Saw nothing, Heard nothing, Said nothing, Felt something

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❑ If I did not have eyes to see I would not have to witness

- the flag on the car of a razakar accused of murder sitting in the same cabinet with those very freedom-fighters who had sworn by blood to annihilate them in 1971; now they have separated from non-reformists, but the decision is looked upon not as good judgement or as patriotism, but more as a shield against arrest on charges of corruption, abuse of power, nepotism...
- the very elements that milked the two leaders (and even the third, now entangled in a petticoat battle with his estranged partner over rights over their *putra*) turn their coats (nay skin) to become washed *tulsi* leaves overnight; not all "heroes" have enough material in their cranium to comprehend that by their own creation they are all big zeroes without their captain's *nek nazar*, even if some may have served as left-n-right generals

They are the ones who believe in the saying, "Pay no mind to those that talk behind your back, it simply means that you are two steps ahead!"

❑ If I did not have ears to hear I would not have to listen to

- the u-turn by a businessman whose now supposed case has kept a former prime minister, "a respected person" in the words of her "villain", again in his own words, in jail (however special) for the past several months; one wonders if Niko will also become case *nai-ko*.
- how a former law minister in charge of legal affairs spent twenty years in a house, now assumed "illegal", without even being touched by a feather (tee hee), although it may be said without reasonable doubt that every seat of power at one time or the other may have had the opportunity to have been seated in that very house that "*mou*-milk" occupied offering his guests honey and "*doodh*"

Someone should remind them of the adage, "If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough."

❑ If I did not have a mouth to speak I would not have to protest

- the usage of prime land worth crores of takas as fair price centres in many parts of the city by services that have unfortunately been transformed from security forces to sellers; the price of essentials have not come down reciprocal to the costs and specialised manpower involved, but even the Americans are paying more for their bread and butter.
- the high-handedness of TV talk-show experts (!), who seem to have an answer to every problem that this country faces, and offers sombre advice to the government with brazen haughtiness on how to tackle situations from as grave as Sid'r to as *mamuli* as a pedestrian over-bridge; it's strange how the same chaps are at a total loss once chosen to advise; and worse, back to advising on the channels just like before once they are out of the job.

I think they believe in the age old theory: "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind."

❑ If I did not have a heart to feel I would not have to feel

- the pain of a destitute child begging for a taka or two in front of a posh restaurant where the average bill per person is thousand times more; yes! most of us do rebuke them but the food leaves a bad taste afterwards
- the last moments of a girl taunted to death by debauched teasers on the streets under a governance when the biggest of the terrorists have been put behind bars; she must have hoped foolishly that her worries were over after the momentous changeover on one-eleven

As they say, "Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of a battle."

We may see nothing, hear nothing, say nothing, but a nation sees, hears, speaks and feels by its conscience; the Bangalee is no different.

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