

World Wide BHBCUC Conference Call/ Condemned Mumbai Bombing

Mumbai attack was another 9/11

4 Continents, 10 countries & 30 people joined a 'Conference Call' of Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council (BHBCUC) on 29th Nov 2008 and denounced Mumbai bombing in its strongest language. The leaders expressed sympathy for the death & wounded and univocally called its members to fight Islamic terrorism every where including Bangladesh. House also decided to give a joint memorandum in this respect from the different chapters of BUBCUC to the prime minister of India expressing solidarity with its action against terrorism. House observed that, Mumbai attack was another 9/11, it's not only India's problem, but an International problem and needs to solve united. The call lasted about 2 hours and leaders discussed 'Election 2008 & security of the religious minorities' primarily while related issues also came in. House asked the government to ensure safety of the minorities during the ensuing election and asked its members to keep a vigil at the election time.

'Candle Light Vigil'

Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council, USA (1) Protested the Mumbai bombing (2) denounced the Islamic terrorists (3) Express solidarity with victims (4) Condoled the deaths & (5) Expressed sympathy to the wounded & their families, in a 'Candle Light Vigil' meeting on Saturday, 29th Nov 2008 at 8 PM in Jackson Heights. 2 minutes silence was observed & house passed a resolution.

Ensure Safety of the Minorities during Election: BHBCUC, USA leaders to Consul General



On Friday, 21st Nov 2008, BHBCUC, USA met with the Honorable Shamsul Haque, Consul General, Bangladesh Consulate, New York and gave him a memorandum. For details, please visit www.bhbcuc-usa.org & click news icon.



Purnima was snatched at Open Daylight Converted & Married to Abductor?

Purnima Mohanta, 16 was snatched from her house at broad Day Light on 22nd Oct 2008. At the time of abduction, there were a tussle between the family and the perpetrators, while Purnima fainted and the abductors carried her senseless body. News has been published in the local news paper the 'Daily "Aj O Agami Kal' dated 28th Oct 2008.

Mother of Purnima, made an appeal to GHRD, Dhaka to rescue her daughter. Mrs. Anima Rani Mohanta in her appeal stated that, her daughter, Purnima was snatched away from her house for forceful conversion to Islam and marriage. She also disclosed the names of the perpetrators: (1) Md. Milton, 20 son of Md. Raisuddin, (2) Md. Sakhawat Hossain, 35 son of Md. Makbul (3) Md. Mintu, 20 father's name not known (4) Md. Sohel, 28 son of Kamruzzaman and (5) Md. Golzer, 30 son of Abu Taleb. All the accused are from Dakkin Chakbudu, Dhamairhat PS and district – Nowgaon.

The victim was the student of local School and she was beautiful. A case had been started, under section 7/30 of Nari-O-Shishu Nirjatan Airn, 2003 against those perpetrators on the same day. But police failed to rescue the girl as of 25th Nov 2008.

Hindu Widow Gang Raped at Monastery, Priest Died of Injury Police Filed Rape Case after 1 Week

The daily Sangbad, 16th Nov 2008: Our Correspondent, Kishoreganj – Kotiadi : On 7th November 2008 at night about 8/9 hoodlums entered into the room of the priest of Monastery and demanded valuables including silver deity. They tied Abinash Chandra Goshai (90) in a room with the clothes of a women priest and assaulted him. Later the women priest (50) was taken into a solitary room and the hoodlums gang-raped her one after another and fled away with a Torch light and amounting to Taka 2,500/-.

The assaulted age-old Hindu Priest died on last 12th November. Police initially took this as a minor theft case but in the face of protest police after one week registered the case as gang-rape. The victim was sent to Kishoreganj Civil Surgeon Office for medical examination. Mr. Nanda Lal Devnath, Vice-President of the Monastery went to police station to file the case when police recorded that only as a theft case instead of gang-rape case. But when the report was published in this newspaper, police upgrade the charges. Police officials also had visited the spot and confirmed the incident.



