

I am writing to express my grave concern on Hasnat Karim, his wife and two children. They were among the surviving hostages from a recent attack in a restaurant in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, on 1 July. However, the family was then taken into custody by the Police Detective Branch for questioning. His wife and children were released on 3 July but Hasnat Karim has not been seen since 2 July. His family has not been informed of his exact whereabouts or the reasons for any ongoing detention.

I feel very nervous about Hasnat Karim and his family not being informed of the reasons of detention. So I urge the authorities to immediately establish his fate and whereabouts and then inform his family.

I also urge them to ensure that he has immediate access to his family, a lawyer and to any medical attention he may require.

Lastly I urge them to immediately release Hasnat Karim unless he is promptly charged with an internationally recognizable criminal offense and presented immediately before a court.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,