

Title: Demand to stop the private news makers to misuse the government media.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH (ULUBERIA): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the misuse of the Government Media, Doordarshan by some private parties.

The news telecast is the most important way of dissemination of information not only in the country but the whole of the world. But there are some private news makers who are misusing the Government Media. My request is that our Government Media should be used and scrutinised in a proper way so that the news is prepared in a proper manner and then correct news is telecast all over the country.

Sir, as you know at Doordarshan's DD-7 Channel which is a Bangla Channel, one news agency is giving a programme known as *Khas Khabar*. On the 21st November, during the telecast of their news, they mentioned Kashmir as 'Indian occupied Kashmir'. We all know that Pak occupied Kashmir is there but there is no Indian occupied Kashmir. Kashmir is an integral part of India.

Similarly, a few days back, they showed the national flag upside down.

Likewise, a few months back, while giving news, they denigrated one internationally accepted philosopher.

Later on, they apologised. So, private news producers should not be allowed to produce news for Doordarshan. Star News and Zee News are private news channels. But the Government-run channels should not be misused by private news producers. News programmes like *Khas Khabar* and *Aaj Tak* should not be allowed to be produced by private parties. If the Government does not properly look into the contents of these news programmes and scrutinise them wrong news will be telecast all over the country. So, I demand that privately produced news programmes should be stopped forthwith and the Government alone should telecast proper news programmes.

MR. SPEAKER: The Government should take note of it and look into the matter.

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