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Further information on UA 48/96 (ASA 13/02/96, 27 February 1996) - and follow-up (ASA 13/03/96, 6 March) - Legal concern / Fear of ill-treatment

BANGLADESH Begum Motia Chowdhury  
Mohammed Nasim  
Moudud Ahmed  
Tofael Ahmed  
Abdul Kader Mollah  
and dozens of other opposition activists

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Amnesty International believes that the majority of those detained following a three-day strike in late February 1996, including those named above, have now been released. The organization has received no reports of ill-treatment of the detainees.

A member of the Urgent Action Network received a reply from the Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in Washington D.C. which gave assurances that the detainees were not being ill-treated and that "the relevant authorities of the Government have taken steps to ensure that the right to physical and mental integrity of these persons are protected".

Amnesty International continues to seek information about the situation of anyone still detained in this case, but no further action by the UA Network is requested. Thank you to all who sent appeals.