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The trial of the suspected killers of the SMR and his family is necessary. The killers must be held accountable for their actions. However, the mechanism must be fair and exemplary. This would be excellent opportunity to examine all wrongful deaths. Examples of countries that have begun to confront their past are South Africa, Argentina, Brazil and Chile. Some have been more successful than others. Too many times in our past we have ramrodded one's viewpoint down other people's throat and only to see a new interpretation with a change in govt. We cannot afford to make that mistake again. This is our last chance. We have to mature as a nation.

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I support the parliamentary action to repeal the indemnity bill which made by Mosaque and approved by Zia. The killers of Bangabandhu and his family, four leader, Sk. Moni and his family, Mr. Sanabat and his family should be tried and punished in court. If the killers get the message that no killing go unpunished, in future no one will dare to do the same. This should be done for our national political stability. It is unfortunate that BNP and JAMAT did not participate in repealing this bill. Though they did not like Bangabandhu's government, they should have supported AL's initiative to repeal this black law. I want to see a fair trial of Manzur, Zia and Taher Killing. I think it is possible if AL takes initiative to do that.

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It has been a long time since Sheikh Mujibur Rahman died but no one had even given a little thought that something should be done cause we are human beings and although we die we still have the right to fight for ourselves and that fight is fought by the people who were the closest to us, our relatives, and friends. As a result I support this capture of the suspected murderers of the Father of The Nation hundred percent. He, along with his family was brutally murdered and the murderers knew that if one lives it will be trouble for them but they can never deny the power of Allah for He has given one the power of understanding what is good and bad, and whatever one chooses will be one's fate for the rest of one's life. I believe that the inter-pol, C.I.A. etc. should help the Bangladesh government to search for the murderers who are abroad for we respect their rules of justice and they should too. I believe that Awami League will bring a change in Bangladesh but they must be

careful that the change is slow and steady, for it always wins the race.

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Of course they should be punished who had a role with the killing of father of nation and jail killing. No excuse.

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The trial of the most gruesome murder cases from 1975 till 1979 in modern, civilized history should be held without question, so that such nefarious acts never again take place anywhere in the world as we step into the 21st century. The killers must be tried for not only overthrowing a democratically elected government but for also annihilating entire families under the pretext of a hoax revolution. A murderer is a murderer and attempts to rehabilitate killers by vested interest groups and rogue terrorist nations have earned Bangladesh a bad reputation worldwide.

I appreciate the bold move by the Awami League government, especially the hard-working officers and personnel, working day and night, of the NSI, the DFI, the Special Branch and the CID to crack open the crimes perpetrated against humanity 21 years ago. It is only a matter of time when the killers will be tried and prosecuted for their sins and thereby earn Bangladesh its lost reputation as a civilized, democratic country in the league of nations. All nations that respect the rule of law should hand over these blood thirsty assassins to the Bangladeshi Home Office for a fair, and speedy trial to bring the apocalyptic episode in our treacherous history to a long-awaited end once and for all. We cannot afford to spend any extra time and efforts on these terminators in the Era of the Information Superhighway.

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I am very happy to pass the Indemnity Repeal Bill in JS. I think it is necessary to trial every killer in Bangladesh.

But I am afraid that it is major problem for our Government. Because reference from our Newspaper Many of killer are surrounded with the Government. Not Only Faruque Rashid gong. Every one who are released with this murder should be punished. What's going on I don't want to know. But I want to real judge for this murder.

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Though I am against promoting any kind of violence, but still I feel that killers of Mujib should not go unpunished. Govt. should hang them

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OPINIONS

Indemnity (Repeal) Bill

openly in Suharwardy Uddan in a sacred ceremony. This will and should be a warning against all the future conspirers of such incident.

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I shall say Indemnity Bill was a black spot of our nation. Any law protecting the murderers is a shame for the humanity. For the sake of humanity any murderer must have to be prosecuted. Otherwise we shall be guilty in the eye of the future generation. Initiative to outlaw the Indemnity Bill is a positive approach from the new government which should be unanimously supported by the every corner of the society. I hope the government will also investigate all the past political killings irrespectively the political identity and that investigation should be carried out by the independent body headed by a respectable person.

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The repeal of the indemnity bill is in my belief a act of national treason on part of pm Hasina.

First of all, if things had properly been done, the indemnity bill protecting the killings made by Mujib's private army (Rukhi Bahini) should have been repealed also to make it fair for both sides.

Secondly, Mujib was a dictator who enriched himself by selling international aid into the Indian black market and who let his population starve in 1974. Secondly, many of his close comrades were killed, or jailed whenever they disagreed.

Let's not forget that Mujib made himself president for life in 1975, an example of deposition and tyranny.

This is why I think it is unfair to take to court the army of officers who committed a heroic task by removing this terrible despot. It is however UNFORTUNATE that all of his family was killed. It was not Faruque's nor Rashid's wish, but the sepoys encountered such a resistance that every one was killed. I deplore this act and believe that it is a shame on the honour of an officer to have innocent victims on one's conscience. But please let's not forget how many people would have died under a

longer Mujib reign.

What shocks me the most is the fact that Zobaida Rashid was jailed on fake charges and was later tortured by CID. This is unacceptable by any standards and BNP should attack the govt for violation of human rights.

At last, I believe that no fair trial can be given Faruque and his friends. If any trial has to take place, then it should take place in an international court. It is clear that no judge will rule against Hasina's wish.

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Should we try the SMR killers? By all means, provided we hold similar accountability for others involved in today's political murder. It is evident that the judiciary arm of the government is out to appease the ruling party. I wonder if a trial is necessary because we know the outcome of that trial already. This will be nothing more than a political lynching to satisfy the few in furthering their political ambitions.

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Till this government's take over, I had not been too concerned about politics in my homeland. But events make even the most nonchalant exiles feel deeply. My countrymen just placed the same bloodthirsty cabal in office whose previous reign was a five year nightmare.

Famine, Rakhibahini terror, murder, abduction, one party dictatorship and, above all the readiness to give it all to Mrs Gandhi. And PM Hasina Wazed is supposedly a democrat? Give me a break! I fear for my flag and my faith when I reflect that the Awami League is back in

charge. When I return, will the proud red and green still fly at Savar or will it be the Indian tricolor? Will our mosques and churches be safe or will they be under the tutelage of the defilers of Babri Masjid? For the love of freedom, don't let the League succeed in what it failed the last time: selling us into abject Indian slavery!

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From the little news I get from Bangladesh, the value and sanctity of life has devalued consistently. Both major parties appear to be actively engaged in political killings and abnormalities, a mere reality in Bangladesh. On the other hand the ruling party is all out to try the 1975 coup members while totally disregarding the current chaos and political murder both in the public and academic sectors. To add to the so called fairness decree one sees HM Ershad 'bailing out' in case after case.

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