

Letter to Secretary Kerry Requesting to Impose Travel Ban on Certain Bangladeshi Individuals

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NEW YORK, Oct. 12, 2013 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Human Rights and Development for Bangladesh (HRDB) today organized a seminar at the New York Hilton Midtown VIP room that evaluated the performance of the Bangladesh Government led by Sheikh Hasina.

Taking part in the discussion US attorney Martin F. McMahon stated that Bangladesh's democracy is in crisis under the pressure of state brutality and human rights violations. In response to these human rights violations, a submission has been made to the International Criminal Court (ICC)

[on June 27](#)

, 2013 in

Washington, DC

. It implicates members of the Bangladesh

government and state security in crimes against humanity, petitioning the ICC to investigate and prosecute those responsible.

Bangladesh

became a state party to the ICC Treaty on March 23, 2010

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Identified violations include [torture](#) , [forced disappearance](#) , [extrajudicial executions](#) , and mass murder. Cases include that of newspaper editor

Mahmudur Rahman

, reported by

[Amnesty](#)

International; the police abduction of

[Shukhoranjan Bali](#)

, a defense witness of the

[controversial](#)

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and

[discredited](#)

International Crimes Tribunal (ICT), reported by

[Human Rights Watch](#)

; and the abduction and execution of

[Aminul Islam](#)

, a labour rights organizer, reported by

[Amnesty](#)

International. Mass murder cases include the massacre of at least dozens of protesters by police on

February 28, 2013

. Also crucial to mention is the massacre of Hefazat-e-Islam protesters in

Dhaka

on

[May 5 and 6](#)

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Mr. McMahon informed that he wrote a letter to Secretary Kerry requesting a travel ban that implicates leaders, including the Prime Minister and Home Minister, and those who directly participated in violations including Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Benazir Ahmed, Mehdi Hasan

of

Dhaka

Police Motijhil district and

[Pradip Das](#)

of Chittagong Patchlaish Police Station. Mr. McMahon asked that these egregious violators be barred the privilege of entering

the United States

, in keeping with the United Nations Convention against Torture and the Immigration and Nationalization Act.

Also present, Dr. M. Nakib Rahman stated that the Hasina government has crippled the economy by sponsoring corruption including the

[share](#)

[market scam](#)

,

[Padma bridge corruption](#)

,

[Hall Mark scam](#)

, etc. The nation's garment workers face abuse and dire neglect, the key industry in textiles suffers. Dr.

Abid Bahar

told that

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is heading towards fascism under this government. Abu Samiha Sirajus Islam said that the Hasina government also violated religious rights.

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