

## **Worldwide protest and human chain organized demanding trial of the war criminals of the liberation war of Bangladesh**

The Bangladeshi Americans, gathered in Athens Park, Astoria, New York, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December to express solidarity with the ongoing movement for trial of War Criminals and banning on religious-based political parties in Bangladesh.

Earlier 'Federation of Organizations against Bangladesh War Criminals' was formed in USA headed by two veteran freedom fighters Dr. Nuran Nabi and journalist Syad Mohammad Ullah president and member of the advisory committee of Nirmul Committee's USA Chapter.

The protest rally in New York ended up with a declaration contained 8 point charter of demands as follows :

1. Arrest of war criminals who committed crimes of genocide, rape, arson, and looting against Bangladeshis during the Liberation War of 1971.
2. Put these aforementioned criminals on trial in both national and international courts.
3. Ban Jamate Islami and its affiliated organizations on grounds of treason.
4. Disqualify the Jamate Islami from all future elections.
5. Confiscate Jamate Islami funds, including all Jamate Islami-controlled entities such as banks, insurance companies, NGOs, and educational institution.
6. Expel Jamat-followers from government services.
7. Boycott leaders and workers of Jamate Islami and its affiliated organizations socially, culturally and politically.
8. Revival of Bangladesh as a secular democratic nation.

Nirmul Committee and other like minded organizations in Canada, UK, Italy, France, Sweden, Australia and Japan organized similar program on 15 December '07 to express solidarity with ongoing movement for trial of war criminals of '71 and banning fundamentalist communal politics of Jamat-e-Islami. 4 US cities viz. Florida, Boston, Washington and California also observed the day.

In NY about 100 people joined the 'Manab Bandhan' defying chilling cold. It was peaceful gathering and different organizations joined. NY declaration was read by Syed Mohammed Ullah, convenor while the other convenor Dr. Nuran Nabi addressed the gathering.

Among others present at the program were Fahim Reza Noor (Nirmul Committee); Belal Beg (Udichi); Dr. Siddiqur Rahman (AL); Sitangshu Guha (Bangabandhu Parishad); Mishbah Ahmed (JL); Ratan Barua (Oikyo Parishad); Ranu Ferdous (Udichi); Sultana Basit Munna (Udichi); Badal Akhand (Sk. Hasina Mukti Andalon); Jibon Biswas (Udichi); Mithun Ahmed (Somnilito Sangskrik Jote); Helal Mahmood (Swadhinata Chetana Moncha); Annie Ferdous (BIPA); Khorshed Khondakar (Bangabandhu Parishad); Kazi Monirul Haq (AL); Md. Ali Siddiqui (Joi Bangla Parishad); Hasan Ferdous (Writer); Hakikul Islam Khokon (Activist); Subrata Biswas (Udichi); Dr. Jeenat Nabi (Nirmul Committee); Alpana Guha; Taiyabur Rahman (AL); Shahadat (JL); Iqbal Hossain (JL); Lutfunnahar Lata (Artist); Morshed Alam (Democrat); Mrs. Morshed; Mrs. Siddiqur Rahman; Richi (Muktijoddha Sangshad, NY) and Dr. Mohsin Ali (president, Nirmul Committee).

Fazlur Rahman (AL) from Florida informed that their program was successful and people gave slogan demanding trial of the war criminals. It was held at Lantana in West Palm Beach. Among others present were Ayub Khan; Shahid Newaz Chowdhury; Nafiz Jewel; Nannu Ahmed; Imteaz Hasan; Abbas Ali Khan; Abdur Rahman Bulbul; Eng. Ekramul Bhuyan; Nadim Bhuyan Apu; Minto Khan & others.