

Delwar Hossain Sayeedi
MP of Jamaat Islami, Bangladesh
Fact File on Hate Speech by Delwar H Sayeedi
Compiled by Concerned Bengali Activists

1. Bomb Attack on British High Commissioner

Sylhet Bombing: Was it Sayeedi's provocation?

"Razzak alleged there were two bomb attacks at Hazrat Shahjalal's mazar in Sylhet following provocative speeches by Jamaat member Moulana Delwar Hossain Sayeedi and observed that the bomb attack on the British High Commissioner had tainted Bangladesh's image."

http://209.41.191.254/index_story.cfm?id=120339&category=Frontend&Country=BANGLADESH

<http://stopviolence.drishtipat.org>

2. On the West

"So what if Taliban is destroyed. The war against America will continue."

-Delwar Hossain Sayeedi

[Source: *Jonokontho* newspaper, February 13, 2002]

"England and America **deserve all that is coming** to them for turning a poor Muslim country [Afghanistan] upside down"

-Delwar Hossain Sayeedi

[Source: SPONDON series DVD, bought in Jackson Heights, Queens, New York.]

Jamaat-e-Islami lawmaker Delwar Sayeedi on **'no-fly' list of US**: Jamaat-e-Islami lawmaker Delwar Hossain Sayeedi has been reportedly included by the United States in a list of persons who are suspected as 'risky'. Quoting unnamed sources in the Biman Bangladesh Airlines, the *New Age* indicated that the US has listed Sayeedi in its 'no-fly' list and has sent a letter to that extent to the national airlines.

[Source: *New Age* newspaper, March 16, 2004.]

3. On Hindu community

"Dhaka the city of mosques has become the city of Hindu temples."

-Delwar Hossain Sayeedi

[Source: *Prothom Alo* newspaper, November 17, 2000]

"Why should we feel sad when **the Hindu brothers** choose to leave our country? Do we mourn when we have indigestion and materials leave our bodies?"

-Delwar Hossain Sayeedi

Chittagong Parade Ground, Koran Tafsil

[Source: DVD, bought in Jackson Heights, Queens, new York]

Bangladesh Court Nullifies Election of Islamist Deputy

Associated Press, Arab News

DHAKA, 15 September 2003 — Bangladesh's High Court yesterday nullified the election of a national lawmaker from the ruling coalition after ruling that he broke campaign rules. High Court Judge Iman Ali declared void the election of Delwar Hossain Saidee of Jamat-e-Islami, an Islamic party that is part of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's four-party coalition. The ruling came two years after a petition was filed by Sudangsu Sekhar Haldar, a former lawmaker from the opposition Awami League party and the runner-up for Saidee's seat in the 2001 parliamentary elections. Yesterday's ruling said Saidee's election was invalid because he had spent more money in the campaign than the allowed maximum of 500,000 taka (\$ 8,600), and used banned campaign materials such as color posters and leaflets and **denigrating propaganda against his [Hindu] opponent.**

4. On Writers & Journalists

Delwar Hossain Sayeedi recently called for **banning** Professor Humayun Azad's books under the Blasphemy Law.

[Author & Professor Humayun Azad was later **stabbed multiple times** by unknown assailants in an attack alleged to be inspired by Sayeedi's hate speech. Azad later died in Germany.]

[Source: http://www.muslimwakeup.com/main/archives/2004/03/bangladeshi_sch.php]

Journalist Mithu attacked: Was Sayeedi responsible?

"At the same time, Maulana Delwar Hossain Sayeedi, Jamat-e Islami Member of Parliament, threatened Shafiul Haque Mithu, correspondent of Dainik Janakantha, and asked him to leave Pirojpur (south of the country). The journalists wrote articles about the participation of the fundamentalist leader in massacres during 1971 Independence war."

<http://www.rsf.org/rsf/uk/html/asie/cplp01/cp01/171001.html>

http://www.drishtipat.org/appeal/journalist_mithu.htm

Sayeedi "called for **blood tests** for journalists to 'see if they are Muslims or not.'"

[Source: Reporters Without Frontiers, 2003 Annual Report]

The hatred generated by Sayeedi and others fundamentalists has contributed to the milieu of fundamentalist arrogance and hatred for free speech in Bangladesh. Professor Azad had received death **threats** for his writings. A "call" for punishing him came during one of the recent anti-Ahmadiyya mob meetings in Dhaka.

"Writers and journalists write lies. They are the enemies of Islam."

- Delwar Hossain Sayeedi

[Source: *Bhorer Kagoj* newspaper, April 22, 2005]

"Leftists are not Muslims. They don't believe in prayers."

- Delwar Hossain Sayeedi

[Source: *Bhorer Kagoj* newspaper, April 22, 2005]

4. On Ahmadiya Muslims

On January 25, Delwar Hossain Sayeedi, an MP belonging to Jamaat Islami called for the introduction of the Blasphemy Act to **block the publication** of "such [Ahmadiya] books".

[Source:

<http://www.drishtipat.org/modules.php?name=News&file=print&sid=1111&PHPSESSID=41446ef3bc1f7b48d243114bc76046dc>]

"Ahmadiyas don't have any right to introduce themselves as Muslims. They are a minority community here, just like the Hindus and Christians."

-Delwar Hossain Sayeedi

[Source: *Bhorer Kagoj* newspaper, January 13, 2005]

On Khatme Nabuwwoot, organization carrying out attacks on Ahmadiya mosques:

"Khatme Nabuwwoot is carrying the flag of the Muslim millat. No one should say anything against them."

-Delwar Hossain Sayeedi

[Source: *Bhorer Kagoj* newspaper, January 13, 2005]

Other sources:

<http://www.islam-bd.org>

<http://www.pressaction.com/news/weblog/print/akram03012004/>