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Further information on UA 91/02 (ASA 13/003/2002, 26 March 2002) and follow-up (ASA 13/006/2002, 23 April 2002) - Torture / Fear for safety

BANGLADESH Bahauddin Nasim (m)  
Dr Mohiuddin Alamgir (m)

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Both Dr. Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir and Bahauddin Nasim are still in detention.

Dr. Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir remains in detention despite repeated orders for his release on bail by the courts. Dr. Alamgir has been granted bail so far in six criminal cases, however further criminal cases have been filed against him preventing his release. To Amnesty International's knowledge, no investigation has taken place into the alleged torture of Dr. Alamgir or into the alleged attack on him inside the prison. There are still fears that he may not be receiving adequate medical care.

Bahauddin Nasim also remains in detention. Despite credible reports that he had been severely tortured while in detention, the government has failed to institute an independent and impartial investigation into these allegations.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

There are continuing concerns that opposition members in Bangladesh are being detained on politically motivated criminal charges. While in detention they are often subjected to torture and other forms of ill-treatment. Bail is often granted by the courts in such cases, however the bail orders are regularly ignored by the authorities and further criminal charges are filed to keep the activists in detention.

**Amnesty International will be following up these cases with other action forms. No further action from the Urgent Action network is required. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.**