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### **Bangladesh elections: Violence, street protests and human rights**

#### **Spokespeople available on human rights**

On 5 January, Bangladesh is holding its general elections amidst political tensions and weeks of violent street protests. The opposition Bangladesh National Party says it will boycott the vote, and election-related demonstrations across the country have led to deadly clashes involving police as well as opposition and government supporters.

Amnesty International is monitoring the human rights situation around the elections closely. Abbas Faiz, Bangladesh Researcher, is available for interviews from London over the weekend.

#### **Possible talking points:**

- Human rights challenges facing the new government
- Protestor violence and allegations of excessive use of police force
- Risk of torture in detention
- Crackdown on freedom of expression and human rights activism
- War crimes tribunal and the death penalty
- Attacks on minorities, including the Hindu community

#### **Background:**

[“Bangladesh: Protect against reprisals after Islamist leader’s execution”](#), Press Release, 12 December 2013

More background: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/region/bangladesh>

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