



FROM THE HOLY QURAN

To each is a goal
To which God⁽¹⁾ turns him;
Then strive together (as in a
race)
Towards all that is good.
Wheresoever ye are,
God will bring you
Together. For God
Flath power over all things.
From whencesoever
Thou startest forth,⁽²⁾ turn
Thy face in the direction
Of the Sacred Mosque;
That is indeed the truth
From thy Lord. And God
Is not unmindful
Of what ye do.
So from whencesoever
Thou startest forth, turn
Thy face in the direction
Of the Sacred Mosque;
And wheresoever ye are,
Turn your face thither:
That there be no ground
Of dispute against you
Among the people,
Except those of them: that are
Bent on wickedness; so fear
Them not, but fear Me;
And that I may complete
My favours on you, and yet
May (consent to) be guided;

A similar (favour
Have ye already received)⁽³⁾
In that We have sent
Among you an Apostle
Of your own, rehearsing to you
Our Signs, and sanctifying
You, and instructing you
In Scripture and Wisdom,
And in new Knowledge,
Then do ye remember⁽⁴⁾
Me; I will remember
You Be grateful to Me,
And reject not Faith.

Ye who believe! seek help
With patient Perseverance⁽⁵⁾
And Prayer: for God is with
those
Who patiently persevere.
And say not of those,
Who are slain in the way⁽⁶⁾
Of God: ÓThey are dead. Ó
Nay, they are living,
Though ye perceive (it) not.
Be sure we shall test you
With something of fear
And hunger, some loss
In goods or lives or the fruits
(Of your toil), but give
Glad tidings⁽⁷⁾ to those

Who patiently persevere, Ñ
Who say, when afflicted
With calamity: ÓTo God
We belong, and to Him
Is our return ÓÑ

They are those on whom
(Descend) blessings from God,
And Mercy,
And they are the ones
That receive guidance.
(Sura Baqara-148-157)

COMMENTARY

1. The question is how we are to construe the pronoun huwa in the original. The alternative translation would be: ÓTo each is a goal to which he turns. Ó

The simile of life being a race in which we all zealously run forward to the one goal, viz., the goal of good may be applied individually and nationally. This supplies another argument of the KaÓba Qibla, viz., the unity of goal, with diversity of races, traditions and temperaments.

2. The simile of a race is continued, and so the Qibla command is repeated from that point of view. In ii. 144 it was mentioned as the new symbol of the new nation (Muslim) now it is shown as the symbol of Good, at which we should all aim, from whichever point we started, e.g., as Jews or Christians, or our individual point of view; the Qibla will unite us as a symbol of the Goal of the Future. In ii.150 below, it is repeated: first for the individual, on the ground of uniformity and the removal of all occasions of dispute and argument;

and secondly for the Muslim people on the same ground, as a matter of discipline. There is another little harmony in the matter of the repetitions. Note that the race and starting point argument begins at ii. 149 and is rounded off in the first part of ii. 150; while the national and general argument beginning at ii. 144 is rounded off in the latter part of ii. 150. The latter argument includes the former, and is more widely worded: *Ōwheresoever ye areŌ*: which in the Arabic expression would imply three things; in whatever circumstances ye are, or at whatever time ye are, or in whatever place ye are. I have spoken before of a sort of musical harmony in verbal repetitions; here there is a sort of pictorial harmony, as of a larger circle symmetrically including a smaller concentric circle.

3. This verse should be read with ii. 150. of which the sentence is here completed. The argument is that in the grant of the KaŌba Qibla. God was perfecting religion and fulfilling the prayer /or the future made by Abraham. That prayer was threefold: (1) that Mecca should be made a sacred Sanctuary (ii. 126); (2) that a truly believing (Muslim) nation should be raised, with places of devotion there (ii 128; and (3) that an Apostle should be sent among the Arabs with certain qualities (ii. 129) which are set out there and again repeated here to complete the argument.
4. The word *ŌrememberŌ* is too pale a word for *Zikr*, which has now acquired a large number of associations in our religious literature, especially Sufi literature. In its verbal signification it implies to remember; to praise by frequently mentioning; to rehearse; to celebrate or commemorate; make much of; to cherish the memory of as a precious possession. In Sufi devotions *zikr* represents both a solemn ritual and a spiritual state of mind or heart, in which the devotee seeks to realize the presence of God. Thus there is *zikr* of the mind and; *zikr* of the heart. For beginners he one may lead to the other, but in many cases the two may be simultaneous. There is a subtler distinction, between the *zikr* that is open, and the *zikr* that is secret corresponding to the two doors of the heart, the fleshly and the spiritual. In English some account (very imperfect) of; *zikr* will be found in HughesŌs Dictionary of Islam, covering over 14 columns.

From here on to ii 167 there is a great deal of mystic doctrine. That it is linked with the institution of the Qibla shows that the Qibla is itself connected with a great many root-ideas of the mystical interpretation of Unity.

5. An additional meaning implied in *sabr* is self-restraint. Haqqani defines it in his Tafsir as following Reason and restraining Fear, Anger, and Desire. What can be a higher reward for patience, perseverance, self-restraint and constancy than that God should be with us? For this promise opens the door to every kind of spiritual well-being.
 6. The *Ōpatient perseverance and prayerŌ* mentioned in the last verse is not mere passivity. It is active striving in the way of Truth, which is the way of God. Such striving is the spending of oneŌs self in GodŌs way, either through our property or through our own lives, or the lives of those nearest and dearest to us, or it may be the loss of all the fruits of a lifetimeŌs labour not only in eminently desirable in itself, but which we must cheerfully sacrifice if necessary for the Cause. With such sacrifice, our apparent loss may be our real gain: he that loses his life may really gain it; and the rewards of *ŌfruitsŌ* that seem lost were mere impediment on our path to real inward progress.
- These extreme sacrifices must be made under the orders and instructions of a righteous Imam, who can see the whole field of spiritual and physical warfare and judge justly of their necessity. Otherwise there is no inherent virtue in mere sacrifice as such or when exercised at the whim of an individual. Courage (the resistance to the test of Fear) and Self-denial (the resistance to the test of Hunger or Desire), are also, if they are to be virtuous, subject to similar conditions.
7. The glad tidings are the blessings of God in ii. 157 or (which is the same thing) the promise in ii. 153 that God will be with them.

Al-Hadith

CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF CHARITY DOING GOOD DEEDS

(1027) Abu Huraira reported what Allah's Messenger (SAW) had said: If anyone consumed a pair of anything for the sake of Allah(1), he would be invited to enter Paradise (with these words): O servant of Allah, it is good (for you). Those who were engaged in prayer will be invited to enter by the gate of prayer. Those who took part in Jihad will be invited to enter by the gates of Jihad. Those who gave charity will be invited to enter by the gates of charity; and those who fast will be invited to enter by the gate ar-Rayyan(2). Abu Bakr As-Sidik said: Messenger of Allah is it necessary that a person be invited through one of these gates? Will anyone be invited to enter by all those gates? The Messenger of Allah (SAW) said: Yes, and I hope you will be one of them (3).

(1027 R1) This hadith has been narrated by Zuhri through another chain of transmitters.

(1027R2) Abu Huraira reported what Allah's Messenger (SAW) said: He who spent a pair for the sake of Allah, the guardians of Paradise would call him, (in fact) every guardian of the door (of Paradise would welcome him saying): O, so and so, come on. Upon this Abu Bakr said: Messenger of Allah, (it means) there would be no distress on this person. The Messenger of Allah (SAW) said: I hope you would be among them.

(1028) Abu Huraira reported that the Messenger of Allah (SAW) said: who came to test among you today? Abu Bakr (Allah be pleased with him) replied: I am. He (the Holy Prophet again) said: Who among you followed a bier today? Abu Bakr (Allah be pleased with him) replied: I am. He (the Holy Prophet again) said: Who among you fed a poor man today? Abu Bakr (Allah be pleased with him) replied: I am. He (The Holy Prophet again) said: Who among you visited a sick person today? Abu Bakr (Allah be pleased with him) said: I am. Upon this the Messenger of Allah (SAW) said: Anyone in whom (these good deeds will certainly enter Paradise)(4).

EXHORTATION TO SPEED (FOR THE SAKE OF ALLAH AND) DISAPPROVAL OF CALCULATING THE ARTICLES OF CHARITY)

(1029) Asma, daughter of Abu Bakr (Allah be pleased with him), reported: The Messenger of Allah (SAW) said to me: Spend(5), and do not calculate, otherwise Allah would calculate for you(6).

(1029R1) Asma reported what Allah's Messenger (SAW) had said (to her): Spend and do not calculate, (for) Allah would calculate for you; and do not hoard, otherwise Allah would withhold it from you.

(1029R2) This hadith has been narrated on the authority of Asma through another chain of transmitters.

(1029R3) Asma, daughter of Abu Bakr, reported that she came

to the Apostle of Allah (SAW) and said: Apostle of Allah, I have nothing with me, out only that which is given to me by Zubair (for household expenses). Is there any sin for me if I spend out of that which is given to me (by Zubair)? He (the Holy prophet) said: Spend according to your means; and do not hoard, for Allah will withhold it from you.

EXHORTATION TO GIVE CHARITY EVEN THOUGH IT IS SMALL: (THE ONE WHO GIVES) SMALL AMOUNT SHOULD NEITHER BE DISCOURAGED NOR LOOKED DOWN UPON

(1030) Abu Huraira reported what Allah's Messenger (SAW) had said: O Muslim women, no one for you should consider even a sheep's trotter too insignificant to give to her neighbour.

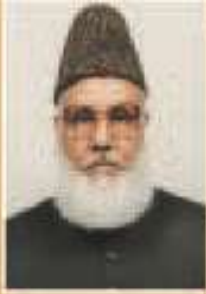
EXCELLENCE OF GIVING CHARITY SECRETLY

(1031) Abu Huraira reported that the Apostle of Allah (SAW) had said: Seven are (the persons) whom Allah would give protection with His Shade on the Day when there would be no shade but that of Him (i.e. on the Day of Judgment, and they are): a just ruler, a youth who grew up with the worship of Allah; a person whose heart is attached to the mosques; two persons who love and meet each other and depart from each other for the sake of Allah; a man whom a beautiful woman of high rank seduces (him illicit relation), but he (rejects this offer by saying): OI fear Allah. A person who gives charity and conceals it (to such an extent) that the right hand does not know what the left has given(7). And a person who remembered Allah in privacy and his eyes shed tears.

