



PRESS RELEASE: Hezbut Tawheed Appeals for International Support Against Extremist Threats and Impunity

DHAKA, Bangladesh — June 13, 2026 — Hezbut Tawheed, a prominent non-political movement in Bangladesh, today released an urgent statement regarding the escalating threats faced by its leadership and members from extremist factions.

(The Vision)

Imam Hossain Mohammad Salim is the supreme leader of Hezbut Tawheed, a non-political organization in Bangladesh. He has dedicated his life to a singular, vital cause: dismantling the distorted religious narratives that fuel extremism, terrorism, and communal hatred. Through his leadership, he empowers the marginalized, stands against the suppression of women in the name of faith, and promotes a progressive society where arts, sports, and culture flourish. His message of peace has united millions of patriotic, rational, and liberal-minded citizens across the country.

(The Conflict: A Target on Our Backs)

But in a climate where radicalism thrives, speaking the truth has become a life-threatening act. Imam Salim's success in promoting religious harmony has made him the primary enemy of extremist groups who rely on fear and instability to maintain their influence. Because he refuses to be silenced, these radicals have made him—the supreme leader of Hezbut Tawheed—and his followers their targets. We are living under a constant, suffocating cloud of death threats. These are not just words; they are attempts to silence the very idea of a peaceful, inclusive Bangladesh.

(The Evidence: When Threats Turn to Blood)

These extremists do not just speak of violence—they execute it. Their hatred manifested in the most barbaric way during the 2016 attack on Imam Hossain Mohammad Salim's residence in the Noakhali District. It was a scene of pure horror: two members of Hezbut Tawheed were brutally murdered, their throats slit, and their bodies set on fire. Over one hundred innocent members were left severely wounded, bearing the scars of this senseless brutality. This was not merely an attack; it was a crime against humanity.

(The Betrayal of Justice)

What is even more painful than the violence itself is the deafening silence that followed. For years, we have petitioned the government, held countless press conferences, and begged for the protection of our lives and property. Yet, those responsible for these heinous murders walk free. No one has been brought to justice. This absolute failure of the legal system has emboldened the killers, leaving us in a state of constant, paralyzing fear that another massacre could happen at any moment.





(The Plea: A Call to the International Community)

We are at a breaking point. We call upon the law enforcement and administrative authorities of Bangladesh to stop turning a blind eye and to finally act against those who sow terror in the name of religion.

But we also turn to you—the international community, human rights organizations, and foreign diplomats. We need your voice. Your intervention is not just a diplomatic gesture; it is a lifeline. We are fighting to defend the fundamental human rights that are being stripped away from us. We ask you to stand with us, to speak out against this injustice, and to help us ensure that the rule of law prevails. We are simply asking for the right to exist, to speak, and to live in safety. Please, do not let our cry for justice be lost in the silence.

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