

# Bangla Alert

**Move Forward, not Backward!**

## The Nightmare of Midnight Massacre in Bangladesh: 2,500 Killed

3,150 people killed in 10 days.

Is this a nightmare, or did it really happen?

Social media was buzzing last night with news that 10,000 Bangladeshi police officers and the notorious Rapid Action Battalion invaded the camps of several hundred thousand protestors while they were sleeping. Forced fired live bullets and hauled dead bodies in trucks, killing anywhere between 500 to 2,500 individuals. Two opposition TV stations were shut down, electricity was centrally switched off and the media was expelled as the midnight massacre was carried out.

This slaughter comes 10 days after the April 24 garment factory collapse in Bangladesh, which now has exceeded a death toll of 650. The factory was illegally built by a government crony.

Bangladesh Prime Minister's response to the building collapse? "Accidents happen."

For the past three months, Bangladesh has been in the grip of protests, police killings and turmoil.

The government is showing absolutely no regard toward human life, the protection of human rights or the rule of law. It is actively participating in state-sponsored terrorism.

It is time to act NOW! It is time to put value of life back in Bangladesh!

### Action Items:

- 1) Write to the following media outlets and ask why they have not reported on the May 6 state-sponsored terrorism in Bangladesh.
- 2) Request that the media outlet investigate and fully understand the causes of the conflicts and expose the government's human rights track record vis-a-vis labor and opposition
- 3) Ask the media investigate the severe systematic corruption in Bangladesh and its prevalent culture of impunity.

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