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Supreme Court Verdict:

TIB calls upon the host Governments of killers to genuinely cooperate

Dhaka, 20 November, 2009. Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) is deeply satisfied and relieved that the Appellate Division has upheld the High Court verdict on the Bangabandhu killing case. 19th November 2009 will be remembered as a huge landmark in the history of Bangladesh, for the clear and loud message that justice has prevailed.

Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Executive Director of TIB said, "it is a moment of regained glory and extraordinary emotion for each one of us. The darkest chapter in the history of Bangladesh will be behind us".

"The pride and honour of our heroic struggle for independence that got the most humiliating setback on 15 August 1975 will be at least partially compensated by the fact that in spite of long 34 years of delay, the final steps will now be taken for the killers of the Father of the Nation to face the justice. We are also proud to be able to demonstrate that we are a nation that spares no effort to establish the rule of law", he said.

TIB demands the due enforcement of the verdict, and calls upon the Governments of the countries where the fugitive self-proclaimed killers have taken refuge, to demonstrate that they also respect the judgment, and act as such with all sincerity.

"We particularly demand that the United States takes the lead now and demonstrates that they practice what they preach with respect to the rule of law and justice. All host Governments must genuinely cooperate with the Government of Bangladesh in removing any impediments against early return of the culprits," said Dr Zaman.

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