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## LIBERATION WAR MEMORIAL & WE STAND ON GUARD FOR BANGLADESH

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Recently Liberation War Memorial opens at Mirpur. Nationals and sons and daughters of the People's Republic of Bangladesh want justice "Without fear or favor." There is no favor for Jamat who played with religion as their trade mark. Blind faith and racism grip Pakistan and Bangladesh political environment with General Yahya Khan, General Abdul Hamid khan, Matiur Rahman Nizami including Razakars, Al-Badar and Pakistani Military Governments. Today Dr. Fakhruddin's caretaker government of Bangladesh must not follow Pakistani leaders who use religion Islam to confiscated people's rights. It is well documented in the holy Qur'an, "You can't abuse other religion. (6: 106). At present the people of Bangladesh face with the Jamat mafia. Jamat leaders misuse Islam and they killed millions of people in Bangladesh. Jamat members committed crimes against of 1971 War Crimes and Crimes against humanity. Dr. Fakhruddin's caretaker Government who arrested all political parties' members and culprits besides Matiur Rahman Nizami, his Al – Badar friends' party members who were very much involved in killing of Bengali intellectuals and in memory of this event, December 14, 1971 is mourned in Bangladesh as the Day of Martyred Intellectuals (Shaheed Buddhijibi Dibas). Which is worth more, blood, racism or greedy Pakistan's Islam? Bengali civilization, freedom, heritage, language etc. have to leave only for "Pakistani trademark Islam." The Islamic fundamentalist's elements which actively opposed the creation of Independent People's Republic Bangladesh; failing to the thwart the inevitable victory despite their collaboration with occupying Pakistan forces in the Bangladesh independence war, have concocted a long term, multi - prolonged plan to make Bangladesh a pure Islamic theocracy. Most civilized nations have already been victimized by the Islamic extremists.

Pakistani rulers made the people of Bangladesh (erstwhile East Pakistan) slaves in the name of Islam. Present Bangladesh caretaker government does not nominate any Pahari or Chakma advisor from the Adivasi community and does not recognize all human beings are endowed with the inalienable dignities of equality and uniqueness which makes each of us precious beyond measure. It is our political epidemic of discriminations. Officially Pakistan government and non-governmental organizations

have to apologize from the people of Bangladesh for their inhuman karma and actions. They have to learn that we are governed by our compassion for each other as brother and sister of mankind. However, universal Islam does not allow the demolition of other people's religious thoughts, temples and churches. The violation of human rights in Bangladesh is directly linked to the rise of militant Islam and Jamat –E – Islami of Mr. Matiur Rahman Nizami, Golam Azam and his son who works in Bangladesh Armed forces. Let us find out what is true fact of the present Bangladesh politics.

First Bengali literary book "The Charyapada (An Anthology of Buddhist Tantric Songs)" was discovered by great scholar pundit Haraprasad Shastri in 1907 from the Nepal's royal library. We are celebrating the centenary (1907 - 2007) discovery anniversary of the "The Charyapada" in this year 2007. In this book, Bangladesh ancient Buddhist saints scholars and poets explained the path to the enlightenment of the Buddha in the ancient Bengali language and protested against of the foreign rulers including Karnataka's Sen dynasty kings, Brahman mafia and the Vedic civilization's tragedy of caste system (Bhagvadgita, 18<sup>th</sup> chapter, verse numbers, 41 – 44). There are 24 Buddhas stories were written in the Buddha Vamsa or the history of Buddha in Pali language. It is also most remarkable that "Many Buddhas' systems" were originated in the Indus civilization and Buddhism was misrepresented by the Vedic rulers and scholars. Many Buddhists were converted to Islam due to Bakhtiar Khilgi's invasion, Ballal Sen's conspiracy with ancient priests and Brahmins' crimes against humanity in 12<sup>th</sup> century. Even the Ramayana's Ayudhya chapter, verse no 32 abuses the Buddha, "Buddha is like thief, know Tathagata Buddha to be an atheist." Ramayana is the most popular epic of God Rama and Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterjee said, "The Ramayana epic was copied from the Dasaratha Jataka of Buddhist literature." To subvert Buddhism is to harm almost all the peace loving people of the world. The Dalits, Australians, Americans and many peace loving people convert to Buddhism almost everyday.

