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Prof. Dhruba Mukhopadhyay, President and Dr. Soumitro Banerjee, General Secretary, Breakthrough Science Society, have issued the following statement

Breakthrough Science Society unequivocally condemns the brutal attacks on secular writers and publishers by Islamic fundamentalists in Bangladesh. Publisher Faisal Arefin Dipan was hacked to death in Dacca on Oct 31. On the same day another publisher Ahmedur Rashid Chowdhury and writers Ranadipam Basu and Tarek Rahim were attacked and grievously wounded. Earlier secular writers Avijit Roy was hacked to death on February 26, Washiqur Rahman Babu was killed on March 30, Ananta Bijoy Das was murdered on May 12, and Niloy Chatterjee was murdered on August 6. These acts of religious intolerance and hatred are signs of growing fascism in the sub-continent.

We are of the firm opinion that in this moment of crisis, when scientific attitude is being trampled to promote unscientific beliefs and superstitions, and an environment of intolerance is being systematically propagated, the need of the hour is to make sustained efforts in cultivating scientific bent of mind in the society.

We appeal to the citizens of India and Bangladesh and the scientific community in particular, to raise their voice to defend the ethics of science, and to defeat the increasing cultivation of religious bigotry and obscurantism.

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