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গোপালগঞ্জ মূর্তি ভাঙচুর

প্রতিনিধি, গোপালগঞ্জ

গোপালগঞ্জ একটি মন্দিরের মূর্তি ভাঙচুর করা হয়েছে। গত শুক্রবার রাতে সদর উপজেলার হাটবাড়িয়া গ্রামের দুর্গা মন্দিরের ৭টি মূর্তি কে বা কারা ভাঙচুর করে। মন্দির কমিটির সভাপতি সুভাষ চন্দ্র বিশ্বাস জানিয়েছেন, দুর্ভোগের মন্দিরের সব মূর্তিই ভাঙচুর করে। বৌলতলী পুলিশ তদন্ত কেন্দ্রের আইসি মো. মোসলেম উদ্দিন জানান, ঘটনার তদন্ত চলছে। দুর্ভোগের খুঁজে বের করে আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা নেয়া হবে।

DURGA deity Destroyed by Muslim Fundamentalists

Daily Sangbad, 2nd Nov 2008: Gopalganj Correspondence): Last Friday night some unknown miscreants entered a Hindu DURGA Temple situated at village Hatbaria Sadar Upazila and demolished 7 deities. Subash Chandra Biswas, President of the Mandir Committee, reported this incident. Police Inspector-in-Charge of Boltali Police Control Center, Md. Moslem Uddin told that the investigation was ongoing and the perpetrators will be brought to book as per law.



I wish I will see a Hindu Prime Minister in Bangladesh in 25 Years: Sajeeb

Sajib Wajed Joy told in a meeting with minority leaders in NY that, I wish I will see a Hindu Prime Minister in Bangladesh in 25 years. In a meeting with BHBCUC, USA in Courtyard Marriott hotel on Saturday, 8th Nov 2008 Mr. Sajeeb told that referring Obama's win and condition of minorities in Bangladesh. He told, BNP & Jamaat are trying to drive out Hindus from Bangladesh, we need to resist that. Referring his mother, he told that, she is determined to protect the minorities. In reply to a question of nominating maximum candidates from minorities, he said, I am not involved in this process, but I am sure there will be more candidates this time. In reply to another question, why there was no full minister from minorities, he answered, this time you will have and I will try to influence that. He told that, secularism will be there if AL goes to power, minorities will be better of if AL is in power. About enemy property, he told that, it should not be there and we will do everything to repeal that. He expressed concern about CHT issue. He stressed to bring the war criminal to justice. He told, to protect the minorities, we may need to enact 'Affirmative Action Law' like America. He told, after 2001 election, minorities were driven out from Bangladesh; we need to reverse the course. He talked about how to reverse the course of fundamentalism in Bangladesh. Mr. Sajeeb told, a country can't have a religion and I am with you that, state & religion need to be separated. Tulip Siddiqui, daughter of Sheikh Rehana was there and she also talked. Chandan SenGupta moderated the 'exchange of opinion' while Ratan Barua, Nabendu Dutta, Dr. Thomas Dulu Roy, Sushil Saha, Pradip Malaker, Shayamal Cjakraborty, Sraboni Roy, Anukul Adhikari, Subodh Sarker, Poresh Saha, Rina Roy, Rabindra Sarker & Sitangshu Guha participated among others in the discussion. It last straight 1½ hours and held in a very congenial atmosphere.



