

# Bangla Alert

**Move Forward, not Backward!**

## Dr. Muhammad Yunus Can Take Bangladesh Forward

The Nobel peace laureate Dr. Muhammad Yunus has been presented with the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award presented by US Congress. The award recognizes "his contributions to the fight against global poverty". Other recipients of this great honor are George Washington and Neil Armstrong.

He is the world icon of Bangladesh. This Nobel laureate is loved by everyone. Dr. Yunus helped millions of Bangladeshi women move up economically by giving the world the "micro financing" system. Now 58 countries, including the US, Canada, France, Netherlands and Norway, follow Dr. Muhammad Yunus' model of micro financing.

Bangladesh needs Dr. Yunus. While he must remain focused on helping the poor, he can facilitate a reconciliation process in Bangladesh. Repressive policies of the current government and its refusal to have impartial elections are hurting Bangladesh industry, business and the country's image.

Make your voice heard!

### Action Items

Call and write to the H.E. Akramul Qader, Ambassador for Bangladesh to the US

- Congratulate him on recognition achieved by Dr. Yunus
- Stress to him the importance of creating a dialogue among warring politicians in Bangladesh
- Ask him to recruit Dr. Muhammad Yunus as the ambassador for national reconciliation in Bangladesh
- Ask them to adopt the model of Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South African instead of Bangladeshis killing each other on street or through unfair justice system

Then call up your non- Bangladeshi friends and ask them to do the same!

### Contact Info:

The contact information for Ambassador Qader is:

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### Copy and distribute this alert to your friends and relatives

We work together as a small network to help Bangladesh move forward instead of sliding backward because of political conflicts. Whether you're ready to lend a hand at one of our activities or have photos or articles to share about Bangladesh moving forward, here's the place to do it.

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