

MIKE DeWINE
OHIO

140 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
(202) 224-2315
TDD: (202) 224-9921

<http://dewine.senate.gov>

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3503

COMMITTEES:

JUDICIARY

CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST,
BUSINESS RIGHTS AND COMPETITION

APPROPRIATIONS

CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HEALTH

CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON
SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES

INTELLIGENCE

October 6, 2005

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Rice,

I wish to associate myself with a letter sent by my colleagues on September 12, 2005 concerning the level of political violence in Bangladesh. I share their concern that if left unaddressed, the spate of violence could have serious consequences for the long-term peace and security of Bangladesh and the region.

In particular, I am concerned about the attacks and assassinations of high profile leaders in Bangladesh such as Sheik Hasina, the leader of the Awami League, Anwar Choudhary, the British High Commissioner, and the devastating January assassination of Shah A.M.S. Kibria, the former Bangladeshi Foreign Secretary, Finance Minister, U.N. Under-Secretary General, and U.N. Special Representative to Cambodia for Humanitarian Relief. This increasing trend was tragically underscored by hundreds of coordinated attacks across Bangladesh in August.

It is imperative that the Department continues to urge the Government of Bangladesh to conduct a thorough and independent investigation into the assassination of Shah Kibria, and I look forward to working with my colleagues and the Department in pursuing this case and the larger issue of political violence in Bangladesh. Thank you for your ongoing attention to this matter.

Very respectfully yours,



Mike DeWine
United States Senator

CC: Shamsher M. Chowdhury, BB.
Ambassador of Bangladesh to the United States of America

STATE OFFICES:

312 WALNUT STREET
ROOM 2030
CINCINNATI, OH 45202
(513) 763-8260

600 SUPERIOR AVENUE EAST
ROOM 2450
CLEVELAND, OH 44114
(216) 522-7272

37 WEST BROAD STREET
ROOM 320 (CASEWORK)
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
(614) 469-6774

37 WEST BROAD STREET
ROOM 300
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
(614) 469-5186

121 PUTNAM STREET
SUITE 102
MARIETTA, OH 45750
(740) 373-2317

420 MADISON AVENUE
ROOM 1225
TOLEDO, OH 43604
(419) 259-7536

100 WEST MAIN STREET
2ND FLOOR
XENIA, OH 45385
(937) 376-3080