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Statement from the EU Delegation to Bangladesh

The Delegation of the European Union reiterates its opposition to the death penalty

The Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh recalls that the EU is opposed to the use of capital punishment in all cases and under all circumstances, and has consistently called for its universal abolition.

The Delegation has followed the judicial proceedings in Bangladesh concerning the crimes committed during the war preceding the independence of Bangladesh in 1971. From the start of the trials, the EU Delegation has repeatedly stressed its concern about the possible application of the death penalty under the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act.

The case of Mr. Motiur Rahman Nizami has now reached a stage where an execution of the death sentence constitutes a serious threat. Despite Mr. Nizami's right to appeal, the EU Delegation to Bangladesh reiterates its principled position against the death penalty.

The European Union Delegation to Bangladesh calls on the Bangladeshi authorities to commute the sentence and to introduce a moratorium on executions as a first step towards definitive abolition of capital punishment.

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