

Press Release**By Imposing Visa Restrictions Policy**

**The US wants to settle a Compromise between Hasina
 Government and BNP-Led Opposition under the Umbrella of
 Democracy to legitimize its Indo-Pacific Colonialist Project**

The U.S, Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Wednesday announced a new visa policy to 'support' holding free, fair, and peaceful national elections. Under this coercive policy, the US will be able to restrict the issuance of visas for any individual in Bangladesh hindering the January 2024 national election process, including vote rigging, voter intimidation, use of violence to prevent people from exercising their right to freedom of association and peaceful assembly, and use of measures designed to prevent political parties, voters, civil society, or the media from disseminating their views. U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Donald Lu clarified that immediate family members of people found involved in undermining the Bangladesh election would also be subjected to visa restrictions.

This announcement gave a feeling of elation for the opposition parties and so-called civil society members in Bangladesh as they hope that this time Uncle Sam would rescue the country from Hasina's ruthless regime and people would get back their rights to vote. Hasina government is embarrassed because it believes that it has already done much to please the US to stay in power. Finally, it has succumbed to US pressure and adopted the neo-colonial 'Indo-Pacific Strategy' project of the U.S. The BNP-led oppositions also served the US agenda by mobilizing public anger against Hasina government. They capitalized people's anti-Hasina sentiment and kept them busy with the demand for 'free and fair election'. They portrayed the U.S. as a savior but concealed her Colonialist agenda.

On one hand, Hasina government is not happy with an US-brokered election as it fears for its imminent fall if they let people cast their vote. On the other hand, the BNP-led oppositions require an exit from their one-point demand of the 'Fall of Hasina Regime' for which they got public support.

Moreover, the U.S. is aware that since Hasina government has no mandate of the people, her policies that this government would adopt will automatically be rejected by the people. For this reason, the US is using coercive visa policy to make a compromise between Hasina government and BNP-led opposition. She wants to arrange a democratic show by bringing the AL-BNP ruling elites together. Only a democratic

government coming out of a 'free and fair' election can give legitimacy to U.S. Colonialist projects including the Indo-Pacific Strategy.

O People, the US is portraying itself as a savior for Bangladesh as if the head of the Kafir Colonialists really cares about the rights and well-being of the Ummah. After endorsing this despotic regime for more than a decade, now the US suddenly appears to care about 'democracy' in Bangladesh! You are not naive to trust in the crocodile tears that U.S. sheds for democracy and human rights in Bangladesh.

O People, seeing your growing resentment against Hasina's tyranny, the US capitalized it for her geopolitical interest. By a democratic show, the US hopes to get your legitimacy for her Indo-Pacific Strategy. For U.S., the real danger is your awareness and opposition to her evil schemes, and resistance to her interests. So the democratic system is just a necessary myth for U.S. to perpetuate her hegemony. Whoever comes to power through so-called democratic elections cannot stop the blatant interference of the US in this current world order. The opposition and government are no different in their subservience to the US. So, participatory democracy, free elections, protests, so-called freedom to speech cannot bring any real change for us as U.S. ensures that all the players within democracy play by her laws.

The absence of the blessed Khilafah State (Caliphate) is the only cause of the existence of these western-backed hyenas as our rulers and continuation of western hegemony. To put an end to the terrorism of these disbelieving colonialists and obliterate their forces from our lands, you must strive to restore the promised Khilafah Rashidah (rightly-guided Caliphate) on the method of Prophethood, the only true savior of the Muslims and humankind.

﴿يُرِيدُونَ لِيُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَاللَّهُ مُنِمْ نُورِهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ﴾

“They desire to put out the light of Allah with their mouths but Allah will perfect His light, though the unbelievers may be averse.” [Surah As-Saff:8]

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