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"There are very few African-American men in this country who haven't had the experience of being followed when they were shopping in a department store. That includes me."

**BARACK OBAMA**
US President
commenting on the acquittal of George Zimmerman, a neighbourhood watchman, who fatally shot Trayvon Martin, the unarmed black teen, based on a suspicion that the teenager was 'up to no good.'

"Besides, there are no war criminals in Bangladesh. It is the imaginary and self-created bizarre idea of those talking about war crimes. [. . . ] There are no anti-liberation forces in Bangladesh."

**ALI AHSAN MOHAMMAD MOJAHEED**
convicted war criminal and Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islam claiming, at a meeting with the Election Commision six years back, that there were no war criminals in the country.

"If Awami League doesn't win the next polls, and the BNP-Jamaat-Hefazat alliance assumes power, millions of female garments workers and other job holders will lose their jobs and become paupers. [. . . ] The country will again plunge into an era of darkness."

**SHEIKH HASINA**
Prime Minister
expressing fear that thousands would be killed and millions of women would be left jobless if the BNP coalition comes to power in the next election.

"We know people will reject this killer, oppressive and corrupt government with hatred."

**KHALEDA ZIA**
BNP Chairperson
adding that the government should test its popularity by contesting the next elections under a non-party administration.

"This is an orchestrated campaign against me. I have no idea about the motive behind this smear campaign. But I can say this is a campaign against an honest politician."

**DIPU MONI**
Foreign Minister
slamming a section of the media for publishing reports of her 'frequent' trips abroad in the last four and a half years.

"They (the police) took our case after two hours but they filed Roni's case based only on a verbal statement by the lawmaker and without any documents."

**IMITIAZ MOMIN**
Reporter of Independent Television
claiming that the Shahbag police had initially declined to file the case against AL lawmaker Golam Moula Roni despite video footage of Roni attacking and beating up Momin and cameraperson Mohin Mukul.