COMMENTARY

1. It means two things. According to some of the tradition Abu Jharr Ghifari was asked to explain the meaning of the term 'Zaujain' used in this context, and he replied: Two horses, two slaves, two camels. The majority of the commentators of hadith is of the view that 'Zaujain' here means to give repeatedly and constantly.
2. This should not be taken to mean that the gate of prayer be only those who are engaged in prayer to the negligence of all other obligatory act. This is not the case. All these noble persons would not be neglecting from that very gate in which they were most interested. For example, one entering from the gate of Jihad would be saying prayers, observing fast giving Zakat and charity and performing Hajj, but as he had been keenly interested in Jihad he would be admitted from that very gate. The word 'ar-Rayyan', used for the gate of fast, is highly significant. It means well-watered or fresh and it has a meaningful relation with fast by observing which man feels thirsty during the day, and at the conclusion of it in the evening one feels satiated and fresh.
3. It is a conclusive proof of the eminence of Hadrat Abu Bakr. He was a repository of virtues and all the noble qualities had been so harmoniously blended in his personality that it gave him a look of perfection from every side.
4. It is not the single act or deed that makes the life noble and virtuous but the whole life lived with nobility and religious devotion that makes one a true Muslim.
5. In text three words have been used. They all carry the same meaning.
6. A Muslim should spend on good deeds cheerfully and generously.
7. There has been some inadvertent alteration of words. The correct is: The left hand does not know what the right hand has given.

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Appellate Division upholds bail to 5 top Jamaat leaders including Nizami, Sayedee and Mojaheed

Appellate Division of the Supreme Court on 20 December upheld bail to Ameer of Bangladesh Jamaa-e-Islami and ex. Minister Maulana Motiur Rahman Nizami, Secretary General and former Minister Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, Nayebe Ameer and former Member of parliament Maulana Delwar Hossain Sayedee, Assistant Secretaries General Muhammad Kamaruzzaman and Md. Abdul Quader Molla in five cases. The government appealed against the bail granted by High Court. During the hearing on 20 December Chamber Judge Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha gave an order without issuing an order. Consequently an interim bail to the arrested 5 top Jamaat leaders granted by High Court upheld. Jamaat counsel senior lawyer Barrister Abdur Razzak informed the journalists that Chamber Judge of Appellate Division did not give order on the government's appeal against the bail granted by High Court. Interim bail by the High Court remained upheld. On 28 November, 2010 a HC Division bench comprising Justice Mainul Islam Chowdhury and Justice AKM Abdul Hakim granted the six-month interim bail to 5 top Jamaat leaders. Alongside that it issued a rule to the concerned persons of the government asking the reason as to why they will not be granted a permanent bail. In the Court Senior Lawyer Barrister Abdur Razzak stood

for Jamaat leaders. He was assisted by Barrister Baleyet Hossain and Barrister Imran A Siddique. Additional Attorney General M K. Rahman appeared for the government.

The police filed cases against Maulana Motiur Rahman Nizami, Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, Maulana Delwar Hossain Sayedee, Muhammad Kamaruzzaman and Abdul Quader Molla on 20 June at Paltan police station, on 7 June at Airport police station, on 12 & 7 February at Paltan police station and on 30 June respectively. Police alleged that the 5 top Jamaat leaders obstructed police to perform their duties and carried out arson and vandalism during the general strike observed on 30 June.

The High Court granted an interim bail to 5 top Jamaat leaders. On 29 June Maulana Motiur Rahman Nizami, Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed and Maulana Delwar Hossain Sayedee, were arrested under the pretext of hurting the religious sentiment. Later police filed the case at the Paltan Police Station against these 3 top Jamaat leaders, on 14 July Muhammad Kamaruzzaman and Abdul Quader Molla were arrested from the gate of the Supreme Court in a case filed at Pallabi Police Station in 2008.

Discussion Meeting & Dua Mahfil to mark Victory Day

MAQBUL URGES NATION TO BE UNITED AGAINST GOVT'S ATROCITIES

Acting Ameer of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Maqbul Ahmad categorically said that the present Awami League (AL) government was deadly misbehaving with the opposition parties according to its will bragging about power. But it should have a limit. They (AL) did not assume office forever. He also said the ruling party wants to make power everlasting by staging a farcical drama. The people of the country will never accept this farcical drama, he added.

Acting Ameer-e-Jamaat Maqbul Ahmad made this above observation while speaking at a discussion meeting and Dua Mahfil as chief guest on the occasion of the great Victory Day at Moghbazar Al-Falah auditorium on 16 December.

Presided over by Acting Ameer of Jamaat Dhaka City Hamidur Rahman Azad MP the meeting was also addressed by Acting Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami A T M Azharul Islam, Central Publicity Secretary Prof. Tasneem Alam, City Acting Secretary Nurul Islam Bulbul, Advocate Mashiul Alam and Selim Uddin.

Acting Ameer-e-Jamaat Maqbul Ahmad stated this government is carrying out oppression and suppression on the people of the country. So the people must get rid of this tyrant government.

He called upon the countrymen to be united against the government's atrocities adding, "The people's government will have to be established by freeing our leaders bringing about the downfall of the AL Government through launching a vigorous mass movement." In his speech Mr. Maqbul Ahmad said achieving victory is difficult. But it is too difficult to preserve it. Despite 39 years long victory of the country we failed to preserve it in the real sense of the term. He went on, "all its achievements have already been tarnished due to its abject failure. We did not chase away the British so as to concede the subjugation of Delhi. But the existing government is out to confine the people of the country in the shackle of the slavery of Delhi."

In this regard he gave a clarion call on the freedom-loving people of the country to foil this deep-seated conspiracy concerted.

Referring to the glorious contribution of Jamaat-e-Islami in all democratic movements in the past Mr. Maqbul Ahmad said

Jamaat has played key role in all democratic movements. But a quarter is motivatedly reviling Jamaat. But the reality of the country is totally different. Today the people of the country are bewildered as a consequence of tender manipulation and oppression of the ruling party. Even the ruling party's own men are not saving themselves from their wrath. Till now 90 AL activists were killed due to intra-party feud. For that reason a former chief justice has termed the government a juggler. Actually they (AL) should remain shame.

In this context, he advised the AL government to return to the right track. Mentioning the government's hypocrisy Ameer-e-Jamaat unambiguously said Awami League does not work in accordance with its pledge. In the last election the Prime Minister pledged that her government would treat the opposition as part of the government. "They (the opposition) will not be treated in consideration of number. The government will utilize the experience of the leader of the opposition and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia. He pledged this before all. Allah is the witness too," he said.

In this connection he advised the government to implement its pledges made during the election. He said the government is not democratic one though it is elected by the people. The government must practice and foster democratic values. "Awami League was never a pro-independence force. It is they (AL) who established one-party BAKSALITE government through killing democracy. One-party rule is never beneficial for the mass people. This bears an eloquent testimony to that," he added.

Branding the present government as a fascist one Acting Ameer-e-Jamaat maintained, the government is not allowing the opposition parties even to attach posters. Even it does not allow to hold peaceful human chain. While giving a memorandum 40/50 Jamaat leaders and activists were arrested in Chittagong and Narshingdi and taken them on remand without reason.

About war criminal issue he said the government is making the people of the country confused regarding war criminal. Late Sheikh Mujibur Rahman settled this issue. Later a general amnesty was announced for the so-called local collaborators. But they (AL) are not complying with their leader.

Regarding transit he stated the government is out to implement the agenda of the neighboring country, though it is showing the dream to make the country prosperous through transit. Meanwhile the neighboring country has expressed inertia to pay transit fee to Bangladesh. They (AL) deceived the country through it. So national interest, independence and sovereignty of the country are not safe at the hand of the ruling party. They are playing a puppet role like Land up Darji and Sheikh Abdullah. But history testifies that its consequence is not good.

Referring to the deterioration of the law and order situation of the country Acting Ameer-e-Jamaat said when the law and order situation of the country has been worsened, the government incited police to torture Jamaat leaders and workers instead of containing crimes. Countrywide combing operation was carried out centering a killing in Rajshahi.

Though at least 90 people were killed due to intra-party feud, they (AL) did not believe in trial of any misdeed. Rather the government wants to push Jamaat towards a corner.

With regard to the education policy enacted by the present government Maqbul Ahmed said the AL government is hatching a conspiracy imposing a secular education policy on the nation so as to turn the country into a secular state.

Quoting the remarks of Indian Commerce Minister Joyram Romesh made in 2007 he stated that they (India) had wanted to see Bangladesh a secular state. As a matter of fact the government is implementing agenda of Romesh Babus.

Regarding eve-teasing he said the government is speaking about stopping of eve-teasing on the one hand, Shahtukh Khan and Rani Mukharji are being imported from India to encourage eve-teasing on the other. Those who are being brought to book in connection with eve-teasing are mostly ruling party men. In this regard he urged the AL government to stop such anti-Islamic activities immediately.

About the killing of intellectuals Acting Ameer said the government is unilaterally blaming Jamaat-e-Islami. Shortly after warning to unmask the misdeeds of Awami League leaders and workers by Zahir Raihan, he was missed. It is learnt from his wife Suchanda and sister-in-law Babita that when Zahir Raihan left his house, he was accompanied by an Indian Brigadier General. His wife regretted that they were unable to say every thing. From the above it proves that speaking in abusive terms against Jamaat centering the carnage of intellectuals in the past was baseless and mis-propaganda.

Acting Ameer opined it is need of hours to establish greater national unity sinking all differences. We must make victory earned by immense sacrifice meaningful. The government party will be able to comprehend their condition when they will be in opposition. So they should refrain from repression and torture on the opposition parties.

Addressing the meeting Acting Secretary General ATM Azharul

Islam said that Awami League led the liberation war of Bangladesh. But in the post-liberation war they (AL) were in power for very short time. They should evaluate their activities as to why they led the people for so short time though they led independence war.