Dr. Ayesha Siddiqa wrote a book relating to the Pakistan's "Military INC., Inside Pakistan Military Economy" and the book putting a critical spotlight on the Pakistan military's business. History repeats itself. Bangladesh government targets corrupt bureaucrats. In 1999 UNESCO proudly declared, "We pay tribute to the people of Bangladesh, whose passion for their own language has inspired the designation of 21st February as the "International Mother Language Day." Later Bengali people's trust on Pakistani rulers were betrayed and Pakistani army discarding the democratic verdict of the people cracked down on the innocent civilians of Bangladesh in arresting the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on the night of the March 25, 1971 ( 1.30 a.m. of March 26, 1971). In 1948 being the father of the nation late Muhammad Ali Jinnah declared in Dhaka that Pakistan's national language will be Urdu. Bengali is the language of Hindus, so Muslims should not speak, write and think in Bengali Language. History speaks on this day of 21<sup>st</sup> February in 1952, when a number of valiant sons of Bangladesh including Rafiq, Salam, Barkat, Jabbar and Shafiq sacrificed their lives in Pakistani police firing to establish the state language of the erstwhile East Pakistan which is today's Bangladesh. After the series of movements, the Pakistan government bowed down to the demand of the Bengali people and endorsed the Bangla as one of the state languages.

Pakistan could solve problems on Indus River with India. But Pakistan could not solve problems on the Ganges River and Farakka with India. Racism dictates in our daily



political systems day by day. People's Republic of Bangladesh wins freedom on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 1971. History repeats itself and Peoples Republic of Bangladesh and its people's hands is no less a mission than waging another war to get back to their original position. Their independence is truly in danger of being hijacked by pro-Pakistani (razakars) fanatic fundamentalists and murderers.

Bangladesh has come a long way from what it was 35 years ago. There have been many new changes and developments in various fields of life. 16<sup>th</sup> December is the Victory day of Bangladesh reminds us when in 1971 ninety three thousand Pakistani army surrendered to Indian Army and Bangladesh freedom fighters in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Mr. Mohammad Ali Jinnah's Pakistan was broken into two parts and People's Republic of Bangladesh was established in the world map. Today, as the world moves to the 'knowledge revolution,' history speaks Pakistan wins freedom by Bengali wisdom and indomitable courage. In Dhaka Bengali people founded the Muslim league

in 1905. Indo-Bangla's great leader Sher –e- Bangla A.K Fazlul Haque made a proposal for the Indian sub-continent's sovereign Muslim States (Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Republic of Muslim Bengal etc.) in the resolution of the Muslim League at Lahore,  $23^{rd}$  March, 1940. Bengali Muslims made Pakistan. Unfortunately Md. Ali Jinnah gets all credits concerning the formation of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and founder of the "Pakistan Proposal" was A. K. Fazlul Haque did not get his historical honor from the Pakistani politicians. Pakistani politicians use Islam as weapon and its Army and leaders killed three million Bengali people and raped two hundred thousand women.

Pakistan's President Prevez Mosharraf does not apologize for Pakistan's war crimes from Bangladesh but he inaugurated an international conference in Pakistan on Dec. 18, 2006 to mark the centenary of the All India Muslim league's centenary celebration. Moreover, ISI is trying its best to destroy the sovereign identity of Bangladesh and rebuild it as Pakistan again. Daily poor people are dying and killing in a name of politics and religion in Bangladesh. In-sallah, let us see the political game of Pakistan as it continues.

