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War Criminals: Find the surviving
Poster campaign launched

A poster campaign urging the public to help track down the last surviving 1971 war criminals has been launched. The Operation Last Chance II project is offering cash rewards for information which leads to prosecutions. The posters, of which 2,000 have been put up in Dhaka, Chittagong and other districts say: "Late, but not too late".

"Millions of innocents were murdered by war criminals. Some of the perpetrators are free and alive! Help us take them to court." It supplies a telephone hotline number where tips can be submitted. The campaign is being coordinated by US-based human rights organisation. It is believed there are up to 60 people still living, who could stand for trial for crimes allegedly committed.

A reward of 5,00,000Takas will be paid for information upon the charging of a suspect, a further 5,00,000 Takas upon conviction and a further 10,000Takas per day spent in prison — up to 150 days — for a total of 25,00,000Takas.

"In response to those who question the value of bringing elderly war criminals to justice, it is important to remember that: the passage of time in no way diminishes the guilt of the killers, old age should not afford immunity to murderers. Every one of the victims deserves that an effort be made to hold their killers accountable, this on-going effort is a reminder of the importance of war crimes and a warning to contemporary anti-liberation forces, and these trials are helpful in the on-going struggle against war of liberation denial and distortion.

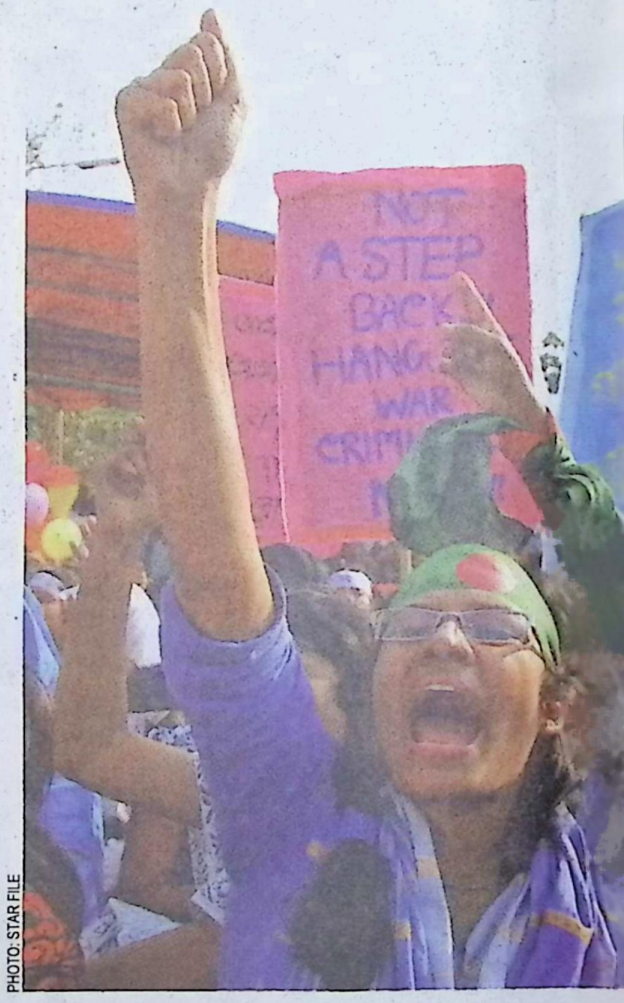


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The above news item (DS 26 July quoting UK's Huffington Post) remarkably does not actually refer to our War of Liberation 1971, but to human rights violations 25 years earlier during the holocaust in Germany. Edited to change names, places, currency, etc. the paragraphs do bear an uncanny association with our Berlin, Hamburg and Cologne, and the Nazis in Bangladesh.

Some intellectually corrupt politicians and citizens here would perhaps fully appreciate the German attitude to hunting down the holocaust criminals, and yet sadly to gain political dividends, they would not support the on-going trials under two International Crimes Tribunals under lame excuses that it happened so long ago, that evidences do not exist, that the suspects are too old, that they are innocent (!) ...