He was of the opinion that they would not be able to cover their own misdeed forcibly. Mr. Azharul Islam stated that due to the ruling party's apathy the boundary of the country is now unprotected. They are unable to ensure the safety and security to the life and property of the people of the country. The government totally failed to establish good governance for the people of the country. So they (AL) are totally failed to run the country.

Pointing out the war criminal issue Acting Secretary General said they think if the war criminal issue is settled all problems will be resolved. We are not against the trial of war criminals. Just after independence war late Sheikh Mujibur Rahman identified 195 persons as war criminals through forming an investigation committee, he added. In this regard he asked why were they released afterwards?

Those who killed 30 lakh people and raped our mothers and sisters during independence war, must face trial. The people of the country will remain beside them, he said. Azharul Islam strongly said the people of the country will never accept if the government tries to hold the trial of pro-Islamic people being failed to face politically releasing those who committed crimes during the war.

Mentioning the arrest of Jamaat leaders including Maulana Nizami, Mojaheed he questioned what is their fault? Awami League government filed cases due to their anti-government statements. They did not filed even a diary against them during their 72-75 and 1996-2001 rule, he stated. ATM Azhar opined it is never possible to bring about national development dividing the nation. But the government is proceeding towards that in a planned way. It wants to make the country Sikim and Bhutan. But the government will not be able to do so because it should not think Bangladesh Sikim and Bhutan. The people of the country must foil this conspiracy.

Before concluding Acting Secretary General underscored the need for building up a strong mass movement to oust this failed government and to establish a patriotic government with a view to making the victory meaningful.

Prof. Md. Tasneem Alam highlighted the unity of the nation to make the independence and great victory meaningful and ensure the development of the country.

Politics of conspiracy is never beneficial for the country and nation. Rather it destroys nationhood, he added.

In his presidential speech Acting City Ameer Hamidur Rahman Azad MP emphatically said the AL government has presented itself as anti independence one through its recent activities.



Acting Ameer-e-Jamaat Maqbul Ahmad inaugurating the Central Majlis-e-Shoora meeting at Moghbazar Al-Falah auditorium on 5 November, 2010

Central Majlis-e-Shoora Meeting Concerted Movement will have to be built up in realising people's right

Acting Ameer of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Maqbul Ahmad said acute gas, electricity and water crisis is on. The government is blaming the opposition instead of solving this crisis. It is hindering the opposition to hold meeting even to observe peaceful programme like human chain. Police are raiding the opposition parties' offices. Undemocratic mentality of the government will never be well-being. He also said whenever any movement is launched, they look for war criminals. They also look for these in the movement for water, gas and power. He then questioned why is the country keeping unstable in this way? There is no alternative to launch a vigorous movement, he asserted.

He called upon all irrespective of party affiliation to launch an oust-government movement.

Acting Ameer-e-Jamaat said this while inaugurating the Central Majlis-e-Shoora meeting at Moghbazar Al-Falah auditorium on 5 November. Senior Nayebe-Ameer Maulana AKM Yusuf, Nayebe-Ameers

Prof Nazir Ahmad and Maulana Abdus Sobhan, Acting Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam, Assistant Secretary General Barrister Abdur Razzak, Central Executive Committee Members Maulana Rafiuddin Ahmad and Meer Kashem Ali and Central Publicity Secretary Prof Md. Tasneem Alam were present on the occasion.

In his opening speech Maqbul Ahmad said repression on Islamic Movement carried out in the past. But this time is different. Cases are being filed against Jamaat leaders one after another arresting them just after bringing fabricated allegations. The government has illegally kept the Jamaat leaders including Jamaat Ameer and former Minister Maulana Motiur Rahman Nizami, Nayebe-Ameer Maulana Delwar Hossain Sayedee, Secretary General and former Minister Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, Assistant Secretaries General Muhammad Kamaruzzaman and Abdul Quader Mollah in prison. After their arrest four months have passed. But the government could

not constitute a charge against them till now. It proves that the arrested Jamaat leaders are totally innocent.

About war criminal trial he categorically said, a farcical drama is being staged in the name of holding trial. In this regard he strongly demanded of the government to release all Jamaat leaders and workers forthwith stopping the holding of farcical drama in the name of trial.

Pointing out the views of international law specialists regarding war crime the Jamaat leader said international law specialists termed the war crime law by which the trial is being held against war crimes or anti humanity as flaw and anti-constitutional. The government committed an injustice keeping the Jamaat leaders in prison in cases filed bringing lame allegation like the so-called anti humanity.

Condemning the arrest of Assistant Secretary General Prof Mujibur Rahman, Maqbul Ahmad said he (Mujibur Rahman) went to attend the Dua Mahfil commemorating Martyr Habibur Rahman. He was then arrested. At first it was said that bombs were found from him. Later they informed that things like bomb were found. For that inhuman torture on him was carried out taking him on remand. In this context he asked is it not a democratic country? He also asked does a central leader of any party make a bomb in broad day light? He reprimanded the AL government for not implementing its election pledges though 23 month passed adding, Ôthe government is doing undemocratic and fascist activities to conceal its abject failure.Ô

With reference to the setting up of Islam in the country the Jamaat chief unambiguously said Jamaat wants to implement Islam. If Islam is implemented it will not be possible for a juggler to play. That is why the government is plotting to wipe out Jamaat-e-Islami from the soil of the country. About the neighbouring country Maqbul Ahmad said we strongly protest the unjust act of the neighbouring country. It is our moral duty.

Blasting the subservient foreign policy of this present government he queried why is it unable to present just demand to the neighbouring country? The people want to know whether they (AL) have signed an argument with the neighbouring country. Everyday Indian BSF is inhumanly killing Bangladeshi people in the border areas.

Dwelling on the grim picture of the economy of the country the Jamaat leader maintained many mills and factories are being shut down due to acute power, gas and water crisis. The rest mills and factories are on the verge of ruination due to the misrule of the ruling party.

But the government is blaming the previous governments including the 4-party. After its 2-year rule the AL government is still accusing the past

governments of the above grim economic condition. In this regard he questioned how will they stay in power if they continuously impose allegation on the past government?

Castigating the Awami League government for gagging the press he said even they (AL) are not allowing the opposition parties to hold peaceful programmes like human chain. The police are raiding the offices of the opposition parties. In this connection he urged the government party to shun revengeful politics.

Regarding the present National Parliament Acting Ameer-e-Jamaat bitterly criticized the government for showing undemocratic attitude to the opposition. Instead of the parliament they (AL) want to implement its evil design keeping gun on the court. They want to revert to the 72 constitution. It is apparent from their activities that no problem will remain if the country reverts to 72 constitution.

The existing government totally failed to contain the price hike of essential commodities though it pledged that if voted to power they will keep the essential commodities at a tolerable level. During the last election they pledged before the people of the country that they would reduce the price of rice at 10 taka and provide employment opportunities for all the people of the country.

With regard to the ban on religion-based politics he expressed grave concern over the government's intrigue to ban religion based politics through returning to 72 constitution. India is a secular country. If there are religious parties like Jamaat-e-Islami, Muslim League and BJP in India, why will religious parties not be able to do politics in Bangladesh? The people will never accept such one-party decision. They want to bring secularism instead of faith in Allah in the constitution. The people can never accept it.

He mentioned that they would unitedly confront the government's evil activities depending on Allah. Referring to the ruling party's target for Jamaat-e-Islami the Jamaat chief emphatically said that the Awami League government has first targeted Jamaat so as to stamp out Islam from the soil of the country.

ÔWhen Awami League assumed power in the post independence period, it excluded the verses of the Quran and Islamic terminology. They are hatching machination to destroy Islam not only opposing Jamaat-e-IslamiÔ, he said.

Before concluding Acting Ameer-e-Jamaat warned the ruling party adding if it plots against Islamic veil, Islamic education, Madrasah etc, it must face the catastrophe in the long run.



Acting Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami ATM Azharul Islam speaks at a discussion as chief guest in Dhaka on the occasion of Martyr Intellectual Day on 14 December, 2010

Martyr Intellectual Day observed

The persons involved with the missing of Zahir Raihan responsible for killing of intellectuals on 14 Dec:

ATM Azhar

Acting Secretary General of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami ATM Azharul Islam said those intellectuals who embraced martyrdom did not think to travel to India safe. They did not like to fight in the soil of India. So far the big power killed them thinking that they (Intellectuals) would not be able to accept their subservience.

Demanding the unmasking of the killing of intellectuals he said defamatory remarks are being made to a certain person or a party. Through this it will not be able to shelve history. One day truth will be exposed. Those who were involved with the missing of Zahir Raihan are responsible for the killing of intellectuals.

He demanded of the government to unmask the real culprits behind the killing of intellectuals on 14 December.

ATM Azharul Islam was speaking at a discussion

meeting as chief guest in Dhaka on 14 December. Jamaat Dhaka City organised the meeting. Presided over by Acting City Ameer Hamidur Rahman Azad MP the meeting was also addressed by Central Publicity Secretary Prof. Tasneem Alam, Acting City Secretary Nurul Islam Bulbul and Assistant City Secretary Maulana Abdul Halim.

At the out set of his speech Mr. Azharul Islam described the incident of conflagration in a garment factory at Saver on the outskirts of Dhaka city adding, "The country is for all. If industries and factories of this country are destroyed we all will be affected." He said 70/80 percent of the income of the export has come from the garment sector. In this regard he stressed the need for identifying the persons who are inciting behind creating instability in Garment sector. He exhorted the government to refrain from merely

blaming anybody.

Once jute was a golden fibre of the country. But it is Awami League government which destroyed this jute setting fire to the jute mills just after the independence war. That Awami League which is now in power is carrying out conflagration in garments of the country. A deep-rooted conspiracy is being hatched to ruin country's garment sector as the jute sector was destroyed shortly after independence, he said.

Acting Secretary General demanded of the government to form a probe committee to identify the real culprits rising above the party and opinion instead of blaming any body. He said garment owners claimed that laborers were not involved in this incident. The outsiders were involved. In this context he questioned who are outsiders? Why is the government not finding out the outsiders though it can do every thing? Has the government any weakness in this connection? He called upon the government to nab the persons behind the curtain adding "otherwise the government will have to bear all the responsibilities for the above."

