

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

June 23, 2005

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

Dear Secretary Rice,

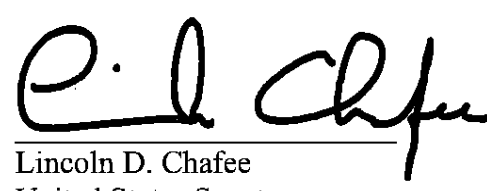
Recent acts of political violence in Bangladesh, including the assassination of former Bangladesh Finance Minister Shah A.M.S. Kibria in January and the assassination attempts on the British High Commissioner in May 2004 and on Awami league leader Sheikh Hasina Wazed in August 2004, continue to be unsolved.


We recognize and appreciate that the Government of Bangladesh has arrested eight individuals and is seeking justice in the Kibria assassination case. We urge you to do all you can to see that the investigation is conducted in a fair, expedient and transparent manner and meets international standards. It is important that this investigation restores public confidence in the justice system, and that it is viewed as valid and legitimate by wide and diverse segments of Bangladeshi society. A delegation of international observers could advance this goal.

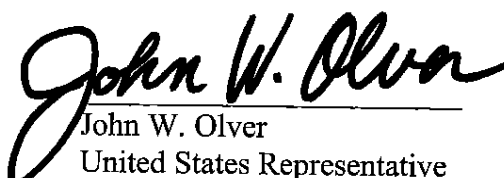
If the investigation does not bring to justice the perpetrators of Mr. Kibria's murder, including those who organized and ordered the attack and any who may have worked to protect the perpetrators, then we urge you to propose a resolution in the United Nations Security Council calling for an independent, international investigation, which would send a clear signal that the international community will not tolerate a climate in which political violence flourishes.


We look forward to your response and working with you on this important issue.

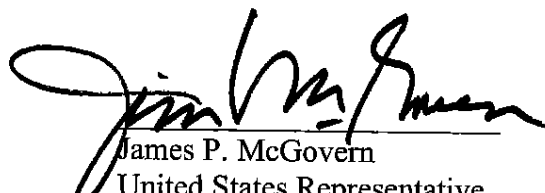
With respect,

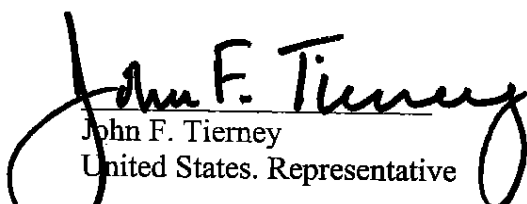

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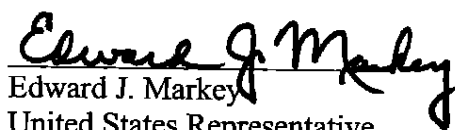

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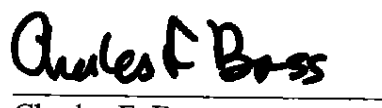

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