

### Press Release

## **Journalist Shimul was another Victim of Secular Democracy, Let not this Evil Ruling System go Unnoticed by Focusing only on Individual Criminals**

In yet another incident of intra-party clashes between two terrorist factions of ruling Awami League to a Daily Shamakal journalist, Abdul Hakim Shimul, succumbed to his injuries after receiving bullet wounds to his head while performing his professional duties. When the entire nation has fallen victim to state sponsored totalitarian oppression, journalists should not feel immune to such tyranny. This latest incident is not something new for the journalists as we already experienced the brutal murder case of Sagor-Runi which remains unsolved deliberately to this day by the government. And, of course, it will not end through protests and media coverage only unless we get to the root of the problem and work up a determined public opinion. The problem lies not with Awami League itself, rather with the secular capitalist democracy which has the inherent propensity to make people selfish and strive for power by any means possible. This is the real cause of our societal chaos, anarchy, and dictatorial oppression - the ideology based upon "survival of the fittest".

Dear journalist Brothers and Sisters! Your job is not to protect a particular political party or safeguard the democratic system which has failed masses across the globe. You have assumed a great responsibility of reporting and disseminating the truth, helping people to reach correct opinion and guiding the nation to right path. Allah (swt) will give you huge reward if you sincerely carry out this noble duty. At the same time remember that it's a trust and the Ummah will account you if you breach the trust for personal benefits, let alone being deceived by the oppressive system itself. Don't let corrupt politics exploit you to safeguard the tyrannical secular democratic system. Now you know it very well that no rights are protected and no one is safe and secure under this oppressive system. You also know that the people are sick and tired of this cruel ruling system and desperately looking for an alternative. You must speak out this truth; expose the ugly face of secular democracy. Allah (swt) says,

﴿وَلَا تَلْبِسُوا الْحَقَّ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتَكْتُمُوا الْحَقَّ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ﴾

**“Do not confound truth with falsehood and do not hide the truth when you know it.”** [Surah Al-Baqarah: 42]

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