

Let People's Voices be Heard



There is a constant struggle to better the social, economic and governmental structures in Bangladesh. Sometimes, however, the means of fighting against the injustices in our country are counterproductive, and end up exacerbating the situation rather than helping it. Every now and then, hartals, riots, bomb blasts, killings and muggings, all integrate into the main issue at hand -- society's dissatisfaction with the current situation and their irresistible urge to do something about it, no matter what the consequences. But in every struggle for the sake of justice, the biggest challenge for the marginalised and oppressed is to attain the power to speak out.

'Let People's Voices Be Heard' the theme of the recent conference on human rights and governance organised by Manusher Jonno (MJ) summed up this daunting challenge.

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