Mr. Azharul Islam said independence started on 25 March, 1971. Those intellectuals who were killed on 14 December, thought to stay in the country safe till that time. On 12 December Indian force took the control of the country. Despite 40 years of independence the nation could not know as to who killed the intellectuals on 14 December.

After independence Awami League were in power for three and half years. At that time even a case was not filed in connection with this incident. After 25 years case was filed in 1997. Where had Awami League problem to file even a case though it was in power immediately after independence? he enquired.

He went on, on 30 January, 1972 Zahir Raihan was missed at Mirpur. At that time which party ruled the country? Why was Zahir Raihan missed after achieving victory? He also enquired. Every year when the day approaches, function is held, floral wreath is placed on the foot of Shahid Minar and is wept in memory of martyr intellectuals. But any measure to hold trial has not yet taken.

He asked who obstructed the holding of the trial. He asserted trial in connection with the killing of the intellectuals was not held because if trial is held many unknown information will be exposed. So far they are more powerful. For this nobody dared to hold trial of the killing of intellectuals.

Terming the intellectuals asset of the nation ATM Azharul Islam said they work for the well being of the nation. They make remarks when they need to say for the welfare of the nation. During the 4-party alliance government many intellectuals distributed counsel. Where are now they? Did their counsel disappear? Did they sell themselves anywhere? Or are they playing silent role about eve-teasing, providing corridor in the name of transit, the price hike of essential commodities, leasing sea port to the neighbouring country, the rampant killing? he questioned with profound concern. Some intellectuals are pushing the country towards disaster selling their counsels. In the end Acting Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam entreated all to be united against the government's atrocities sinking all differences. Addressing the meeting Prof Md. Tesneem Alam narrated the killing of intellectuals adding intellectuals were the greatest sons of the soil of the country. They were killed in a planned way because they were reluctant to accept the slavery of Delhi freeing from Rawalpindi.

Zahir Raihan wanted to disclose some truth, so he was slain. The government is attacking the existence of the freedom of the country. They (AL) are out to protect the interest of India. They are allowing India to use corridor and sea port of the country. As a matter of fact the ruling party wants to make the country a tributary state. But their dream will never materialize.

Nurul Islam Bulbul said intellectuals were killed so as to establish the hegemony of the neighbouring country. Hamidur Rahman Azad MP in his presidential speech categorically said that intellectuals were slain for making the nation brainless and dependent on others. He pressed all to work concertedly with a view to making the country self-reliant.

Jamaat leader Prof. Mujibur Rahman arrested

Police arrested 20 Jamaat leaders and worker including Assistant Secretary General of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami and President of Bangladesh Shramik Kalyan Federation and former Member of Parliament Prof. Mujibur Rahman, Assistant Secretary of the Federation Shafiqul Alam and Ameer of Jamaat Mirpur west police station Mahfuzur Rahman on 28 October 2010. On 28 October 2006 Habibur Rahman was heinously murdered attacked by Awami goons at Paltan. To console the family members of martyr Habibur Rahman Prof. Mujibur Rahman went to the office of Jamaat Mirpur west on the way to the residence of Habibur Rahman. At that time Police cordoned the Jamaat office and illegally arrested them. Police left the office with papers and books. There was no case against them. But the Police unlawfully arrested them. The police were out to fabricate a false case claiming that they found bombs and bomb making materials from them.



REPORT

Countrywide Digital vote rigging in Election Day observed

TRIAL OF THE GOVT.'S HUMAN RIGHTS CRIME TO BE HELD BY ITS OWN MADE LAW

Azhar



Acting Secretary General of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami ATM Azharul Islam addressing a discussion at City office protesting countrywide digital vote rigging in Election Day on 29 December, 2010

Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami staged demonstration throughout the country protesting the digital vote rigging in the national election on 29 December, 2008. Jamaat Dhaka City organised a rally where Acting Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam was present as chief guest.

He said since assumption of power the present Awami League (AL) government has been violating human rights. When the term of the AL government will be completed, its trial will be held by its own made law.

ATM Azharul Islam asserted this government did not come to power getting people's mandate. So they (AL) have no headache to solve people's problems. In this regard he branded the AL government which assumed power through a deep-rooted conspiracy in a blue-print election, enemy of the country, the people as well as of democracy.

“There is no alternative to build up a vigorous mass movement in order to bring about the downfall of this government,” he said.

He gave a clarion on the countrymen to get ready to take part in the mass resistance and movement in the street against this autocratic government at the outset of 2011. Acting Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam emphatically said as the ruling party does not believe in democracy, it does not allow any political party to enjoy democratic right. In this connection he cautioned that if any undemocratic force forcibly assumes power the Awami League government must bear all its responsibilities.

He said we Jamaat are always respectful to democracy. So

sensing conspiracy we participated in this farcical election. Former General Secretary of AL Abdul Jalil and a key ally of Mohajote government Jatiya Party Chief Ershad admitted that a digital vote rigging was held in the last election. A great proof of this intrigue is that the government, who bagged 266 seats in the last parliamentary polls, is afraid of the people and mass movement. Had it been elected, it would not be afraid of the opposition's movement.

Referring to making of the background for 1/11 the Jamaat leader said that this is Awami League which made the background for 1/11 and paved the way for forming an emergency government. During the rule of this government people acutely suffered.

Regarding the immediately past emergency government he strongly said there was no continuity of democracy at that time. People's fundamental rights were snatched away. In this context he accused the present AL government of inciting to establish the emergency government.

Narrating the government's fascist mentality to the opposition parties Azharul Islam said the AL government is not admitting the opposition parties political right. Today democracy is confined to the four walls. Not only that it is hindering the opposition parties to hold meetings and rallies. It is canceling the permission though it allowed the opposition parties to hold meetings and rallies. Even it is not allowing the opposition parties to arrange meetings at

community centres. They (AL) are afraid of the people, so they are involved in these mis-activities.

Dwelling on the glorious contribution of Jamaat-e-Islami in all the previous democratic movements Jamaat Secretary General unambiguously said Jamaat played pioneering role in all democratic movements including long 9-year autocratic movement. It also played key role in the caretaker government movement in the interest of holding a free, fair and impartial election.

He came down heavily on the AL government for playing silent role in protest against the construction of Tipaimukh embankment by India. He termed this government as pro-Indian one adding, it has already allowed the neighbouring country to use the country's corridor in the name of transit and sea port. He stated the ruling party totally failed to govern the country. In this regard he expressed grave concern over the overwhelming worsening

of the law and order situation and the sky-rocketing of the price of the essential commodities.

ATM Azharul Islam called upon the existing government to behave with the opposition parties democratically and positively in the New Year and immediately.

In the conclusion Acting Secretary General demanded of the government to release all opposition leaders including top Jamaat leaders unconditionally.

Chaired by Acting Ameer of Jamaat Dhaka City Hamidur Rahman Azad MP the meeting was addressed, among others, by Central Publicity Secretary Prof. Tasneem Alam, City Acting Secretary Nurul Islam Bulbul, Central Working Committee member and Assistant Secretary Maulana Abdul Halim, Dr Ridwan Ullah Sahidi, Advocate Mashiul Alam, Kabir Ahmad and D. Shafiqul Islam Masud.



Sammilita Ulama Mashaikh Parishad organised the National Convention demanding cancelling secular education policy and making religious education compulsory at all levels of the education system on 5 December, 2010. Maulana Mohiuddin Khan presided over the convention while former Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. Emazuddin Ahmed was present as chief guest.

Leaders at a National convention organised by Sammilita Ulama Mashaikh Parishad (combined Ulama Mashaikh Council) on 5 December, 2010 demanded of the government to formulate the National Education Policy at a national level. "But there is no reflection of national feelings and sentiment and hopes and aspirations of the majority people in the proposed education policy. Religious and moral education has totally been ignored in it. If this education policy is not amended nobody will accept it," they said.

Leaders urged the government to formulate the National Education Policy in consultation with all professionals in the greater interest of the nation.

They said today Jews take a fancy to this country. As part of this Islamic Foundation is being utilized to eliminate Islam. But it will not be possible for anybody to do so if Ulama survive. If need be the programme like the general strike will be observed. Convenor of Sammilita Ulama Mashaikh Parishad Maulana Mohiuddin Khan chaired the National Convention while former Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. Emazuddin Ahmed was present as chief guest.

Ameer of Khilafat Majlis Principal Maulana Muhammad Ishaq, General Secretary of Oikya Jote Maulana Abdul Latif Nizami, General Secretary of Bangladesh Madrasah Parishad Principal

HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE MAJORITY PEOPLE IN EDUCATION POLICY MUST BE REFLECTED:

Sammilita Ulama Mashaikh Parishad

Maulana Zainul Abedin, Chairman of Shikkak Karmachari Oikya Parishad Principal Selim Bhuiyan, Joint Secretary of Sammilita Ulama Mashaikh Parishad Maulana Khalilur Rahman Madani, President of Iammam Parishad Maulana Mahiuddin Rabbani, President of Bhashani NAP Sheikh Anwarul Haq, General Secretary of Aggression Protirod Committee Alamgir Majumdar, President of NDP Golam Mostafa, President of Islamic Party Advocate Abdul Mubin, Abdus Sabur Matabbar and Ruhul Amin Madani, among others, spoke on the occasion.

Bitterly criticising the present government for formulating the proposed education policy Prof. Emazuddin Ahmed strongly said that hopes and aspirations of the majority people of the country have not been reflected in the proposed education policy. But that standard has not been protected in the proposed education policy. In this regard he also accused the Awami League government of introducing a secular education policy. In this policy religious education has been ignored. Moral education is completely absent here. So this education policy can't be beneficial for the mass people.

Prof. Emazuddin Ahmed stressed the need for holding an open discussion on the proposed education policy in the National Parliament. In this context he opined, good education is a must for attaining efficiency and flourishing spirituality.

