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Seminar at the University of Oxford to Explore Bangladesh's Democratic Future

Bangladesh at a Democratic Crossroads: Human Rights, Political Inclusion, and the Future of Democratic Governance

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The Global Center for Democratic Governance (GCDG), Canada, a Canadian-registered, non-profit, research-oriented think tank, will host an international seminar entitled "Bangladesh at a Democratic Crossroads: Human Rights, Political Inclusion, and the Future of Democratic Governance" on Monday, 13 July 2026, at the Leonard Wolfson Auditorium, Wolfson College, University of Oxford.

The seminar will begin at 5:00 p.m. (UK time) and will provide an independent, evidence-based platform for discussion on human rights, political inclusion, the rule of law, democratic institutions and the future of democratic governance in Bangladesh.

Panel Speakers (Online):

- **Sajeeb Wazed** - Former Adviser to the Prime Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
- **Paulo Casaca** - Former Member of the European Parliament; Executive Director, South Asia Democratic Forum, Belgium
- **Prof Tarun Khaitan** - Professor of Public Law and Research Director, LSE Law School, United Kingdom
- **Sir Vincent Lyn** - Deputy Ambassador and Commissioner, International Human Rights Commission, Switzerland

Panel Speakers (In Person):

- **Syed Badrul Ahsan** - Senior Journalist, Political Analyst and Author, United Kingdom
- **Prof Dr Rayhan Rashid** - Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- **Advokat Mona Haghou Strindberg** - Attorney, Sweden
- **Dr Ashfaque Alam** - Affiliate Academic, King's College London, United Kingdom
- **Dr Naila Arzumand Haq** - Academic, University of London, who will share the perspective of a family directly affected by the prolonged detention of Bangladesh's former Chief Justice.

Moderator:

- **Chris Blackburn** - Human Rights Activist, United Kingdom

The seminar will be opened by Professor Dr Md Habibe Millat, President of the Global Center for Democratic Governance (GCDG), Canada, who will deliver the introductory address.

Media representatives are invited to attend and cover the seminar.

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