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The cartoon publication of the Prophet Muhammad (SM) created an indomitable backlash all around the world. The publishers and the editors of the concerned European dailies are worthy of public hatred. Nobody possesses the right to humiliate a major religion of the world in such a way. They cannot do it as an excuse of freedom of speech because their freedom of speech is confined to self-interest.

I believe they have the common sense and are educated enough to understand the sentiment of others. I think this is an organised plot to encourage Muslims into a spree of stormy destruction so they can easily depict them as terrorist nations. The Muslims of the world should be conscious of the root of this conspiracy. They should not be incited by the plotters to act out their racial hatred. We can demonstrate against their misdeeds peacefully.

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What is equal right?

I read Eishan's letter published on 3 March, 2006. He is right that women are granted huge supplementary advantages. But men are not being deprived of their rights. One needs to think seriously about why women need these supplementary advantages in the first place. Women's position is very weak in our country. So the measures that the government has taken for women should be welcomed by every conscious citizen of Bangladesh.

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It's really very silly when I see sensible people shouting that women are getting more facilities in our country. One of our sensible friends in one of the previous issues of SWM said that the reason for boy's doing worse than girls in exams is that they are not getting any kind of monetary help from the government. This is ridiculous! He has also said that girls are getting preference in the local buses of our country. I just want to ask him whether he has ever sat on one of those seats? He would not have asked the particular question if he had. Anyway I think he has said things without thinking them out properly.

Girls are being deprived of their rights not only in the poor countries but also in the developed countries. Moreover I think girls of our country deserve extra facilities to cope with the present world. The monetary help from the government is encouraging many parents to let their daughters study who otherwise would not have had the opportunity to do so.

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New Demons on the block

Memories are still afresh of the demonic picture of General Yahya Khan drawn by our famous artist Quamrul Ahsan who also inscribed a very popular slogan, the caption of "Kill these beasts" beneath his work of art. I would like that an artist of QA's calibre draw a demonic picture of Shaikh Abdur Rahman and Siddiqul Islam Banglabhai and use the same caption for the picture, enlarge it in the form of a poster and hang the same in every corner of Bangladesh. Because these devils and their followers do not have the right to live in the sacred soil of Bangladesh. Islam does not permit any one to behave like hypocrites indulging in anti-Islamic activities and trying to impose an illegal law in the country.

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