RISE BANGLADESH AGAINST THE MURDEROUS BRUTES VIOLATING THE HUMAN RIGHTS

Article 18-

Article 19-

Breach of Human Rights

The BNP-Jamat Alliance who had termed the result of October 1 elections as "People's verdict terrorism" have themselves let loose their 'Golden Boys' to unleash hell against human rights since the election day, and their heinous activities continue unabated to date. Many of the terrorist acts perpetrated during this period have still remained unrevealed. Even then, the data of their activities during October-November 2001 collected from different organisations and newspapers are well enough in number to mention below:

Repression on the Minorities

Physically tortured Women - 1,430
Physically tortured Men - 2,619
Kidnapped - 100
Cases of Child Molestation
Raped - 138 Kidnapped - 1
Physically Tortured - 6
Eviction from Home - 38,500
Destruction of Temples, Church
and Idols - 155
Arson of Houses and Business
Estabalishments - 4551

Repression on political activists Killed in jail and police custody - 7 Attacks by the ruling party terrorists: Killed - 172, Injured - 4173 Arrested - 942

Repression on Journalists
Attacks on journalists - 1 killed

and 40 injured Repression on women

Acid victims - 49
Incidents related to dowry:
Murdered - 17, Tortured - 8
Suicide - 1
Other incidents:
Raped - 111, Gang raped - 44
Murdered after rape - 14

Breach of Human Rights in the Chittagong Hill Tracts

Killed - 18, Kidnapped - 17
Injured - 63, Arrested - 36
Source: Odhikar, Prip Trust and Newspapers

Report from

Amnesty International
On 5 November, 2001 at midnight, a
group of miscreants numbering about
25 attacked the homes of Hindu
community in Doshpara village of
Mithanala Union under Mirshorai of

Mithanala Union under Mirshorai of Chittagong. During the attack they killed a young man of 28 years Sunil Das Shadhu. Sixteen men and women were also injured in the attack. Although the police is said to have arrested the miscreants no action has been taken.

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The attacks have not been limited to houses only. On 22 October 2001 temples at Chandaikona Bazar and other places in Raiganj under Sirajganj were also attacked, destroying the idols and occupying the tamples. On 6 October, 2001, a college going girl was gangraped in front of her mother. On 8 October, 2001 miscreants in the village of Deola under Ullapara of Sirajganj snatched away Purnima, a young school going girl from the shelter of her relations and then gangraped her. In the dark of the night of 11 October, 2001 miscreants visited the house of a Hindu family in the village of Khanja under Gournadi in Barisal and proclaimed that since they had voted for Awami League they would have to vacat their home. Then they raped two housewives in front of their husbands. On 6 October, 2001 in Bashkandi village under Chorfashion in Bhola, a mother and her daughter were raped by miscreants. The male members of her family had fled their

Pay toll or lend your daughter

Young girls of 50 Christian families of Baraigram Upozilla in Natore are passing their nights in terror of losing their chastity. The general secretary of the Thana Jubodal Sanaullah Noor Babu along with his lackies enter the Christian locality every night. Then they make choice of a girl from the families and then demand 10 to 12 thousand takas as toll or ask to lend his daughter to them for a night. (Janakantho, 8 December, 2001)

Dear fellow citizens, centering around the 1st October 2001 Eighth National Parliament Elections the preplanned terrorist acts against human rights that are being conducted by the vested quarters only tells how brutally the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are being trampled and ravaged on the sacred soil of Bangladesh.

The trampled and ravaged Articles of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights

There are 30 Articles in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed in Paris in 1948. The Articles that are most relevant with the present situation are as follows:

Article 3- Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

Article 5- No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 13
1. Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state.

Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

Article 15- 1. Everyone has the right to a nationality.

No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality.

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions with interference and to seek, receive



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50,000 takas from the father of a son who had worked for the sign of Boat

tortionists demand

"Either you pay us 50,000 takas as contribution money or else you go to India". This what extortionists told Mr. Manindra Chandra Sarkar of village Mitra of Betila Union under Manikganj Sadar Upazilla. Manindra's only fault is that his son Manik is a Chhatra League activist. (Sangbad, 20 November, 2001)

Extortionists halt construction work at Bangabandhu Medical University

Extortionists have halted the construction work of the 15 crore taka six storey building to house the Kindey and Child Care units of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University. The extortionists instructed the site engineer to contact JCD leader Zakir Hossain to hand over the extortion money before resuming their work. (Sangbad, 23 November, 2001)

State Minister occupies Muktijoddha Sangsad breaking open the lock

On 23 November State Minister Redwan Ahmed broke open the locks of the main and collapsible gates of Muktijoddha Sangsad and occupied the office.

(Prothom Alo, 24 November, 2001)

Let Us Fight Together to Establish Human Rights

More than fifty years ago, when the United Nations was just formed the nations of the world signed together the charter of Universal Human Rights and approved a series of basic human rights, irrespective of race, religion, culture and political ideology. Since then, in the fight for the establishment of human rights, even after facing scores and scores of problems and complexities, the nations of the world had made considerable advancement and have increased their initiatives to implement and foster the rights internationally. The effort has been increased to establish an international crime court to make the governments and people violating the human rights answerable to them. Bangladesh is committed in its efforts to implement the rights. Expressing the allegiance of the people of Bangladesh with human rights, during its period of governance Awami League signed the treaty for the establishment of International Crime Court and approved the same in the National Assembly.

