

What we now urge the Bangladesh government to do is to be proactive in mobilizing the international community in favour of calling an end to the perilous plight of Rohingyas, as well as engaging the Myanmar government on the issue bilaterally. Recent statements by Myanmar leaders with reference to the Rohingyas being immigrants from Bangladesh simply do not hold up in the face of historical fact that these people are Arakanese and they have been so for centuries. Hence attempts to push ethnic Rohingyas into Bangladesh's territory constitute a violation of international as well as human rights. It has now become imperative that the statelessness of the Rohingyas be addressed on a permanent foot-

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Anti-Syrian Lebanese Minister and MP Pierre Gemayel is assassinated in suburban Beirut.



The home minister is absolutely right in informing the country that before any thought of a dialogue takes hold of the government, stability and discipline must be brought back on the streets. A government works on trust, which trust does not allow it to appease those trying to undermine it every day through repeated and organised violence. Beating up policemen and trying to seize their weapons is an invitation to chaos the Jamaat ought not to have indulged in. But now that it has, it remains for the government to ensure that the violence does not escalate and that those behind it are

The Jamaat, whether or not we agree, is a party which has been operating under the terms of the law in this country. It is essential, therefore, that the legality behind the party's operations be seriously considered before any moves are made to proscribе the party, if indeed that is what the government aims for. What has been happening is that a beleaguered Jamaat, shorn of its senior leadership, is waging a desperate battle in the interest of its survival. Its back is to the wall. There are political organisations, all over the globe, that have lost their will to live once their leaders have been put away. That is not what the Jamaat appears

From such a perspective, the homeminister's recent directive that anyone who is a part of the Jamaat or engages in its politics ought to be identified and caught and handed over to the law enforcers is a clear invitation to danger. The danger is not that the Jamaat will expand its area of violence. It is that such governmental sanction of action against its activists could sooner or later result in the rise of vigilantes all over the country. In a land where extrajudicial murders worry an entire nation and the impunity with which

Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, all things considered, is right. You do not negotiate with an opposition which sends panic running through citizens on the streets. You do not have a conversation with a political party which is only interested in parliament when it has a majority there.

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"Our party faces many severe challenges and there are many pressing problems within the party that need to be resolved, particularly corruption, being divorced from the people,