



"People become happy to see flowers, but I get scared. I just stare at them and wonder if they are meant for love or for profit."

ROADS AND BRIDGES MINISTER **OBaidul QUADER** AT A PROGRAMME IN THE CAPITAL IN DECEMBER



"What we have seen at Madarpur Santal village [in Gaibandha] cannot merely be termed a brutal communal attack. It can be compared with the brutality committed in 1971."

SANJEEB DRONG, GENERAL SECRETARY OF BANGLADESH ADIVASI FORUM IN NOVEMBER



"The people of Bangladesh are exposed to severe harm due to smuggling of drugs from the neighbouring country."

HOME MINISTER **ASADUZZAMAN KHAN** ABOUT YABA FACTORIES IN MYANMAR IN OCTOBER



"It's unbelievable that a person like him can utter such an unacceptable and illogical statement [Minister Sayedul Hoque's alleged derogatory comment on a minority community attacked in Nasirnagar]. We will certainly take organisational and other actions if anyone submits evidence to us in this regard."

AL JOINT GENERAL SECRETARY **MAHBUBUL ALAM HANIF** AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER



"We have repeatedly said that we want impartial judicial inquiry into the incident (attack on minorities in Nasirnagar) because we think the investigation will never be neutral if it is conducted by police or administration."

EMINENT RIGHTS ACTIVIST **SULTANA KAMAL** AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE CAPITAL'S LIBERATION WAR MUSEUM IN NOVEMBER



"Let me ask you, have you even read the United States Constitution?... In this document, look for the words, look for the words, liberty and equal protection (under) law... You have sacrificed nothing. And no one."

KHIZR KHAN, FATHER OF A SLAIN MUSLIM AMERICAN SOLDIER, TOLD DONALD TRUMP IN JULY

"If I could, I would have walked away leaving the bus here. But I cannot do this... I have to think about my passengers."

SOHEL RANA, A BUS DRIVER FUMING OVER THE LONG TAILBACK IN THE CAPITAL'S FARMGATE AREA IN OCTOBER