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FREE SHAHRIAR KABIR, PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE IN BANGLADESH

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**UN Declares Shahriar Kabir's Detention Arbitrary, Urges Immediate Release and Reparations**

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The United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (WGAD), has in its Opinion No. 40/20251 taken at its 103rd Session (23-25 August), ruled that the detention of Shahriar Kabir (who is arrested since 17 September 2024), a prominent Bangladeshi writer, journalist, and human rights defender is arbitrary and in violation of international law. The UNWGAD has heavily criticised the government of Bangladesh for grave violations of due process and fair trial standards.

We are hoping for the immediate release of Shahriar Kabir. Governments must act in accordance with, and in defense of, the rule of law. We are awaiting actions from Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Muhammad Yunus, the Chief Adviser of the Government of Bangladesh, to act in accordance with international law and the trust the international community has placed in his leadership. We call on his office, and all relevant authorities, to ensure that due process is upheld, fundamental rights are protected, and that this matter is resolved with the urgency and transparency it demands.

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