

Dr Haffejee was a formidable opponent of racism

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THE painful revelations at the inquest of Dr Hoosen Mia Haffejee serve as a grim reminder that those who took part in his brutal torture were sadistic beasts.

Our freedom was a long struggle which claimed countless lives, including the precious life of Dr Haffejee.

We honour the sacrifices he made in the spirit of democracy and freedom. He was an immortal fighter of our Struggle whose bravery this country can never forget.

The claim that he committed suicide was a predetermined plan of deception. It was an orchestrated litany of lies. However, when we sift through the disinformation and misinformation, and look at verifiable facts, we have no reason to believe the official information released at that time.

It is obvious that a hidden hand was behind the tragedy.

As we know, politics is a war without bloodshed but it has indirect bloodshed that leaves no traces. History reminds us that there are no accidents in politics, everything happens for a purpose.

Dr Haffejee was a formidable opponent of racism. He was feared and loathed by the rulers of that time. His untimely death was a day of solemn contemplation over the cost of freedom.

It was George Washington who said: “Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains to bring light.”

Dr Haffejee’s fight for freedom, embodied three sacred acts of devotion to his country – duty, honour and country. The three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be and what you will be.

The version parroted by the old rulers is a story of pervasive subterfuge, outright lies and deception.

It was a vicious plot that duped a nation. The key elements in the myth-making process were the suppression of the truth about Hoosen’s injuries and the discouragement of any serious inquiry into the circumstances of his untimely demise.

The coroner’s state-supported findings was an effort to lay to rest inconvenient information. It was JFK, who said: “Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.”

A grateful nation salutes the memory and dedication of Dr Haffejee, a perennial symbol of individual excellence.

In our hall of fame, his name will be remembered for decades to come.

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