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Preface



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“What will India do if a war breaks out between Bangladesh and Burma?”

“Ireally do not know. Why don't you write another book on it?”

It was I who asked the question whereas the answer came from the Indian diplomat at whom the question was targeted. We were sitting in a cozy restaurant in the beautiful city of Chiang Mai, northern Thailand. The lunch was being hosted by a prominent Burmese dissident leader.

The diplomat went through my recent book- *Burma: Nationalism and Ideology*¹ that I presented to him. With the speed of a skillful diplomat he read the book and without any comment simply suggested, “Why don't you write another book on that question?”

“Well, I shall”, I replied to him.

The Burmese dissident leader changed the topic of conversation and started briefing the diplomat on the most current political development at the Thai-Burma border.

This uneventful meeting took place sometime in late 1989. Since then, *Burma: Nationalism and Ideology* has reached many libraries and the desks of policy makers across the world. The greater failure of the opposition forces, the more valuable my book has become. The book presents an analysis of society, culture and politics, pointing out and emphasizing major fundamental deficiencies that cripples building of a healthy democratic nation.

The present book ‘*The Price of Silence*’ is a microscopic presentation of the religious perspective, which incapacitates Burma (Myanmar). Historically, the southeastern region of the

Notes.

1. Shwe Lu Maung, *Burma: Nationalism and Ideology*, the University Press Ltd., Dhaka, Bangladesh, 1989.

2. See Chapter 6.4, Ibid.

Indian subcontinent, part of which today stands as Bangladesh, had played a great role in determining Myanmar's political fate. Presently, she holds the key to the door of Myanmar's future.

"Each and every religion preaches peace, love and brotherhood among mankind, and each and every religion fights with every other. In Burma there is no exception²". My previous statement was a mild expression with a precaution of not annoying the parties concerned. Today, however, I have taken a bold step in presenting "the war of religions" in detail before the eyes of the planetary citizens. Some will welcome and others will denounce. I may make few friends, but more adversaries.

Nevertheless, I hope this book will help research the basic causes of the Muslim-Buddhist wars across the world, leading to a lasting solution for peace among the *Homo sapiens*.

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