

URGENT ACTION

MISSING BANGLADESHI ACADEMIC RETURNED HOME

Mubashar Hasan, a well-known Bangladeshi academic who went missing and was feared to have been subject to an enforced disappearance, was returned home on 22 December, after 44 days.

Mubashar Hasan, a professor at Bangladesh's North-South University, went missing on 7 November 2017 after attending a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) meeting in Dhaka, part of a project under the Bangladeshi Prime Minister's Office. Mubashar Hasan is a well-known and highly regarded researcher on religious groups in Bangladesh, who has worked with UN agencies and universities internationally.

Missing for 44 days, Mubashar Hasan was left blindfolded on a busy Dhaka highway on Thursday, 22 December where he then had to find his own way home by auto rickshaw. According to reports, he was pushed out the minivan around midnight, and was told to "Run, do not look back, if you look back, we will kill you",

Mubashar Hasan's family have said that they are immensely relieved that he has been recovered. "Thank you to Amnesty International for all that it has done," Mubashar Hasan's sister, Tamanna, told Amnesty International.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

This is the first update of UA 252/17. Further information: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa13/7439/2017/en/>

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