

## **Need for Truthful Reporting in Media**

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To revive morality in mankind is a must. Attempt has to be made worldwide to bring back the victory of morality, and it's a great thing.

When we look at the news media we are frustrated to find that morality is degrading there. They are evading their responsibility to place neutral truth to the people. But no editorial should be based on wrong or incorrect information and motivation.

The degrading of morality began since last one hundred years after the secularization of education. The result was worldwide corruption- social, political, and international corruption and hypocrisy. In the name of diplomacy, international corruption has spread unabatedly. The effect of this has engulfed the media. So it's a part of the whole scene.

If we observe CNN, BBC, the news other than their programs (mostly obscene) there is no impartiality, especially if the subject relates to the Muslim or the third world; they create big news out of minor ones. . They do not maintain impartiality regarding Afghanistan, Iraq and Palestine since their very birth. They support misdeeds of Israel.

As regards newspapers such as The Economist, Time, Newsweek who cover lot of information, but these are many times distorted or hyperbolic if relates to Islam and Muslim world. The Economist cannot make a justice when the issue comes of a Muslim or a third world issue. To them Korea is a 'Satan' but Israel is not Satan when they make nuclear weapons. This paper had forcefully supported the war against Iraq, had incited the American Govt. more than 10 times to wage war against Iraq, urging that war is the only solution. This was most irresponsible act by a newspaper. It also instigated war against Afghanistan

In my country Bangladesh also, newspapers do not be fair in a way that they take a small issue and magnify it similar to a publicity of any opponent against someone. They term the Islamists as 'communal', although they are not the least involved in communalism and always take a positive stand against communalism and terrorism. Their reporting is partial, ideologically motivated and politically partisan. They have no language like Hindu or Buddhist communalism. They mean only Islam as a communal religion. Almost every newspaper is serving biased news every day; it's sad.

Is there any solution to this? Without being pessimistic, I must urge that morality must be revived throughout the world, it will be a great job. I think a group of senior journalists believing in morality should come up with a movement. There should be courses on morality in the Press Training Institute based on honesty and neutrality. Al Quran has asked to "Be witness to Truth, even if it is against you or your family or your parents" (Sura Nisa, Verse -135). This should be the basis in the case of newspaper reporting and editorial policies also.

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