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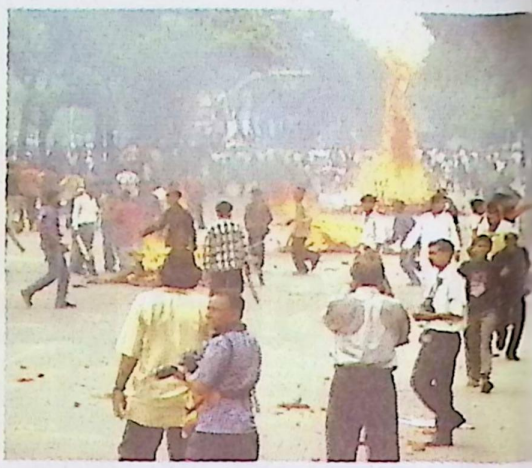
The Road to Democracy

The whole nation is looking forward to a free and fair election. The interim government's first priority should be to remove the state of emergency and arrange a dialogue with the political parties on how the nation can hold the general elections and eradicate the impediments to materialise democracy, good governance, accountability, transparency and discipline in every sector of our struggling country, considering all the resources and constraints.

The election commission, the anti-corruption commission and other dynamic and already reformed national institutions have a vital role to institutionalise democracy by restructuring and redirecting the roadmap procedures and strategies towards a new-born democracy following the next general election. But it must be ensured that the parties have made the necessary reforms and are exercising democracy within themselves.

We are at a very critical point. So at the beginning of the New Year we must have determination, courage, honesty, sincerity and patriotism to move the country forward towards achieving the goals and objectives set after the liberation war for which so many people have sacrificed their lives.

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'Rajakar Mor'

At present the most talked about issue in our country is how to initiate the judicial process against the war criminals especially those people who are actively denying our glorious War of Liberation. Recently a friend and I had to go to Natore and Sirajganj districts for our research work to collect photographs from the Chalan Beel. We took a local bus to reach Baraigram village in Natore. We were shocked to see the name of the place where the bus contractor dropped us of; it was called the 'Rajakar Mor (Rajakar corner)!' There are many streets and areas named after the patriots of our country but here was a place that was actually named after the infamous traitors of our country! It is a matter of great regret that after 37 years of our independence, we name our landmarks after such individuals who were ready to sell their motherland to bigots.

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