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Heads of Mission of the EU resident in Bangladesh called today on the Honourable Foreign Minister, Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali.

The Heads of Mission shared with the Minister their concerns regarding the current situation in Bangladesh.

They regretted the on-going violence and disruption in the country, which has resulted in several deaths, hundreds of casualties and the destruction of property. This includes the aggression perpetrated on 13 January against the former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mr. Reaz Rahman as well as the horrific attack against the passengers of a bus in Rangpur on 14 January.

The Heads of Mission expressed concern on the shrinking democratic space. Actions to restore peace and stability should not be at the expense of freedoms of assembly, movement and speech.

They further advocated that refraining from violence and engaging in genuine dialogue between all stakeholders would open the way forward to strengthen democracy.

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