

## Rioting for Rights

### News:

Bangladesh crawls back to normalcy after more than a week of violent clashes that killed nearly 200 people. Most of the country remained without internet access, but thousands of cars were on the streets of the capital Dhaka after authorities relaxed a curfew for seven hours. ([Independent.co.uk](http://Independent.co.uk))

### Comment:

The recent clashes in Bangladesh may seem to have come to an end but the actual deep rooted disease is still there and will certainly cause a relapse sooner or later. The Quota system was introduced by the British and was a means of luring the poor and needy people to do what they doubted or even taking the society in a certain direction like job quotas for women, which worked well to attract women to get out of their homes and help the country with their earnings. India, Pakistan and later on Bangladesh designed and applied their own quota systems according to the will of the Government. Bangladesh reserved 56% of seats in quota, of which 30% are for the children and grandchildren of the freedom fighters. Now these freedom fighters are the people who fought against the forces of West Pakistan. So one can say it is a reward of loyalty to the existing State of Bangladesh. Ironically these freedom fighters are the people who fought against the State of that time, East and West Pakistan combined.

Students' demand of removing the quota for the freedom fighters was dealt poorly by the Premier, Haseena Wajid, who while addressing their demands mockingly commented as "Who should we keep the quota for"? Razakars? These were the volunteers who fought against the people of East Pakistan in 1971, that itself was a tragedy we shy away from. Maimun bin Siyah asked Anas bin Malik: "O Abu Hamzah, what makes the blood and wealth of a Muslim forbidden?" He said: "مَنْ شَهِدَ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَاسْتَقْبَلَ قِبْلَتَنَا وَصَلَّى صَلَاتَنَا وَأَكَلَ ذَبِيحَتَنَا فَهُوَ مُسْلِمٌ لَهُ مَا لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَعَلَيْهِ مَا عَلَى الْمُسْلِمِينَ" "Whoever bears witness to La ilaha illallah (there is none worthy of worship except Allah) and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah [SAW], faces our Qiblah, prays as we pray, and eats our slaughtered animals, he is a Muslim, and has the same rights and obligations as the Muslims." (Sunan an-Nasa'i 3968)

The hadith above clearly states the recognition and sanctity of a Muslim, and no other can better recognise it than another Muslim. When Allah and his messengers have forbidden something for us then how can our Governments use our people against each other. No ruler of the Muslims has the right to order the killings of its young men and training and paying other young men for that. And the young men need to understand that their fight is against the ugly system left by the colonisers, and followed by their existing puppets in power. It's been 75 years after the creation of

Pakistan that Muslims of the Subcontinent have been fighting the invisible enemy within.

It was the emergence of the East India Company that destroyed the unity of the people of the subcontinent by removing the harmony among them and replacing it with greed and benefit. Thus Bengal, which was a major production hub, fell prey to the East India Company. The rulers like Siraj ud Daula fought fearlessly against the British and embraced martyrdom and then were replaced by the rulers like Haseena Wajid, with the help of traitors like Mir Jafar. People of Bangladesh have suffered enough. Bengal famine, Rohingya crisis, bloody separation from West Pakistan, and now being under constant oppression. This deterioration will be reversed once the Ummah gets rid of the traitors ruling on them and Khilafah on the method of Prophethood is established, that will take care of the affairs of Muslim Ummah and will remove the weeds like Haseena from the fertile land of the East as well as rest of the world. Quota system is a small fraction of their crime and brought the people of Bengal on roads. A State that once was glorious shall be glorified again by the light of Islam and the youth instead of fighting each other in the streets will be opening the doors of the world to Islam through Jihad. To reach this level of glory, Muslim youth must stand united in the face of oppression and work for the establishment of Khilafah that shall become their saviour in both worlds.

﴿يَسْتَبْشِرُونَ بِنِعْمَةٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَفُضِّلَ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُضِيعُ أَجْرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ﴾

**“They receive good tidings of favour from Allah and bounty and [of the fact] that Allah does not allow the reward of believers to be lost” [Aali Imran: 171]**

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