



A British journalist, **Simon Dring** was asked to leave Bangladesh twice. Once in 1971 while he was reporting atrocities of the war and the second time was when the license of the private terrestrial television channel that he was heading was cancelled by the government in 2002. When leaving Dhaka for the second time, he said he intended to return to Bangladesh yet again.

Originally from Norfolk in England, Simon has exceptionally brilliant turns in his life. Expelled as a student from a boarding school for swimming naked in a river, Simon studied at a Technical College and at 16, in 1962, Simon Dring was one of the early birds to walk what was to become the hippie trail to India. He then worked as a proofreader in Thailand and in 1964, covered the Vietnam War as the youngest ever correspondent for Reuters. Simon continued reporting in the 70s and the 80s as a correspondent for the Daily Telegraph and BBC and covered Asia, Latin America, Africa, Europe and the Middle East.

In March '71 the journalists of leading newspapers of the world who had gathered in Dhaka to cover the Yahya-Bhutto-Mujib negotiations were forcibly evicted from Dhaka after the genocide began on the night of March 25th. However, a few brave journalists like Simon Dring hid themselves at the Hotel Intercontinental's laundry.