Recently we read concerning Pakistan President Parvez Musharraf's book entitled "In the line of Fire," and his young romance with two young girls of Bangladesh. When Bangladesh wins freedom Mr. Parvez Musharraf cried a lot. Why? General Musharraf's memoirs are sad and poignant reminder of the damage that reminds us military rule has inflected on East Pakistan (Present Bangladesh), in 1971. Pakistani ninety three thousand Army surrendered to Bangladesh and India governments as he explained in his book. He writes, "Why my fixation on Karachi? The reason was not my family – it was that my Bengali girlfriend was there." Love is, in giving and apologizing. It is a disgrace to see Musharraf did not comment on Pakistan Army who killed in Bangladesh 3 million people and raped four hundred thousand Bengali women in 1971 in his book. Pak Armies in Bangladesh who have no morality as by violating the human values and on human grounds General Musharaf did not apologize officially from Bangladesh for war Crimes of Pakistan 1971 war. Pakistan's sins haunt the conscience of Pakistani soul days to come," As you sow, so you reap." Mosharraf fails to apologize from Bangladesh for War crimes in 1971 war. It is remarkable that the triumph over prejudice and ignorance is a triumph for us all. Humanity is like the ocean. Nobody could divide it in the name of politics and religion.

We are grateful to Bangladeshi, Indian and Bhutanese thousands of soldiers who shed their blood and sacrificed their lives trying to help us liberated our homeland Bangladesh from the clutches of the greedy misguided Pakistan Army and leaders of Pakistan.

- 1. Yahaya Khan, military president of Pakistan in 1971. He refused to transfer power to Awami League after the general election of December 10, 1970 when Awami League had won the general election. Gen. Yahya Khan was pretending to hold during this period with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on the one hand and political leaders from West Pakistan on the other. Although he never formally declared these negations to have failed, yet he secretly left Dhaka on the evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, 1971, leaving instructions behind for military action to be initiated when his plane reached the Karachi area.
- 2. General Abdul Hamid Khan, Chief of Army staff (CAS), was one of the sinister conspiracy architects of Bangladesh Genocide. This General, popularly known as General

Hamid was in Dhaka before March 26, 1971, working on a military plan to terrorize Bengalis.

- 3. Lt. General Gul Hassan Khan, Chief of General Staff (CGS), Pakistan Army. Contrary to what he might have said, he was one of the principal architects of Bangladesh Genocide. His very presence in troubled land of Chittagong during the early days of Bengali resistance proves beyond any shadow of doubt that he was an active planner of Bangladesh Genocide.
- 4. Lt. General Tikka Khan, military chief in East Pakistan during March through December 1971. He was a planner and Chief Executioner of Bangladesh Genocide. Later he became the Governor of East Pakistan.
- 5. Lt. General A. A. Niazi, 6. Major General Rao Farman, 7. Major General A. O. Mitha 8. Major General Khadim Hussain, 9. Major General Rahim Khan and 10. Lt. General Sahibszada Yaqub Khans are all Planners and Executioners of Bangladesh Genocide.

Where there is humanity, there is religion or Islam. Islam means peace but in Pakistan it means Pakistani military and political leaders (but few of them are good) killed 3 million people (including raped 2000,000 women) and we demand to prosecute the persons for genocide in Bangladesh in 1971 war. But according to the historical facts from 14<sup>th</sup> August 1947 began a history of discrimination and the Holocaust in Bangladesh by the West Pakistani leaders and Army from 1948 – 1971. Pakistani Army misuse Islam made Bangladesh's religious and ethnic minorities who have been persecuted, tortured, raped, murdered, forcibly converted to Islam, and evicted by the Islamic nationalists since 1948 – 1971. Pakistani national father Mohammad Ali Jinnah wanted to confiscate Bengali people's mother tongue in the name of Islam. Mr.M. A. Jinnah and Pakistani leaders did not understand that change has to come from within. Until that happens, many of the bullies, the bigots and the bad of the world will listen to the cries of Islam. West Punjabi language uses Arabic alphabets in the Punjabi or Urdu languages and later Urdu became the national language of Pakistan. Pakistan's Islamic rulers and militant don't realize humanity and they don't respect justice, morality and honesty. Let Bangladesh awake with its glorious historical heritage, "Where the mind is free."

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