

Soborno Isaac Cancels Meeting With Prime Minister Hasina

Dear Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina,

Your two delegates, First Secretary Dr. Samia Israt Ronee and First Secretary Al Mamun, wanted to meet with me to set up a meeting between us. I usually don't meet with people because solving math problems is more important than meeting with people. I don't even read the hundreds of letters I receive every day. For example, when I received a letter from President Barack Obama, I didn't read it for five hours until I had finished a math problem. However, I gave both your secretaries permission to come to my home under one condition: they had to solve math problems with me for at least an hour. They complied, and as a result, I told them that I was willing to meet with you.

Why I Said "Yes"

My calculations were simple. A prime minister has lots of power and influence over a nation. If she loves something, the entire nation follows it. This is why I agreed to meet with you after realizing that I could inspire you to fall in love with math. Once you fall in love with math, the entire nation of 160 million Bangladeshis will also fall in love with math. Once the entire nation falls in love with math, it will make rapid economic progress since math is the language of science, and science is the engine of an economy. Let me remind you, $F=ma$, Newton's 2nd law, gave birth to the industrial revolution and made Britain a superpower overnight. This is why I told your two secretaries, Dr. Samia and Mr. Mamun, that I would like to meet with you. Unfortunately, I'm canceling our meeting after realizing that you don't care about the life of students, let alone mathematics.



I'm solving mathematics with Prime Minister Hasina's two delegates, First Secretary Dr. Samia Israt Ronee and First Secretary Al Mamun, at my home.

On July 10, 1919, Rabindranath Tagore wrote a letter to Lord Chelmsford, repudiating his knighthood in protest of the Jallianwala Bagh mass killings. Like Tagore, I'm canceling my meeting with you (Prime Minister Hasina) after you unleashed police and the Chhatra League on unarmed students, who were demanding justice for the death of their two friends, Diya Khanam Mim and Abdul Karim Rajib, who were killed after a bus ploughed through them in front of the Shaheed Ramiz Uddin Cantonment College. Every Bangladeshi student rose to secure justice for their killers.

The severity of the punishment of these students, some of whom could be the next Sir Isaac Newton or Albert Einstein, was brutal and inhumane. These students are close to my heart because they joined my worldwide anti-terrorism movement, "The Love." Students from every single university (except North South) sent anti-terrorism posters to make "The Love" a universal movement against terrorism. They stood up for me, and now I must stand up for them.

This insult and suffering of my fellow students on the streets of Dhaka have reached every corner of the world, including here at Columbia, from where I am writing this letter. I did not read this news from a Bengali newspaper; I learned of it from the *New York Times* and the *BBC*.

Unfortunately, many media in Bangladesh did not report this news because they are either supporters of your regime or too afraid to publish the truth, fearing imprisonment.

The time has come for me to repay the students who have stood for my anti-terrorism movement, "The Love," by standing by my fellow students, who were punished for seeking justice for their departed colleagues.

These are the reasons that have painfully compelled me to ask you, Madam Prime Minister, with due regret, to cancel our meeting, which I had the honour of accepting from your two delegates, Dr. Samia and Mr. Mamun, for whose nobleness I still entertain great admiration.

Sincerely,
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