



‘HUMAN RIGHTS PERSPECTIVE: BANGLADESH’

Justice Mashuque Hosain Ahmed
Bangladesh Supreme Court.

Justice Mashuque Hosain Ahmed

Much have been talked about and written on human rights. It has become a political Jargon now- a- days. Most of the times political activities use and misuse it knowingly or unknowingly.

In his great autobiography Road to freedom “South African Human Right” leader Nelson Mandela pointed out the reasons and analyzed how human right is threatened throughout the world, particularly third world countries.

When we talk about human rights, side by side responsibility comes up. Right goes with responsibility. It is not only state also the members of the society who ensure the human rights.

We are in digital age. Technology is at it peak. The scope of human right has broaden and widened. If we violate the human rights, there will be clashes, unrest and violence in the society.

Human Right is a very sensitive issue throughout the world. The structure and significance of its implementation depend totally on the leaders who run the country. The norm and behavior of the society and the people largely depend on it.

In a sense, state is the guardian for protecting human rights. In democratic society the human right is upheld. Here with the help of law and order, human right is protected.

Once it was a mere concept and idea, now it has become a world-wide movement. When Jean Jack Ronssean, a political philosopher said “Man is born free but everywhere he is in chain”, he paved the way for human rights. It is basic right of every human being of every civilized society to have freedom of speech, freedom to exercise the voting power. At the same time it is the state that will ensure the security and peace of the people.

Even in most of the Holy Scriptures it is specifically mentioned and given importance. Human Right is not only the basic and primary right of each and every human being; it is the culture of a civilized society.

Bangladesh is a third world country. It was a British Colony for nearly two hundred years. During those days human rights were totally ignored due to the vested interested of the colonial power. After that Pakistan was born. The same fate waited for the people of this part of the world. Naturally a new nation and country named Bangladesh was born. So, we find that human right and freedom is interlined with each other. In his famous book “Culture and imperialism” Edward W. Sayeed, a political Philosopher of our time rightly pointed out and depicted the development of human rights in the world, specially in Palestine. In fact in a free society human rights are well protected, but in a colonial society human rights are not only dishonored but

also totally destroyed through state sponsored violence. We can give the examples from Middle East, Palestine and Iraq (including some other Asian Countries).

Bangladesh, being a democratic country always keeps vigilance to protect human rights. The law providing agencies and organs are always at work to their best to ensure human rights in its proper shape so that our citizen can live in peace and security. I hope, very sincerely that our human rights organization would be more vigilant to expedite the process to reach the acme.
