



RESOLUTION
ON THE
IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF BEGUM KHALEDA ZIA

The IDC-CDI calls for the release of Begum Khaleda Zia and demands free, fair, transparent and participatory parliamentary elections in Bangladesh.

The IDC-CDI calls on the Sheikh Hasina led government in Bangladesh to stop influencing the courts and demands the immediate release of Begum Khaleda Zia, the country's former prime minister, Chairperson of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and the nation's main opposition leader. The imprisonment of Begum Khaleda Zia impedes an effective dialogue between the main parties and could increase the risk of serious political instability in the country.

The IDC-CDI calls on the government of Bangladesh to respect human rights, and ensure a participatory environment for all democratic parties and their leaders in anticipated national elections later this year, by ensuring credibility in the conduct process of these elections, where all institutions concerned including the election commission are free from executive influence