



**Associazione
3 Febbraio**

Bangladesh: for rights and freedom against political divisions and violence

After weeks of protests, Bangladeshi students have managed to scale back the "quota system" (access to employment in the public sector civil service reserved to privileged categories). The protests have been fiercely suppressed by the government: hundreds were killed. Arrests, kidnappings and disappearances of people involved in the demonstrations still continue to this day.

We have supported the peaceful and combative protests for rights and freedom from the very beginning. Even in Italy, we have taken part in the protests of Bangladeshi people in solidarity with the students. For this very reason, as we continue to support those who peacefully fight for freedom and rights, we strongly denounce the violent drift of sectors of the student movement in Bangladesh: we have direct and indirect reports of lynchings, rapes, destruction of hospitals and attacks on journalists. This is happening because, after an initial peaceful taking to the streets, nationalist groups and religious extremists are infiltrating and polluting the protests, distorting the already weak consciences of the protagonists. Today the people of Bangladesh who want freedom find themselves trapped, between the fire of government repression that continues and the political exploitations of those who sacrifice human life to their own interests.

We call for unity and pacification among the people of Bangladesh, against political divisions and violence, for freedom and rights both in Bangladesh and in Italy, where immigrants are forced into inhumane conditions.

We will strive together:

- **For justice and truth for all the victims of the repression and for the release of all arrested students**
- **For comprehensive welcoming for all immigrants from Bangladesh, which is not a safe country as the Meloni government claims**
- **For residence permits and welcoming for each and every refugee and immigrant**

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