Maulana Mohiuddin Khan called upon the government to amend the proposed National Education Policy-2010 "otherwise we must give stern programme against the present AL government," he said. Speaking at the convention Principal Maulana Zainul Abedin demanded immediate removal of Islamic Foundation Director General. He also demanded of the government to arrest him and give exemplary punishment to him forthwith.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL IS NOT IN LINE WITH ROME STATUTE

Many of the finer aspects of the Prime Minister's UN General Assembly (UNGA) speech were tarnished by her mention of certain points that are personal or propagandist in nature. It made her speech, which was meant to represent the whole nation, slightly parochial. Some of her unfounded comments regarding war crimes trial surprised people. She proclaimed that the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973, amended in 2009, is in line with Rome Statute. But it is not at all true according to the ongoing discourses nationally and internationally. Many people assumed that Prime Minister deliberately made such statement. This was presumably inserted into her speech by a group of people associated with war crimes trial, whose intentions are to hold trial by any means through manipulation and bypassing proper course of action. The Prime Minister's speech at UNGA was used as an opportunity to meet their goal. Their strategy stained the virtue of her speech, but failed to conceal the fact as it is well known to the experts at home and abroad that the War Crimes Act of Bangladesh is inconsistent with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in many aspects. Particularly, it became obvious to all in light of the War Crimes Committee of International Bar Association's publication of a review report on War Crimes Act, 1973. It may be mentioned here that the War Crimes Committee of International Bar Association completed the review on the request of human rights group of the British Parliament. After reviewing the Act, the War Crimes Committee put forward 17 recommendations. The first point of the recommendations was regarding the definition of War Crimes. The committee described the definition of 'Crimes against peace' and 'Crimes against humanity' as disputable and the proposed amendment to it in line with international regulations. The committee raised objection with regard to the phrase 'superior officer' in section 4 of the Act, as it is contradictory to Article 28 of the Rome Statute. Therefore the committee proposed two amendments in this regard.

Moreover, according to the Committee, the rule concerning the absence of Judges in the Act is inconsistent with the recent trend in the war crimes trial and contrary to the transparency of the tribunal. It recommended that the trial should be stopped in the absence of any judge.

In the War Crimes Act, there is no option for raising any objection by anyone about the appointment of Judges or chairman of the tribunal. Opposing this regulation, the committee opined that the tribunal must be neutral and it should pay attention to the objections raised by any side

involved.

The committee proposed annulment to subsections 5 and 7 of section 8, related to the investigation process. It also suggested revoking subsection 18 of the same section. It suggested amendment in subsection 11 (2) in accordance with international standard. The issue of self confession by the accused and witness should be transparent and credible under the law, the committee recommended. Furthermore, subsection 10 (1) (D) of section 10 was also proposed to be amended.

The committee suggested some corrections in section 12 regarding the legal representation of the accused. It also disagreed with and suggested to repeal the death penalty mentioned in section 20 (2). Similarly, they suggested amendment in section 21 regarding appeal.

The most noteworthy recommendation of the committee was with reference to the issue of witness. Newspaper report, photograph, film, tape recording and such other things have been considered as valid evidences in the War Crimes Act, 1973 of Bangladesh. The committee disagreed with this notion and recommended complete annulment of the rule. It is true that this rule, i.e., section 19 (1) should be abolished if the trial is to be considered acceptable internationally.

In the last point of their 17-point recommendation, the committee suggested the inclusion of article 54 of the Rome Statute with regard to the responsibility and power of the prosecuting authority and article 55 relating to the rights of the suspects.

The recommendations of the War Crimes Committee blotted the Act legislated by the government. However, since the government has ratified the Rome Statute, in no way it can repudiate the same. Under the circumstances, the government seems to be at a cross road, in a crisis situation. On the one hand, there is no moral and legal ground to hold the trial of war crimes in Bangladesh and on the other hand if the government holds the trial conforming to the recommendations, the intended political agenda will not be achieved. Hence, a quarter within the government wants to conceal the severe flaws in the Act so as to use it as a ploy to fulfill their political interest. To meet this end, the issue of war crimes has been brought into the speech of the Prime Minister. However, the political observers opine, it was totally unfair to use the Prime Minister's UNGA speech in such a reckless manner to implement the mean political agenda.

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Azhar at press-confce

Immediate & unconditional release of Jamaat leaders and activists demanded



Acting Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami ATM Azharul Islam addressed a press-conference at Jamaat central office on 29 October, 2010. The full text of his speech reads as follows:-

Dear Journalist Friends,

Assalamualikum Wa Rahmatullah,
You are all aware of the fact that police illegally arrested and detained 20 Jamaat-e-Islami leaders and activists including its Assistant Secretary General and President of Shramik Kalyan Federation Professor Mujibur Rahman, assistant secretary of the Federation Shafiqul Alam, publicity secretary of the organization Advocate Abdul Hai and Mirpur police station (west) Jamaat-e-Islami unit Ameer Mahfuzur Rahman from the capital's Mirpur area on 28 October, 2010. We vehemently condemn and protest the unjust arrest.

28 October was the Paltan carnage day. On that day in 2006, terrorists belonging to Awami-led alliance carried out a barbaric attack on a peaceful rally of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami at North gate of Baitul Mokarram Mosque and heinously murdered six men on the spot with oars and sticks injuring hundred others. Many of them were maimed and living a miserable life now.

Mr. Habibur Rahman Mridha was one of the Shuhada (martyrs) on that day. He was a leader of Shramik Kalyan Federation. Habibur Rahman lived at Mirpur and his family lives there now. A Dua Mahfil was arranged at the party office of Mirpur (west) unit Jamaat for the salvation of the departed soul of Habibur Rahman. Assistant Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami and President of Shramik Kalyan Federation Prof. Mujibur

Rahman, Assistant Secretary of Shramik Kalyan Federation Shafiqul Alam, Publicity Secretary of the organization S. M. Abdul Hai went there to join the Dua Mahfil. Wife, son and daughter of the Shahid (martyr) Habibur Rahman were also present there. It wasn't any kind of secret meeting. But police suddenly entered there and seized some books and raided the office. They arrested 20 leaders and activists present there including thana unit working council member Tajirul Islam and Shahid (martyr) Habibur Rahman's son Rubel Mridha, who is a student of class ten.

The leaders and activists were arrested illegally even though there is no warrant against anyone of them. After arresting them it is being propagated that some bomb-like substances or bomb making materials and many Jihadi books were found there. Even though it is a fact that leaders and activists congregated there to hold prayer for a Shahid (martyr) and condole his family, propaganda is being carried out that bomb like substances were found with them. Nothing can be a greater lie than this. The government is indiscriminately using police to spread falsehood shamelessly to gain political interests. It is nothing but a plotted drama staged on 28 October at Mirpur to divert the public attention from the ongoing incidents of infightings and brutal killings by the pro-government men.

There is no precedence of finding any bomb or bomb-like substances with the leaders and activists of

Jamaat-e-Islami, Shramik Kalyan Federation or any other front organizations of Jamaat-e-Islami. Jamaat does not believe in and is not involved in the politics of arms and terrorism. So, there is no question of finding any bomb or bomb-like substances with Jamaat leaders and activists. The propaganda about it by police is totally false and baseless. Police resorted to this false propaganda so as to justify their illegal arrest.

Police said that many jihadi books have been rescued from the party office of Mirpur (west) unit of Jamaat-e-Islami. What is a jihadi book? The government is calling all Islamic books as jihadi books. Have they imposed ban on these so called 'Jihadi book' or Islamic book? Is there any list of jihadi or Islamic books that are banned by the government? None of the books found in the Jamaat office at Mirpur is banned. An illegal false propaganda is going on in this regard. Command for Jihad can be found in many verses of Holy Quran and Hadith. Does the government intend to ban those? What is the reason behind the propaganda using the term 'jihadi book'? In many books of the Communist party revolution, even armed revolution is recommended. Communist party men keep those books. Then what is the problem in keeping 'jihadi book'? The government's anti-Islamic mentality has been clearly revealed from this issue. The government has virtually targeted the Quran by this. We demand of the government to stop the false propaganda in the name of 'Jihadi book'.

Journalists Friends,

Just after assuming power the government started to carry out inhuman repression on Jamaat-e-Islami illegally. Many Jamaat-Shibir leaders were arrested. The party offices of Jamaat were raided every now and then. Even the central office of the party was searched three times. Dhaka city unit office was searched several times. District and upazilla unit offices were also searched. Under the circumstances, is it believable that some bombs or bomb-like substances could be found in a office of the party located in the city? Would a party keep such materials in its office when the government is conducting an all out mis-campaign against it? This is absolutely unbelievable proposition.

Nothing objectionable could be found from any Jamaat office across the country except the Quran, Hadith and Islamic literature. There is no precedence of finding any arms or explosives in any of its offices. Certain quarters in the country ceaselessly are carrying out false propaganda in their bid to mislead the people for gaining political interests. They could not prove anything before and the plotted drama staged in Mirpur would also prove false, Insha-Allah.

All of the twenty leaders and activists arrested from Mirpur are totally innocent. Now the police is taking initiatives to

file false case against them. Already many false cases were filed against hundreds of Jamaat leaders including its Ameer, Nayeb-e-Ameer, Secretary General and two Assistant Secretaries General. Now some more leaders and activists detained in 28 October have become victims of the government conspiracy. We demand of the government to stop such conspiracy and urge it to release all the detained leaders and activists.

Journalist Friends

Jamaat-e-Islami is the third largest political party of the country. It has representatives in the present national parliament and had so in all preceding ones. It is a democratic, legal and law abiding political party. It believes in systematic and democratic politics. It doesn't at all believe in terrorism rather hates it.

The government is ceaselessly persecuting Jamaat leaders and activists. In the face of brutal oppression Jamaat is striving to carry out its programmes peacefully. But the government is not even tolerating peaceful programmes. The police are creating hindrance to peaceful programmes and arresting law-abiding leaders and activists. It is imposing section 144 undemocratically where the opposition's programmes are declared to be held. When the opposition parties call a programme, the ruling party calls programme at the same venue and force the administration to impose section 144. What kind of democracy is this? Obstructing an opposition parties to hold peaceful political programmes is tantamount to establishing one-party rule. The government's attitude is unjust and unthinkable in a civilized and democratic nation.

It is an old trick of the tyrants to put objectionable materials while raiding the office of the opposition parties to create a pretext to blame them. This type of deception is not helpful for democracy.

It is the bounden duty of the government to promote democracy. But the tyrannical tendencies of the government pose a grave threat to the people's aspiration for democracy and a peaceful society. We are patiently striving to protect the democracy.