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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BANGLADESH HINDU BUDDHIST CHRISTIAN UNITY COUNCIL (BHBCUC)

Charter of Demands of BHBCUC

1. Religious and Ethnic minorities of Bangladesh have faced continuous state sanctioned persecution since the Independence of the country. The persecution of and the discrimination against the Hindus, Buddhists, Christians, and Ethnic tribal must cease immediately. All crimes against humanity must be stopped.
2. The Government of Bangladesh has, through the Vested Property Act or The Enemy Property Act, has confiscated more than 3 millions acres of land from Hindus and redistributed them among the Muslim population. These discriminatory acts against the minorities of the country must be repealed and all confiscated lands must be returned to the rightful owners and their relatives/heirs.
3. Rape is used as a tool to drive the minorities out of Bangladesh. Although only one-sixth of the country's total population are religious and ethnic minorities, an astonishing majority of all the rape victims in Bangladesh are the women from the minority communities. Police refuse to record complaints, justice denied for victims. This heinous crime against women must be stopped. All incidents of rape must be brought under judicial review and victims must be adequately compensated. Forced conversion of underage minority girls into Islam must be stopped.
4. Proportional representation of religious and ethnic minorities by population in the national assembly as well as in the local elective offices must be ensured. Minorities must have proportional representation in the government. Any one of the top two positions-- Presidency or Prime Minister ship--- must be filled from Hindu population. Proportional representation must be guaranteed in all sectors of the state (i.e. Foreign Diplomatic Posts, Armed Forces, Law enforcement, etc).
5. The minority population is dwindling in Bangladesh. Forced Exodus of minorities from Bangladesh (formerly East Pakistan) into India that started during partition (1947) continues to date. According to statistics more than 35 millions religious minorities met expulsion from Bangladesh and sought refuge in India. The government must issue a white paper and lay out to the world the root causes of continuous decline of minority population in Bangladesh and for how long minorities shall continue to live as aliens in their motherland.
6. Minorities are forced to forsake their religious or ethnic identities while registering to vote for fear of being targeted. Their citizenship rights must be protected. Minorities must be protected from all forms of violence before and after elections held in the country. Justice must be served for the crimes committed against minorities before and after the parliamentary election in 2001 and victims must be adequately compensated. The then Chief Advisor of the Care Taker Government Justice Latifur Rahman, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and her cohort Motiur Rahman Nizami and their BNP-Jamat cadres must be indicted for crimes against humanity.
7. The negotiated Hill Tract Peace Treaty Must be fully implemented. Honoring the treaty, the armed forces of Bangladesh must be withdrawn from the occupied land. The inviolable rights of the indigenous people to their primal land must be protected and their age old traditions and culture must be respected. Illegal confiscation and settlements in their land must be stopped. Crimes such as forced conversion, rape, murder, etc must cease immediately.
8. The historic Ramna Kali Bari must be returned and the Kali Temple restored at the original site. Temples, Churches, Pagodas and all other places of worship that were desecrated or destroyed by the Islamist fundamentalists must be restored to their original states. Confiscation of the temple, church, pagodas and all forms of non-Muslim religious properties must be stopped. Separate and autonomous Foundations must be created for each of the Hindu, Buddhist, and Christian communities. Equal rights and protection under the law must be restored and preserved by repealing the two discriminatory, "The Eighth and the Fifth", amendments to the constitution. The government must establish and abide by the doctrine of "The Separation of State and Religion". Original constitution of the country, that is, 1972 constitution must be restored.

(Global chapters of BHBCUC had accepted those demands in a conference call on 29th Nov 2008)



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An India-Israel-United States Alliance: The Last Great Hope for Humanity



-----Dr. Richard L. Benkin

On November 1, 2008, I delivered the Arvind Ghosh Memorial Lecture to the Human Empowerment Convention in suburban Chicago. The address was interrupted more than a half dozen times with applause and received a standing ovation at its conclusion. The following are excerpts from that address. (Edited).

“An alliance of Israel, India, and the United States...can [easily] dispose of the terrorists and the national leaders that support them...Look at what each nation has done by itself. Ever since its 1948 birth, Israel has been bedeviled by nation-states and terrorist groups determined to destroy it. It is the *only* nation on earth that has never known a day of peace....Invaded by multiple Arab militaries in 1948, 1956, 1967, and 1973...Israel beat them all back so thoroughly, that they had to change tactics and send terror proxies to do their work.... But the terrorists have failed, too. Suicide bombings [and rocket strikes from Gaza] have been virtually eliminated....In a 2007 conversation with an Israeli insider, I noted how the number of terror attacks dropped significantly, even though the terrorists keep trying....‘Let me tell you a secret,’ he whispered, smiling. ‘We stop most of them in their beds.’ Israel has survived; more than that, it has thrived to become one of the world’s technological giants....(Edited).

