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Awami League and Khelafat Majlish signed a five- point election compromise agreement.
The points are :

1. No anti-Quran law would be enacted
2. Steps would be taken for proper implementation of he initiative to recognize the degrees of Qaumi Madrasas by the government
3. Alems will have the right to issue edicts (fatwa)
4. Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) is the last and the best Prophet and this should be written in the constitution
5. No derogatory remarks could be made against prophets and those who would do so will be punished by the law (blasphemy).

This is the choking news that we received on 23rd December 2006. Awami League was the party which pronounced the 'Bangaleer Mukti Sanad', constitution of 72 with four principles: Democracy, Socialism, Secularism and Nationalism and showed the SHAHEEDS their gratitude by signing this in the very month of our victory. This was perhaps the best way to 'honour' the intellectuals who were brutally killed on 14th of December. It is now hard to believe that you carry a single drop of blood of BangoBondhu in your body.

AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil and Khelafat Majlish Secretary General Abdur Rab Yusofi signed the deal at the Azimpur residence of Allama Azizul Huq. But we both know that it was not only Abdul Jalil who made this agreement. The architects behind this were two illiterates/Rezakers of AL high command who manipulated the rest of the members. It happened only because you are not at all honest at your end. Only NAMAJ and TOSBIH do not make a person honest. It needs IMANER JOR, which you have lost a long ago.

The modern and secular Bangladesh we fought for has gone to grave by signing a deal with the Islamic extremists which allows the extremists to issue fatwa, shariah laws, and basically to lay the foundation for a religious state in the future. Those tend to forget that Allah's Islam will be protected by the Almighty Allah and not by AL hypocrites.

We saw with our heads bowed down in shame that you offered Ershad a place in the 14 party alliance, who was singularly responsible for taking us down the unbridled corruption route and raped our constitution by making Islam the state religion. The party that led us during the Liberation War buried the central values of our independence struggle and signed a dangerous deal with the most conservative and extremist fringe of the so-called Islamic parties, which, in effect, lays the foundation for a future religious state. Awami League has sold its soul for a very few votes.

I remember during our meeting in London in January 2002, you tried to explain your motive of last election strategy. You tried to get the fundamentalists' vote by wearing Black HAJJ TUPI, TOSBIH and a Silver Quran from the Saudi King. But you failed to get their votes. The extremists did not ever cast their votes for AL and will not do it in future either. AL is bound to lose this time also. This is nothing but a play to hoodwink the so-called Islamic vote bank. AL has sunk to the lowest ebb of political morality wherefrom it can say anything to anybody just to gain support prior to elections. This means that the party cannot be trusted any more. This is nothing but a political prostitution.

Signing the deal as it stands has basically laid the foundation for destruction of our constitution, our legal system and our way of life. In fact, it is a blue print for a different Bangladesh, not the one we have now and not the one for which millions died. It really amounts to destruction of secular Bangladesh created in 1971. Have you considered the possibility that legalising fatwa will empower them to declare that no woman can be the prime minister of Bangladesh? What will happen to you then “BHASHA KONYA”, “DESHONETRI” Sheikh Hasina?

You should not assume that we, the people, are a bunch of fools. The deal shows that the party is so desperate and hungry to go to power that it can discard its founding principles, make pledges against what it proclaimed to stand for since its birth. If such be the level of morality of AL then the people have very little to expect from them.

You probably think that your vote bank is guaranteed. The secularists among the voters will grumble and protest but will vote for AL at the end. The logic behind it that they have nowhere else to go. So there is nothing to worry about, may not hold good. I think that they will not vote for any party at all. All of them would cancel their votes in protest and that I can ensure you. This deal did not only frustrate the country's secular and democratic forces, but also undermined the spirit of the Liberation War of 1971.

Country's fanatic, ultra-communal and fascist forces have been patronized through the agreement. The communal and ultra-religious elements have already succeeded to take forward their conspiracy riding on the shoulders of BNP. Now, they have succeeded to ride on the shoulders of Awami League as well. The Awami League has done a serious harm to the non-communal democratic movement by inviting the Rezakars and autocrats as a part of its election strategy.

Instead of adopting the paths of establishing the CHETONA of our great liberation war, you have formed a grand alliance inducting the communal evil forces, Rezakars and autocrats. It will not be possible to go to power by taking such initiatives. AL has lost the creditability as a secular force.

The agreement surprised and worried every freethinking and conscious individual of the country. You will lose their support from home and abroad.

Through the agreement, spirit of the War of Liberation of 1971, sacred constitution of 1972, 23-point demands of the people, and the very foundation of the secular democratic Bangladesh have been put at stake.

As you can remember Sheikh Hasina, I have been working for the last twentyfive years to re-establish the MUKTIJUDDHER CHETONA and to rescue the dream of our SHAHEEDS that was stolen by the Jamaat/BNP. Now the list is little different - Jamaat/BNP and AL.

I know that MUKTIJODDHO has not ended yet. It is still a continuous process for all of us. We have lost our last hope for the paradise and you have signed your political death warrant.

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