If the government's unjust and undemocratic moves is not resisted, democracy will be jeopardized and the country will be at grave peril. It is the duty of all citizens to launch a united movement against all unjust and tyrannical activities of the ruling party.

In the end, Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami is announcing a series of fresh programmes beginning on Saturday (Oct 30). As per the programmes, Jamaat will organize rallies across the country on October 30 and arrange rallies and meetings at city, district, Upazila and union level from November 1 to 3 demanding immediate and unconditional release of all leaders and activists of the party.



Eminent Educationist & Islamic Thinker Principal Abdur Rab passes away

Central Working Committee member of Jamaat-e-Islami, Founder Director of Islamic Education Society, eminent educationist and Islamic Thinker Principal Muhammad Abdur Rab passed away at his residence at Uttara in Dhaka on 16 December 2010 (Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilahi Razaun). He was 67. He had been suffering from Cardiac problem for long days. He left behind his wife, 8 sons, 3 daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death. His first Janaja prayer was held at Uttara IES School complex, second prayer at Moghbazar Wireless Railgate Chand Jame Mosque, third prayer at Chandpur Al Amin Academy and fourth prayer at his native village at Matlab in Chandpur. He was later buried at his own family graveyard. The Janaja prayer held at Moghbazar wireless Railgate Chand Jame Mosque was attended by Acting Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami Maqbul Ahmad, Nayeb-e-Ameer Prof. Nazir Ahmad, Acting Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam, Assistant Secretary General Dr. Shafiqur Rahman, Central Executive Committee member Maulana Rafiuddin Ahmad, Central Publicity Secretary Prof. Tasneem Alam, Central Working Committee members Advocate Nazrul Islam, Prof Sharif Hossain, Ahmad Ullah Bhuiyan, Principal Izzat Ullah, Muhammad Abdur Rab, Mominul Alam Patwary and Maulana ATM Masum, Editor of Daily Sangram Abul Asad, Acting Ameer of Jamaat Dhaka City Hamidur Rahman Azad MP and Acting Secretary Nurul Islam Bulbul, Assistant Secretary Abdul Halim, former president of Ideal Teacher's Council Prof. Lokman and Jamaat Central Office Secretary Prof. Mazharul Islam.

Principal Muhammad Abdur Rab did MA in English Literature in Dhaka University. Afterwards he served as Principal in various Colleges across the country. He was Founder Director of Islamic Education Society. He worked for disseminating Islamic education in this country until his death.

He played a vocal role protesting secular education system. Principal Abdur Rab also played key role in

the anti-autocratic movement as well as the movement for establishing Caretaker government.

Jamaat leaders mourn the sad demise of Principal Abdur Rab and recall his great contribution in Islamic Movement

Acting Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami and Acting Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam in a joint statement on 16 December expressed profound shock at the death of Central Working Committee member, Founder Director of Islamic Education Society, eminent educationist and Islamic Thinker Principal Muhammad Abdur Rab. They asserted in his death the nation lost a great politician, eminent educationist and Islamic Thinker. His death created a great vacuum in the movement for spreading Islamic Education. The Jamaat leader said, "His tireless role, sacrifice in Islamic Movement of Bangladesh will remain a source of inspiration for the workers of the Movement. His role will also be remembered in democratic movement." They prayed to Allah for granting him Zannatul Ferdous accepting all his good deeds in his whole life.

REFLECTION

THE MESSAGE OF THE PROFHETŌS SEERAT

- Sayyid Abul A'la Maudoodi



Need for the Guidance of Allah

It is an undeniable fact that the source of all knowledge is Almighty Allah Who made this universe and created man to populate it. Who else except Him can know the realities of this universe and who else possesses the knowledge of human nature and its true elements save Him alone? The Creator alone knows His creatures. The creature's awareness is circumscribed by what has been revealed to him by the Creator, for the creature has no independent means of his own to get at the truth.

In this connection, the difference between two kinds of things must be fully grasped so as to avoid fallacy in discussion. There are things which you can perceive through the senses, and having gathered a body of knowledge by means of senses you can proceed to classify this information with the help of reflection, argumentation, observation or experimentation in order to deduce laws from it.

For information on this category of things, no revelation from heaven is needed. This is the province of your

personal discovery, exploration, meditation, reflection, research and deduction. It has been left to you to explore the world around you and discover forces which operate in various things and understand the laws under which these things function so that you may stride forward along the path of development. Nevertheless, in this matter, too, your Creator has not deprived you of His help.

All along the course of history, Allah has been unfolding before you, though imperceptibly, His created world through an evolutionary process. He has, opened up new vistas of knowledge before you, and at certain points in history. He has inspired men to invent a new thing or to discover a new law. The fact remains, however, that in this domain man must gather knowledge by himself without requiring the help of a Divine Messenger or a Divine Book. Man has been endowed with all resources to collect the requisite information in this sphere.

The second category of things is transcendental, beyond the reach of our perception; things which we are powerless to comprehend; things which cannot be weighed or measured



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by scales, nor discovered by pressing into service any of the instruments of gaining knowledge which we have at our disposal. The theories of philosophers and scientists on this subject are mere conjectures which do not come under the purview of knowledge. These things are ultimate Realities and rational theories about them cannot be taken as definitive even by the expounders of these theories. If the authors of these theories possess any awareness of the bounds of their limited knowledge, they cannot have faith in the validity of their notions, nor can they call upon others to believe in them.

Need for Following the Precedent of the Prophets (Peace be on them)

Knowledge in this sphere is obtained through the Guidance of Allah, for Allah alone is aware of realities. Allah vouchsafes this knowledge to man by means of Revelation which is transmitted to none but the Prophets (peace be on them). Never has Allah published a Book and, having distributed it to each individual, told him to study it and ascertain for himself the reality of his own existence and that of the universe and to realise his role in the practical world in the context of this reality. Allah has always appointed the Prophets (peace be on them) to convey this knowledge to man, so that the Prophets (peace be on them) should not rest content with the mere propagation of their mandate, but drive it home, demonstrate it in action, recall to the right path those who defy the Divine mandates and organize the believers into a society every aspect of which bears practical evidence of this knowledge.

It is evident from this brief exposition that for Guidance we are wholly dependent upon the character displayed to the world by a Prophet of God (peace be on him). A non Prophet who is a disbeliever in a Prophet is not eligible to be our leader, even though he may be a sage, deeply learned and wise. This is so because such a man does not possess the knowledge of reality and a person bereft of this knowledge is incapable of devising a true and just system of life for us.

Why can't we obtain Guidance from the Prophets other than Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)?

Let us now take up the questions as to why of all the venerable personages whom we know as the Prophets and all the leaders of religions who conceivably may have been Prophets, we prefer to seek a message from the Character of Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Do we suffer from prejudice or is there a reasonable ground for doing so?

I submit that there is a rational basis for this. We certainly acknowledge and believe in the Prophethood of all those

personages who have been named in the Holy Qur'ān as Prophets. But, then, information with regard to the teaching and character of none of them has been bequeathed to us by any reliable or authentic sources to enable us to follow their lead. There is not a trace of doubt about the Prophethood of Hadrat Noah, Ibrahim, Ishaque, Yusuf, Moses and Jesus Christ (peace be on them) and we believe in all of them. However, none of the Scriptures revealed to them has come down to us in its original form so that we may benefit from its pristine message. Similarly, the life-history of none of these Prophets (peace be on them) has been handed down by any foolproof and authentic means to enable us to emulate their example in the various spheres of individual and collective existence.

A person who undertakes to prepare an account of the teachings and characters of all these Prophets (peace be on them) cannot write more than a few pages and these, too, entirely with the help of the Qur'ān for nowhere else is extant authentic material about them except in the Holy Qur'ān.

In the second century A.D. the Jewish scholars prepared a Jewish Bible with the help of manuscripts which had survived the vicissitudes of time. The oldest copy of this Bible extant now dates back to 916 A.D. Apart from this, no other Jewish manuscript exists anywhere today.

The Jewish scrolls discovered from the cave of Qumran on the Dead Sea are not older than the first and the second century B.C. and even these contain a few scattered fragments of the Bible. The earliest manuscript comprising of the first five Books of the Bible current among the Samaritans was written in the eleventh century A.D. The Greek Translation prepared in the second and the third century B.C. was marred by countless errors. A retranslation from Greek into Latin was done in the third century A.D. By what standard can you adjudge this material as an authentic source of the life histories and teachings of Moses (peace be on him) and the later Prophets of the Jews?

In addition to the above, there were certain unwritten legends called oral law, current among the Jews. For a span of thirteen or fourteen centuries they remained unwritten until in the later part of the second and the beginning of the third century A.D., a priest known as Yāhuda b. Shamūn committed them to writing under the title of 'Mishnah'. Commentaries on this work by the Palestinian Jewish scholars under the name of 'Halakā' and by Babylonian scholars under the title 'Haggada' appeared in the third and the fifth century respectively. The 'Talmud' is, in fact, an anthology of these three works. Significantly, authoritative evidence which may reveal the chain of transmission is lacking in the case of all traditions incorporated in these books. (To be continued)

Pakistan

Sino-Pak ties rock-solid

In an effort to consolidate friendly relations with close neighbours in South Asia, the Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao has completed a three-day visit to Pakistan, aimed at further strengthening bilateral ties and expanding cooperation in all areas.

Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani on 18 December hosted a luncheon in honour of his Chinese counterpart Wen Jiabao and members of his delegation.

Prime Minister Gilani, extending a warm welcome to the Chinese premier, said the ties between the two countries were "rock solid" and the two would jointly celebrate 2011 as the year of Pak-China friendship, marking the 60th anniversary of bilateral relations.

Gilani acknowledged with gratitude China's assistance to Pakistan in the 2005 earthquake, the Attabad Lake and the recent floods.

He said Pakistan supports the one-China policy and "condemns any attempt to undermine China's sovereignty and territorial integrity".

Gilani said the two countries share the ideals of a safe, secure and prosperous neighbourhood and a region free from strife and conflict.

"We want this vision to be translated into reality," he added. Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao said both countries were good neighbours and had marched ahead through thick and thin together.

He said the relationship had gone beyond bilateral ties and had moved into the strategic sphere.

