

**United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland**  
**National Statement**

**Universal Periodic Review April 2013 – Bangladesh**

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Thank you, Mr President.

The UK welcomes the delegation of Bangladesh to Geneva and thanks them for their national report.

We believe that Bangladesh has seen good progress on economic and social rights but believe that more can be done on civil and political rights. We call on the Government to ensure that the International Crimes Tribunal fully meets international legal standards. And while recognising its ongoing efforts, we urge the Government to work to ensure that the basic human rights of the Rohingya are met.

We share the significant concerns expressed by six UN Special Rapporteurs over continuing violence in Bangladesh, and urge the Government of Bangladesh to refrain from excessive use of force in dispersing demonstrations.

The UK recommends Bangladesh:

- Agree to and facilitate an early visit by the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions.
- Thoroughly and impartially investigate and, if credible evidence emerges, prosecute all allegations of human rights violations, in particular enforced disappearances, custodial torture, and extra-judicial killings.

Thank you, Mr President.