

URGENT ACTION

OPPOSITION MEMBER EXECUTED IN BANGLADESH

Abdul Quader Mollah, a senior member of Bangladeshi opposition political party Jamaat-e-Islami was executed on 12 December. The Supreme Court had sentenced him to death for crimes against humanity.

Abdul Quader Mollah was executed shortly after the Supreme Court rejected an application for a review of his death sentence despite appeals for a commutation of his sentence by Amnesty International and from others for a stay of execution, including from the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. He is the first person to be executed for alleged crimes under international law committed during Bangladesh's 1971 war of independence from Pakistan.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is required from the UA Network.

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