

Bangla Alert

Move Forward, not Backward!

Bangladesh needs reconciliation not revenge!

91 year old Ghulam Azam, professor, writer and probably the most important Islamic leader has been sentenced to 90 years of imprisonment by the illegitimate, corrupt and controversial Bangladesh International Crimes Tribunal. Mr. Azam arrived at the court in an ambulance and had to be assisted into the courtroom.

The presiding judge himself stated:

“There are no allegations that he was physically present at any crime scene. And secondly, there are no allegations that he actively directed the commission of war crimes”.

And yet a 91 year old man is being made to spend his last days in a prison. It is apparent that the verdict was pre-ordained and not based on evidentiary proof. The Tribunal with the Awami League government's support is basing its decisions on political bias and not on judicial process.

Meanwhile, there is mounting fear that there may be violent repercussions to the verdict. More lives may be lost. Thousands of people have already died as during the last one year long protests. Bangladesh, a country about the size of New York State and with a population of about 150 million is at the brink of a disaster if political stability is not returned.

We must act now to save lives and ensure that a fair record of these events is made.

Action Items:

- Call Secretary of State Kerry Today: 202-647-6575.
- Call Bangladesh's Desk at the State Department: 202-647-9516 & 202-647-1450
- Also email Secretary of State through this page. In the subject write Save Opposition in Bangladesh: <http://tiny.cc/byffdw>.
- Ask that the government of Bangladesh put all sentences on halt until a UN commission can revise the process of so called “international” war crime tribunal.
- Ask also that the government forces act peaceably in the event of any protests, and to prevent any unnecessary bloodshed.
- Reach out to your network and find someone or an organization who can reach out to officials in the State Department of official in Bangladesh.

YOUR URGENT ACTIONS COULD HELP SAVE LIVES!

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