

# Bangla Alert

**Move Forward, not Backward!**

## Ask US Media to Support Bangladesh Media

Nine journalists were wounded when a gang of men attacked them with machetes. These journalists were working at bdnews24.com when they were attacked last Monday in broad day light in the capital city of Dhaka.

Hundreds of journalists in Bangladesh are protesting this attack.

The Asian Human Rights Commission issued a statement Tuesday, accusing the government of not being able to “protect anyone.”

The rights group said it was the latest in a series of attacks on journalists in the last month. There are allegations that both state and non-state agents target journalists “almost regularly” and that the attacks amount to a “serious blow against the freedom of expression in Bangladesh.”

This is the time to speak up to protect free media in Bangladesh!

Bangladesh is moving forward. However, some ruthless people are forcing it backward.

Two leading journalists, Sagar Sarwar and his wife, Meherun Runi, were stabbed to death on Feb. 11, 2012, at their apartment in Dhaka. Sarwar was a news editor of the private TV station Massranga and Runi was a reporter at another station, ATN Bangla. No suspects have been arrested so far.

## Action Items

### Call a journalist organization in Bangladesh.

Journalists in Bangladesh deserve our gratitude and moral support. Contact information here: <http://tinyurl.com/7ulysdz>

Talking Points: Tell them that you are calling from the US. You appreciate their work and stand for the media freedom.

**Email and call Reporters Without Borders & Committee to Protect Journalists:** Ask them what they plan to do to protect journalists in Bangladesh. Tell them that you are a Bangladeshi American and are concerned about the suppression of media.

- Asia Desk at their International office of Reporters Without Borders: [asie@rsf.org](mailto:asie@rsf.org)
- In Washington DC: Delphine Halgand: E-mail : [dcdesk@rsf.org](mailto:dcdesk@rsf.org), Tel : +1 202-256-5613
- write to the Committee to Protect Journalists here: <http://cpj.org/about/contact.php>

### Call your local press club in your city requesting them to do either of the following:

- Write a letter to Bangladeshi Ambassador asking them about what the Bangladeshi government to protect journalists from torture.
- Adopt a resolution of support for Bangladeshi journalists and send it to the Bangladeshi journalist associations.
- Write about it in their newspaper.

### Volunteer for Bangladesh Alert Today!

If you would like to be a part of Bangladesh forward movement please volunteer by visiting our website: [BDAlert.org](http://BDAlert.org)

### Bangladesh Alert

We work together as a small network to help Bangladesh move forward instead of sliding backward because of political conflicts. Whether you're ready to lend a hand at one of our activities or have photos or articles to share about Bangladesh moving forward, here's the place to do it.

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