

Annex- E

It is important to take account of the history of Bangladesh to better comprehend the ploy of Mr. Adilur Rahman. Stemming from decades long blue-print to annihilate the ethno-political identity of Bengali nation and to repress their aspiration for justice and democracy, the then West Pakistani rulers inflicted genocide upon the unharmed and harmless Bengalis by starting infamous "Operation Searchlight" from 25 March 1971. For the next 9 months, until Bangladesh achieved its independence on 16 December 1971, Pakistani Army unleashed mass murder, atrocity, rape, torture, arson etc. throughout the country with the help of local collaborators. Finally, after paying a heavy price with 3 million martyrs, 200 thousand dishonoured women, 10 million refugees and 30 million people dislodged from their homes, Bangladesh could achieve its independence. Immediately after independence, the then Awami League government, under the prudent leadership of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman started the trial of the war criminals who were involved in crimes against humanity. Charges were framed against 26,000 collaborators, including the 11,000 who were involved in murder, arson, rape and crimes against humanity. 15,000 of them got general amnesty. The trial started immediately after charge framing. Almost 800 collaborators, who were involved in heinous crimes, were sentenced to jail. However, to stop the trial of the war criminals the collaborators brutally murdered the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman along with most of his family members on 15 August 1975. With the murder of the Father of the Nation, military and pseudo-military governments grabbed the power of the country and stopped the trial of the war criminals by setting all the convicted local collaborators free. These local collaborators later regrouped together to form "Jamat-E-Islami Bangladesh"- who received patronage from Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). After assassination of the Father of the Nation, Adilur Rahman's party passed "indemnity law" so that no killer could be brought to fair justice. During BNP-Jamaat regime from 2001-2006, this so-called human rights activist and then Deputy Attorney General of BNP-Jamaat government Mr. Adilur Rahman kept mum when human rights violations, rape, killing of opposition activists in its "clean heart operations" (55 people were killed) promoting jihadis, Bangla Bhai, Majahedul Islam, etc. extremist were rampant. Two judges were killed while in session, High Commissioner of UK when visiting a place was bombed, 495 bombs were blasted across the nation and when the then opposition leader Sheikh Hasina organized a rally against terrorism and corruption, it was attacked resulting in 24 deaths, and 370 were injured and

many are maimed. However, back in 2009, when Awami League formed the Government, they set up the International Crime Tribunal to try the war criminals and crimes against humanity. The then opposition Party BNP-Jamaat alliance wreaked havoc throughout the country to thwart the trial process. In 2013, when one of the war criminals was sentenced, BNP-Jamaat Alliance instigated Hefazat-e-Islam, a non-political Islamic advocacy group, comprised of madrassah teachers and students, to stage protest against the Government in the name of raising their 13-point demands. The Government, in the spirit of ensuring democratic space and freedom of assembly for all, allowed Hefazot-E-Islam to arrange their rally. But, on 05 May 2013, Hefazot activists gathered at Shapla Square, a place in the center of Dhaka city and the location of the Central Bank. As a part of the conspiracy to topple the democratically elected government through inciting unrest and violence, Hefazot refused to leave Shapla Square, despite repetitive requests from the Law Enforcement Agency. When all such measures to resolve the issue peacefully became futile, Law Enforcement Agency members compelled to force the protestors out of Shapla Square to maintain the law and order of the country, When BNP-Jamat saw their evil-motivated conspiracy, devised for a long period of time, went in vein, they immediately resorted to another conspiracy-maligning the government and instigating the common citizens against the government by spreading false and fabricated news regarding 05 May 2013's protest of Hefazot with a view to creating unrest throughout the country. As a part of that conspiracy, in June 2013, BNP-Jamat's beneficiary Mr. Adilur Rahman's Odhikar published some fake photos and a report named "Assembly of Hefazate Islam Bangladesh and Human Rights Violation", claiming 61 people have been killed during the blockade programme of the Hefazate Islam. But when approached, they provided the account of 3 people all of whom were proven to be fake by different credible sources. The organization refused to provide any further disclosure. In favour of their baseless claim, they published some photos of 1978 massacre Jonestown of USA in their aforesaid reports, which later was proven to be fake and taken elsewhere in the world during different times and at different venues. This report and photos are clear testimony of how Mr. Adilur Rahman and his organization are spreading falsehood and misinformation. The Government, therefore, has convincing reasons to believe that ODHIKAR shared the falsified and fabricated information and concocted stories of human rights abuse to materialize its ulterior motives.