you all agree with us that all CRIMES MUST BE trialled otherwise it will generate more crimes.

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