

Senate Resolution
In Condemnation of the Terrorization of Hindu Minority Professors in Bangladesh

Whereas, the Islamic Solidarity of Bangladesh, Chittagong Branch, sent letters in early September 2002 to the five Hindu minority faculty members of the Chemistry Department of Chittagong University in Bangladesh stating:

1. You have to leave Bangladesh immediately.
2. Failure of leaving Bangladesh, you will be killed at any place, in your Office, residence, in your village home.
3. Our leader follows you everywhere. You can not escape from death.
4. Do not try to investigate anything. It will shorter your life and then only the buttet (bullet) is the answer.

And whereas, SUNY College at Old Westbury stands for academic freedom, religious freedom, respect of individual rights and social justice,

Therefore, be it resolved that

- a. we, the Faculty Senate of SUNY College at Old Westbury, express our outrage and condemnation of these threats of death and expulsion as well as solidarity with our Bangladeshi Hindu colleagues who are being targeted.
- b. we call upon SUNY College at Old Westbury President Calvin Butts III to join us in publicly condemning the death threat letters and in urging other SUNY presidents to join him.
- c. we call upon our statewide United University Professionals, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, to pass and publicize a resolution denouncing the death threat letters.
- d. we call upon the US government to publicly convey to the Bangladeshi government its opposition to the violation of the Hindu minority professors' human rights and to demand that the government of Bangladesh provide protection for the professors and identify and prosecute the Islamic Solidarity of Bangladesh, Chittagong Branch, for the death threat letters.

Attachment 1: Death threat letter

Attachment 2: List of U.S. Government Contacts

TO.
DR. S.K. HAZARI.
DR. TAFOSHI GHOSE .
DR. DERASIS PAIT.
MR. BENU KUMER.
MR. KAMALANDRA NARAYAN.

Teacher, Deptt. Chemistry.
Chittagong University.

During your academic service period, you committed serious crimes:

1. Always you have increased Marks in the answer scripts of Hindu students. You always supervise the Hindu Students illegally, unlawfully to obtain higher Degree. Can you remember, how many Hindu students are? Of course you can.
2. You have created a Hindu Network in the University and also in city. Can you remember how many Hindus are in this network? Certainly you can.
3. Your activities proved that, you always took Anti Muslim activities against Muslim Community. Your entire activity prove us that you are the enemy of Bangladesh and also Muslims. You are not allowed to stay in our Bangladesh anymore.

You have message from our Cental Council.

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By order.

Islamic Solidarity of Bangladesh.
Chittagong Branch, CTC-017.

Copy to for information:

The Vice Chancellor, Chittagong University, Chittagong.
Please do not try to identify our existence.

List of U.S. Government Contacts

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