

# BANGLADESH 1971: ADDRESSING CLAIMS OF WAR CRIMES, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION

Date: Sunday, October 18, 2009
Location: Wilkins Theater, Kean University
Address: 1000 Morris Ave, Union, NJ, 07083
Time: 10 AM to 5:30 PM
Website: www.kean.edu/~bgsg

Goal of conference: The goal of the conference is to scrutinize the atrocities of 1971 from non-political and unbiased observational standpoint as well as to possibly develop a course on the mass murder of Bangladesh in 1971.

Organized by: The Human Rights Institute & Bangladesh Genocide Study Group of Kean University

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## **Short program description**

## Welcome addresses by

Dr. Dawood Farahi, President, Kean University
H.E. Mr. Akramul Qader, Ambassador of the People's Republic of
Bangladesh to the United States

Special pre-conference presentation and display by: Liberation War Museum, Dhaka, Bangladesh Do not miss this opportunity to see a mini liberation war museum right here in New Jersey!

## Part I Eye-witness accounts of the events by Survivors & Liberators

Detail: Descriptions of various atrocities faced by the survivors and family members of the victims.

#### Part II: Scholarly panel discussion on:

Targets: Killing of students, general public, women, children and intellectuals

<u>Suffering:</u> Experiences associated with the harm and threats of harm suffered by the people Bangladesh

<u>Atrocities:</u> Deprivations of human rights committed by the Pakistan Army in East Pakistan against Bengalis and Sectarian Violence and murder of intellectuals.

Round Table: Legal response and alternatives

# Scholars: Shariar Kabir, Dr. M.A. Hasan, Prof. Ved Nanda, Prof. Roger Clark and others

Please help us in collecting the eye witness or victim's family member's account on the killings and the effect on their lives for last 38 years. We like to cover all the family members who are residing in USA and Canada. This will help us to create a document of the stories of pain, suffering and sacrifices which is largely ignored. Please send the accounts to <a href="mailto:bdgenostudy@gmail.com">bdgenostudy@gmail.com</a>. Please contact Arif Rahman at 908-737-3287 for more information.

## Part I

Time	BANG Description
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Greetings in pre-function lobby. Sign in/registration for conference
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Pre conference presentation by Liberation War Museum of Bangladesh.  Display Gallery by Liberation War Museum.
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Welcome Address by:  - Dr. Dawood Farahi, President, Kean University  - Dr. Kristie Reilly, Vice President & Dean of Graduate Studies  - Honorable Excellency Akramul Qader, Ambassador of Peoples Republic of Bangladesh to the United States  - Dr. Henry Kaplowitz, Director, Human Rights Institute, Kean University
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Documentary (Movie) Presentation

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch Break. Follow Usher's Direction for Dining. Lunch will be provided at a minimal cost.

#### Part II

Time	Description
<b>Panel I</b> 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Eye witness story/survivors accounts of sufferings
<b>Panel II</b> 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	- Panel Discussion - Sufferings - Panel Discussion - Targets - Panel Discussion - Atrocities

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Coffee/Tea Break. Follow Usher's Direction for Dining.

# **Part III: Round Table: Constructive Responses**

Time	Description
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	- Task I: Characterizing the accounts of 1971 in terms of prosecutable crimes
5:30 PM	- Closing

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