Jiabao recalled the devastation caused by the floods and said the Chinese people were deeply concerned by the disaster. He assured Pakistan of China's support in the country's agriculture, infrastructure and energy sectors on a sustainable and durable basis.

Jiabao said he was delighted to return to Pakistan after five years and appreciated the hospitality.

He said the two sides would hold a series of events next year to further strengthen their ties for an enduring strategic partnership.

IRAN

Iranian leader urges cooperation at Istanbul nuclear talks

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad joined regional leaders on 23 Dec. for a summit in Istanbul, where he urged world powers to choose cooperation over confrontation in nuclear talks due here next month.

"We think this meeting will be very important, Ahmadinejad told a news conference in Istanbul, which will host the talks between six world powers and Iran, expected to be held in late January,

and the six-Britain, China, France, Russia, the United States and Germany after negotiations resumed in Geneva earlier this month following a 14-month hiatus.

"We have suggested that in the forthcoming Istanbul meeting confrontation be replaced with cooperation and this will be in the interest of all sides," he said through an interpreter.

"In cooperation we will have a win-win situation. There is no failure or defeat for any party."

Iran will never use force against Muslim neighbours

Iran will never use force against its Muslim neighbours, its foreign minister told a conference on Middle East security on 4 Dec., after the United States said Arab states were worried by Tehran's suspected attempts to acquire nuclear weapons.

And in a keynote address to the conference, Jordan's King Abdullah II said Israeli-Palestinian peace talks must be rescued from collapse to ensure regional and world stability.

Iran's Manouchehr Mottaki said: "We have never used our force against our neighbours and never will because our neighbours are Muslims."

"Your power in the region is our power and our power is your power."

Mottaki cautioned against submitting to "pressure by outsiders to divide us and create instability," saying "the presence of foreign powers will not help establish security in the region" and urging cooperation among Gulf countries.

TURKEY

Turkey government suspends generals linked to coup plot

Turkey's government has suspended two generals and an admiral linked to an alleged plot to stage a military coup, newspapers reported on 25 December.

The three were named in the probe of an alleged plan to oust the government led by the Islamist-rooted Justice and Development Party (AKP), Newspapers said, adding it was the first time the government had suspended serving officers.

The trial of around 200 members of the military implicated in the 2003 plot is expected to start December 16.

Conspirators are accused of planning attacks on mosques and to provoke tension with neighbour Greece, hoping to trigger instability and setting the stage for the ousting of the government.

The government is seen by some sections of the military as favouring Islamisation while the military views itself as the guardian of the secular foundations of the country.

EGYPT

Egypt to opposition party shut out of parliament

Egypt's largest opposition group has not won a single seat in the first round of parliamentary elections with more than 40 percent of contests decided.

The Muslim Brotherhood, which has alleged rampant fraud in vote, controls a fifth of the seats in the outgoing parliament. The leading opposition group suffered the dramatic setback after years of government crackdowns, especially during the election campaign. The Brotherhood says it is weighing its next move and may boycott runoffs on Dec. 5, when 26 of its candidates are slated to compete. Official results for the first round, announced on 1 December, gave President Hosni Mubarak's ruling National Democratic Party 2009 of 508 seats. The round decided 43 percent of seats.

IRAQ

Iraq approves new govt with Maliki as PM

Iraq's parliament approved Prime Minister Nuri al Maliki and his new government on 21 Dec, nine months after an inconclusive election left politics in limbo and delayed investments to rebuild the country after years of war.

Lawmakers voted Maliki and a new multi-party slate of ministers into office, elevating Oil Minister Hussain al Shahrastani to deputy prime minister for energy, and leaving in place Kurdish veteran Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari.

Highlighting the ethnic and sectarian divides that pervade the war ravaged country, parliament had to postpone the vote on 20 December after last-minute factional disputes and political horse-trading over posts delayed the government's formation.

As Maliki read out the chosen minister's names one by one, parliament speaker Osama al Nujaifi scanned the chamber for raised hands and said approved by the majority each time. The speaker did not ask for a show of hands from those opposing the candidate or abstaining from the vote.

JORDAN

Jordan names first woman chief district attorney

Jordan on 8 Dec. appointed a woman as chief district attorney of the country's capital, marking the first time a woman has held a top prosecutor's post in the pro-American Arab kingdom.

Ihaan Barakat, a 46-year-old judge and mother of two, will assume her post on Sunday, Jordan's Judicial Council said in a statement. The council, which is the highest judicial authority in Jordan, said Barakat will lead a group of 60 prosecutors- which includes only one other woman- in the capital of Amman. Only male district attorneys serve in other districts across Jordan.

Barakat, who has served as a judge on Jordan's appeals court for the past eight years, called her appointment "good news for women, not only in Jordan but across the Arab world, because it shows that there's no post confined to men in our societies."

PALESTINE

**Palestinians seek unilateral statehood recognition
Direct Mideast talks collapse as US freeze bid fails**

The Palestinians' Plan B -- an alternative to the elusive peace deal with Israel -- is gradually taking shape: convince as many countries as possible to recognize a Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, and use that to lobby the United States not to veto recognition by the U.N. Security Council.

The issue suddenly became more urgent late 7th December when U.S. officials said they had abandoned efforts to get Israel to reinstate a West Bank settlement construction slowdown, concluding that was not the best way to restart the talks. The Palestinians have said they would not resume negotiations without construction curbs.

With efforts deadlocked, Brazil and Argentina have recognized "Palestine," expected to be followed by Uruguay next month, the result of what a senior Palestinian official described as months of campaigning.

SUDAN

Sudan troops kill 40 Darfur rebels in new offensive

Sudan says government troops have killed at least 40 rebels in a new offensive in the country's troubled Darfur region.

Army spokesman Capt. Khalid Sawarmy says the rebels were killed during fighting on 24 December when army forces attacked joint positions of two rebel groups the Justice and Equality Movement and the Sudan Liberation Movement.

The spokesman, whose comments were carried on 25 Dec. by the official Sudan News Agency, says three soldiers also died and 13 were wounded in the fighting.

Darfur's most powerful rebel group, the Justice and Equality Movement, said Sudanese soldiers attacked rebel positions in North Darfur on 23 Dec. near Dar al-Salam, south of the regional capital of El Fasher. JEM said three rebels were killed and eight wounded.

The international peacekeeping mission in Darfur said it was gravely concerned about the reported clashes, and urged those fighting to allow humanitarian access to civilians in the area.

KOSOVO

Kosovo PM Claims victory, rivals refuse to concede

Kosovo waited for official results on 13 December to confirm Prime Minister Hashim Thaci's claim of victory in the first general election since independence from Serbia, amid accusations of some vote manipulation.

Thaci's rivals did not concede, citing suspicions of irregularities in two of his stronghold towns. Supporters of both Thaci's PDK Party and the rival LDK, a former coalition ally, celebrated on 14 Dec. night with firecrackers and honking horns as they drove around town.

"Hopefully, things will get better. But it was strange to see both parties celebrate. We Albanians are impatient. And there's not much to cheer about at a time when we do not control a part of the country," said Belul, a newspaper vendor. Kosovo, where ethnic Albanians made up 92 percent of the population of 2.2 million, declared independence from Serbia in 2008 but Serbs still dominate the north of the country.

Voting took place in a generally calm atmosphere except for minor incidents in the north. Western monitors were expected later on 5 Dec. to assess whether the elections were free and fair. In 1999, NATO forces bombed Yugoslavia for 78 days to stop its Serb-dominated army waging ethnic cleansing in Kosovo.

Dua Mahfil in memory of late Principal Abdur Rab It is bounden duty to strive for setting up the Quran: Maqbul Ahmad



Acting Ameer-e-Jamaat Maqbul Ahmad speaking at a Dua Mahfil commemorating Director of Islamic Education Society late Principal Abdur Rab

Acting Ameer-e-Jamaat Maqbul Ahmad said the Quran has been revealed to show the people the righteous path. For this the Quran must be read, comprehended and we must abide by in accordance with the Quran. He pointed out it is our bounden duty to strive for going through

the Quran, comprehending and setting up it in the society. Maqbul Ahmad was speaking at a dua Mahfil in memory of founder director of Islamic Education Society, eminent educationist and Islamic Thinker Principal Abdur Rab held at Uttara in Dhaka on 13 December.

Chaired by Chairman of the Society Prof. AKM Nazir Ahmad the Mahfil was also addressed by Acting Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam, Secretary of Talimul Quran Foundation Maulana Abul Hahim, elder son of the late Abdur Rab Habibur Rahman, Vice Principal of Tamirul Millat Madrasah, Maulana Shafiqullah Madani, Principal of Islamic Education Society School and College Manzurul Haq and Maulana Mohammad Ullah. In his speech Maqbul Ahmad said though late Abdur Rab did Masters in English, he had no change in the life like an educated person in English. He was a virtuous man. He worked until death in the movement for Islamic education. A number of good education institutions were set up led by him. Acting Ameer-e-Jamaat prayed to Allah for the salvation of the departed soul of Abdur Rab and granting him Zannatul Ferdous.

Maqbul Ahmad distributes warm clothes among the cold-hit people

Acting Ameer-e-Jamaat Maqbul Ahmad called upon all well to do people to serve the cold-hit people selflessly. OWe must work for the well-being of the distressed humanity, O he said. He was addressing as chief guest at warm cloth distribution programme at Al-Falah complex at Moghbazar in Dhaka city on 23 Dec. Presided over by Dr. Shafiqur Rahman the function was also

addressed by Dr. Abdus Salam.

In his speech the Jamaat chief mentioned that Jamaat always remains beside the helpless people. In this regard he underscored the need for a group of honest, able and dedicated people in order to bring about social upliftment.

Central Majlis-e-Shoora expresses concern over country's existing situation

Central Majlis-e-Shoora meeting of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami was held at Al-Falah Auditorium with its Acting Ameer Maqbul Ahmad in the chair. In the meeting a resolution was adopted reviewing the overall situation of the country.

Jamaat-e-Islami expressed with profound concern over the country's existing socio-economic and political situation specially the intolerable price hike of the essential commodities and deterioration in the law and order situation at an alarming rate.

