

# URGENT ACTION

## BANGLADESHI MAN RELEASED

**A 20 year-old man, Manik, was released from detention on 29 March 2011. He had been held without charge in Bangladesh since 8 March. The Urgent Action issued on 15 March may have helped put pressure on the Bangladeshi authorities to release Manik.**

On 7 February, the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) arrested **Manik** along with his 25 year-old brother, Shahid. Manik was released on the same day, but Shahid remained in detention. Police later claimed that Shahid was a criminal and had been killed in a "gunfight" with the RAB. The family has rejected the police's claim and say that Shahid was in police custody at the time that he was shot.

The RAB warned the family to remain quiet about the incident. Manik was reportedly arrested by police on 8 March to make the family comply with their demand. Manik was reported to have been beaten by the police at the time of his arrest.

**No further action is requested from the UA network. We would like to thank all those who sent appeals.**

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