“Radical Islam threatens every country and people on earth but targets these three nations specifically for extinction....Yet, all three nations are told to negotiate with the enemy; to make concessions; to understand *their* grievances and *our* sins....Never mind that Israelis were being blown up on public busses; Palestinians said they were ‘humiliated’ by Israel’s security checkpoints. So the world leaned on Israel, not the Arabs, to engage in what they called confidence building measures [that is] unilateral concessions [that only built] our enemy’s confidence in our weakness....(Edited).

“India is the key. Israel and the United States have had a strategic relationship at least since the 1960s. [India] did not even recognize Israel until 1992 and was a staunch ally of the Soviet Union during the Cold War....But the collapse of the Soviet Union and growth of the Islamist enemy changed international realities and caused most nations to take a new look at their strategic interests.....(Edited).

“We are also fighting what I have termed the Red-Green Alliance... of Communists and Islamists...In 2004, Al Qaeda terrorists were on the run from U.S. forces that dislodged them from their strongholds in Afghanistan....Friendly [Pakistani] border guards got them safely... to terrorist-controlled sections of Kashmir and into Nepal where they set up terror bases....Nepal is overwhelmingly Hindu and hardly a likely candidate to become the next Taliban state, but the Nepalese King had seized dictatorial powers in response to a decades-long communist revolt. That made for social chaos and uncontrolled borders that allowed Islamists in the Pakistan Embassy to engineered an agreement with the communists to provide Al Qaeda with safe haven. (Edited).

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BHCUC, USA urged Secretary General for Minority Security

On Friday, the 24th of October, a two member delegation of *Bangladesh Hindu, Buddhist & Christian Unity Council, USA* met with Mr. David, Marshall, a Human Rights Officer representing the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights. The delegation urged him to make a recommendation to the Secretary General that he express concern about the minorities' right to franchise and security around the election period. On Monday, the 27th of October another memorandum addressed to Secretary General Ban Ki-moon was handed to his protocol officer for Bangladesh Affairs, Ms. Bresson, in which the same request was made.



GHRD investigating on spot



Victim: Rajjeswar Das

Rajjeswar Das was Framed?

Mr. Rajjeswar Das (47) a Hindu renowned social worker, businessman and Human Right Activist at village Sawrappur of Ashasuni Upazila within Sathkira District of Bangladesh was arrested and harassed by Rapid Action Battalion-6 on 10th November 2008 night on false allegations of possessing arms and forged Bangladeshi 20,000 taka denomination.

A case had been started at Ashasuni P.S # 03 dated 10th Nov 2008 under section 25 (KA) and (KHA) of Special Powers Act, 1974 against him. During interrogation by police and journalists at Ashasuni police station Mr. Das claimed to be innocent and his enem Md. Bashir Ahmed, a known local taut implicated him for taking revenge. GHRD investigated this matter on 14th and 15th of November 2008 at the spot and inquired about him interrogated more than one hundred witnesses of the locality and found that the allegations are false and fabricated. It is alleged that the arms and ammunitions so far recovered by RAB-6 from his house was not within his boundary and the spot was in open place. The money found was also outside his house under a box. RAB finally implicated him for illegal possession of 20,000 forged 500 notes denomination and relieved him from arms recovery.



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◆ **What this Cell will do?**

Collect, dissipate information & publish election bulletin. Any information about pre & post election will be gathered and will be published as bulletin.

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*This was given to the Consul general, Bangladesh Consulate, NY on Friday, 21st Nov & was passed by the conference call held on Saturday, 29th Nov 2008.