With the background of increased activities for human rights in the international arena and in the light of the bright role played so long by Bangladesh, the recent sad incidents that happened in the country cannot but leave us with deep worries. Each and every person with even the minimum of conscience were perturbed and enraged upon reading the reports of the magnitude of attacks on the minority community. In parallel is continuing the repression on the political opponents.

It is not a healthy sign for a society where just for religion and political differences the citizens are persecuted and their normal life is put into disarray. Sadly, this is what exactly is happening all over the country since the Elections to the Eighth National Parliament.

To confront and halt this severe disorderly state of the nation all the people with belief in numerity have to

come forward and play an active role in it. To choose between the options of a respected nation and a nation humiliated for its repressive policy, we would opt for the first choice and again raise the flag - the standard of humanity. For this purpose there is the International Convention on Crimes Against Humanity. For the sake of the country, the nation, the new generation and the generations to come we will have to unmask the perpetrators of the heinous crimes that they are committing against the humanity and thereby direct our efforts to re-establish a humane society rich in amity.

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It is my ardent call to everyone to unite together in the struggle to establish our basic human rights notwithstanding the differences in our political outlook or ideology.

Sheikh Hasina

This is shameless, this is most derogatory

President, Bangladesh Awami League

If you pay a little attention then you would not but be horrified to realise what the 12 year old Purnima, 10 year old Malati or 14-15 young teenaged girls, now hiding in the Banaripara marsh, had witnessed the nastiest form of degradation of humanity. When we think of the mother requesting the 10-15 miscreants who knocked at her door in the darkness of the night to come into her room 2-3 persons at a time as her daughter is too young and would die if all of them came together, or when the miscreants with flashlight search out Rani Das hiding under water in the pond near her house, pull her out by her hair and then ravish her, a shiver of fear crawl down through our spine. We would like to remonstrate for living in such a degraded society. (Prothom Alo, 21 November, 2001)

Terrorists kill old man by beating after failing to find his son

Terrorists had beat up and killed Abul Hashem (52) after they failed to find his son at his home in Maddhya Pykepara, Mirpur. (Janakantho, 26 October, 2001)

Armed JCD cadres invade and occupy Jagannath and Jahurul Huq Halls

On the day of the installation of the new Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University under the leadership of Mustafizul Islam Mamun the GS of JCD unit of the university a group of armed JCD workers broke open the lock of the hall gate, attacked the Chhatra League workers inside the hall and ransacked the dormitory rooms.

(Jugantor, 14 November, 2001) Six year old child injured in a bomb attack

This time a six year girl Tanuja Rani
Tanu has been a victim of
extortionists bomb attack for not
paying extortion money. This
incident occured in the Sutrapur
area of the capital on 27
November, 2001. (Sangbad, 28
November, 2001)

Garments factory and dairy farm occupied

In Narayanganj
One of the country's largest export oriented knitware factory Wisdom Attires Ltd. in Fatulla, Narayanganj has been taken over by the ruling party's miscreants.

(Prothom Alo, 6 December, 2001)

Tejgaon and Mohammadpur Police Stations to snatch away detained cadres

On 25 October 2001, more than hundred BNP activists attacked the Tejgaon and Mohammadpur Police Stations to snatch away BNP cadres. They entered the two police stations and ransacked the office rooms. Prior to that they also occupied a grocery market in Mohammadpur.

(Janakantho, 26 October, 2001)

Acid thrown at 4 members of the same family in Zigatola

On 27 November miscreants in Zigatola threw acid at Shahida Akhter Poly (27), her son Shafiqul Islam Biplob, daughter Nipa (6) and her brother-in-law Shahidul Islam (26).

(Prothom Alo, 28 November, 2001)

Plea of the minorities of Kalyakoir

The minority voters of Chapair, Seemarpar and Palpara areas of Kalyakoir had pleaded to strike off their names from the voters list for they wanted to live in this country.

(Sangbad, 28 November, 2001)

Hell let loose by BNP for accepting GD, OC suspended

The OC of Shripur Police Station Shah Alam Bakaul has been suspended for accepting General Diary from the MP of Shripur Kaliakoir, Rahmat Ali against Prime Minister Khaleda Zia. The following day, on 1 December, 2001 the angry workers of BNP damaged two cars parked in front of the police station and the Upozilla Parishad office. (Ittefaq, 4 December, 2001)

deadbody of murdered Principal Gopal Krishna Muhuri. (Janakantho, 26 November, 2001) Supporters of MP Farooque set 200 copies

of Prothom Alo and Ittefag

on fire

You Don't Need to Cover

This Monstrosity with

a Bedsheet

'You don't need to cover this

monstrosity with a bedsheet. Let

the nation watch whatever amount

of security it has under the rule of

your government'. These are the

words Mrs. Uma Muhuri said to the

present Minister for Home Affairs

Altaf Hossain Chowdhury on 16

November 2001 when he ordered

for a bedsheet to cover the

BNP activists of Senbag thana blessed by MP Joinal Abedin Farooque have set 200 copies of Prathom Alo and Ittefaq. Enraged by the two dailies' report of their demolishing a brick kiln of another local BNP leader Kazi Mafiz, the MP's supporters gathered on 7 December and declared a ban on these two dailies in the area. (Prathom Alo, 8 December, 2001)

Headmaster forced to resign

Head Master of Chatitola High School of Langolkote, Comilla forced to resign at gunpoint by BNP terrorists.

(Prothom Alo, 8 December, 2001)

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