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Dear Valued Readers of IFD,

We have read the news about executions that will take place tonight for three persons who killed JaSad leader Mr Kazi Aref in 1999. As you all know we are against Death Penalty and we always prefer forgiveness to capital punishment.

Although capital punishment is legal in Bangladesh and in many other countries, we believe existence of such capital punishment gives people an opportunity to test their power of forgiveness. Spreading a culture of forgiveness does not only strengthens the moral stance of a person who forgives, but it also improves the behaviour of the mass by promoting self-restraint and tolerance, that will in the long run improve the political climate and strengthen democracy.

We suggest the planned executions should be stopped immediately and the killers should be given the opportunity once again to ask for forgiveness from the family of Mr Kazi Aref and from the Hon'ble President of Bangladesh as per local law.

If they forgive, then the killers should be released unconditionally.

We are issuing this email statement due to the technical problems for which we are unable to upload a formal statement through our website. This will be uploaded in due course.

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