It observed, The ruling party which was voted to power due to its number of pledges, is not implementing any of those pledges. The government is pushing the country towards confrontation instead of solving the problems like gas, power and water, checking the price hike of the essential commodities, improving the law and order situation, increasing production and institutionalising democracy by creating political stability.

The Central Majlis-e-Shoora noted with grave concern the present government is plotting to divide the nation introducing secularism in the name of holding trial of war crimes or anti humanity crime and reverting to 72 constitution.

In this regard it called upon the government to create healthy political situation showing respect to the norms of democracy.

The Central Majlis-e-Shoora observed with deep concern the Awami League government has kept a good number of Jamaat and Shibir leaders and workers including Ameer-e-Jamaat Maulana Motiur Rahman Nizami, Neyeb-e-Ameer Maulana Delawar Hossain Sayedee, Secretary General Ali Ahsan

Mohammad Mojaheed, Assistant Secretaries General Muhammad Kamaruzzaman, Abdul Quader Molla and Prof. Mujibur Rahman in prison illegally. False cases are being filed against them one after another. The allegations like war crimes or anti humanity against top Jamaat leaders which were settled by late Sheikh Mujibur Rahman are false, baseless and fabricated. In the last 38 years any general diary was not filed in any police station throughout the country and till now it failed to form any charge against them. As widespread criticism was made against the arrest of 5 top Jamaat leaders forming the accusations against them, some amendments have been made in the international crime Act. The government will have been entitled to arrest any person immediately after starting investigation by virtue of the above Act. This is a black law which is not only contrary to the conventional law but also it will curb any person's human right.

The Central Majlis-e-Shoora also observed with concern over the media role centering the holding of trial of the so called war crimes adding it is hindering the way of fair trial. Meanwhile the investigation team is visiting the areas of top Jamaat leaders and taking evidence from person belonging to Awami League, Juba League, Ghadani committee, Sector Commanders forum etc. but the general people are not being allowed to give their evidence to the investigation team.

Carrying out propaganda by terming any body war criminal before being convicted by the court is totally unlawful. This is how the investigation team is assassinating the character of Jamaat leaders.

It is Communists who were responsible for the debacle of 75 Awami League now ride on Sheikh Hasina again: Azhar

At present the government is out to sell the country. In the last two years this government did not do any work rather it made tall talks merely. The Ministers of the present government totally failed to run the administration. It is communists who were in late Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's cabinet were responsible for his debacle. This time about dozen of Ministers of Sheikh Hasina Cabinet were actively involved with Chhatra Union and Communist Party during their student life. Leftists and Communists rode on Sheikh Hasina's boat. It is they who will sink

her boat in the long run.

Acting Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami ATM Azharul Islam was speaking as chief guest at an Eid Reunion at Al Forkan Cadet Academy at Peergachha in Rangpur on 21 November. Chaired by Jamaat Peergachha UP Zila Ameer ATM Azam Khan the Eid Reunion was also addressed by Jamaat Rangpur District Ameer Mahbubur Rahman Belal, Secretary Anawarul Islam, Shibir leader Mostaque Ahmad, UP zila Secretary Bakhta Zaman and local Jamaat leaders.

Jamaat leaders express apprehension of the eviction of Begum Zia from her home inhumanly

Acting Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami Maqbul Ahmad and Acting Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam in a joint statement on 13 November, 2010 expressed grave concern over the eviction of former Prime Minister and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia's cantonment house. This incident has made the nation worried. They observed Begum Zia had been living in that house for last 40 years. The eviction of Begum Zia from her house prior to resolve this case

in the Bangladesh Supreme Court is contrary to the rule of the Law and Justice and is totally inhuman. The government is creating issue one after another so as to make the country unstable and to quell the opposition parties. The Jamaat leaders said such unjust and inhuman behaviour of the government has defeated its fascist mentality.

Azhar speaks at discussion to mark the holy Ashura



The Jamaat Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam delivering his speech as chief guest at a discussion meeting to mark the holy Ashura on 18 December, 2010

Jamaat Acting Secretary General said those who want to separate religion and politics, tell a lie. The government system must be in the light of Islamic law. The life time of the prophet (peace be upon him) as well as the rule of four Caliphs were in accordance with Islamic code of life. But after

khulafa-e-Rasheda this continuity hampered. The Jamaat leader said for this reason the grand son of the prophet (Pbnh) could not accept the selection of Azid and consequently, he embraced martyrdom at Karbala. He proved sacrificing his life that every Muslim must comply with Islam in toto. If need sacrifice our lives for the sake of Islam.

Acting Dhaka city Ameer Hamidur Rahman Azad MP presided over the discussion while central Working committee member Maulana ATM Masum, Acting city Secretary Nurul Islam Bulbul, Assistant Secretary Maulana Abdul Halim, Farid Hossain and Manzurul Islam spoke.



Acting Secretary General of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami ATM Azharul Islam distributing warm clothes among the cold affected people Barmura in Dhaka on 21st January, 2011

Govt persecuting Jamaat leaders as per the blueprint of setting up BAKSAL: Azhar

Acting Secretary General of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami ATM Azharul Islam blasted the ruling party for its inhuman repression on all Jamaat leaders and activists. He demanded of the government to release them unconditionally. In this regard he pressed all too actively take part in the mass movement to topple the government.

Acting Ameer Maqbul Ahmad was speaking at city Majlis-e-Shoora meeting as chief guest held at Al-Falah auditorium on 24 November. City Jamaat Acting Ameer AHM Hamidur Rahman Azad MP presided over the meeting while Acting Secretary Nurul Islam Bulbul, Assistant Secretary Maulana Abdul Halim, among others, spoke.



Acting Secretary General addresses a city Majlis-e-Shoora meeting as chief guest on 24 November, 2010

ORGANISATIONAL NEWS

Police carry out raid on Jamaat HQ like 5 times on 29 November

Detective branch (DB) police raided Jamaat Central Office in the evening on 29 December. At that time Acting Ameer-e-Jamaat Maqbul Ahmad, Acting Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam and Central Publicity Secretary Prof Tasneem Alam were present. Police raided Jamaat Central office five times and Jamaat Dhaka city office three times through this raid. Police could not recover anything any time. In his instant reaction Acting Secretary

General ATM Azharul Islam vehemently condemned and protested the police raid in Jamaat Central office. In this regard DB and Ramna Police Station could not inform of the reason behind the police raid. A contingent of 25-30 Police wearing white dress headed by Assistant Commissioner (AC) Shahidullah entered the Jamaat office at 6.40 PM. They searched the Jamaat office for about half an hour. Police left the spot at 7.15 PM.

Police raid Jamaat Head Quarter on 22 November

Police in uniform and Detective branch (DB) Police wearing white dress carried out a hour-long fruitless raid in the Central Office of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami on 22 Nov. Police raided the Jamaat office from 7.10 PM to 8.10PM. Later they left the office forthwith. At that time media men asked the police for the just concluded raid. But the police were mum and left the spot riding on the police van. The

mysterious conduct of the police personnel was mentionable. The presence of police was notable surrounding the Jamaat office from evening on that day. Acting Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam bitterly criticised the Police raid in Jamaat central office adding the government is carrying out raid to create panic among the opposition parties. They want to foil democratic movement of the opposition parties.

Country wide demonstration protesting police raid on Jamaat Head Quarter

Jamaat staged demonstration and held rallies throughout the country in protest against the police raid on Jamaat Central office. The units of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami across the country organised the protest rallies and vehemently condemned the

government fascist act. City units of Jamaat Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barishal, Rangpur & Sylhet staged demonstration protesting the police raid in Jamaat Central office.

Govt has resorted to way of falsehood & intrigue along with to carry out attack and persecution on opposition parties: Hamidur Rahman Azad MP

Acting Ameer of Jamaat Dhaka city AHM Hamidur Rahman Azad MP flayed the ruling party for its oppression and suppression on the opposition parties adding, it has defeated barbarity of mediaeval age through its atrocities on the opposition parties. The government has resorted to its heinous attack and repression on the opposition parties.

The government's current attitude to the opposition parties is contrary to the rule of the law, democracy and human rights. The ruling party will not be able to save itself from the consequence. Mr. Azad urged all to participate in the mass movement to oust this fascist government.

He said this while delivering his presidential speech at city Majlis-e-Shoor meeting at its office on 22 Dec. Acting City Secretary Nurul Islam Bulbul and Assistant Secretary Maulana Abdul Halim were, among others, present on the occasion.



Jamaat Dhaka District North South forwarding their memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka District on 7 November, 2010

Shibir President at Annual Secretariat meeting

Central President of Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir D. Muhammad Razaul Karim said the government is out to involve patriotic Islamic leaders with war criminals in the so-called trial. The arrested Islamic leaders have been languishing in prison for long days. It is time to launch a strong movement against the fascist government. There is no alternative to the united role of student organisations believing in Islam and nationalism.

He was speaking at a Annual Secretariat Meeting at its conference room on 28 Dec. Secretary General Dr. Md. Fakhruddin Manik, Central Office Secretary Nur Muhammad Mondol, Literary Secretary Md. Delwar Hossain Sayedee, Publicity Secretary Md. Ataur Rahman Sarkar, Finance Secretary Md. Sohel Khan, Shibir leader Nizamul Hoq Nayeem, Education Secretary Atiqur Rahman, Cultural Secretary Mokarram Billah, Ansari, Publication Secretary Abdul Jabbar, Among others, were present on the occasion.

Shibir Distributes warm clothes among the cold-affected people in capital

Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir distributed warm clothes among the cold-hit people at Badda in the Dhaka city on 27 Dec. Jamaat Dhaka city north Monir Uddin Monir chaired the function while Central Publication Secretary Abdul Zabbar and local Shibir leaders were present.

Distressed registered by Quran learner's society feeling of being accountable to Allah makes man honest and virtuous

President of Bangladesh Quran leaders Society Maulana Abdus Shahid Naseem said those who don't accept the code of life given by Allah and lead this life accordingly will be raised as sinners in the hereafter. All will bear the burden of their own misdeeds. All sinners must face the trial in the court of Allah. On that day nobody will be able to save except believers and loyal to Allah. Feeling of being accountable to Allah makes man honest and virtuous.

He was speaking as chief guest at a discussion on the picture of Hashar in the Quran at Biam Auditorium in Dhaka on 18 Dec.