



ADPAN'S STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE VICTIMS OF ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES

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Each year on 30 August, the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances commemorates those who are missing as a consequence of enforced disappearance. The effects of enforced disappearance do not only affect close relatives of the disappeared, but also the disappeared person's community, nation and society as a whole. Today, we recognise and remember the hundreds of thousands of people who have vanished in at least 85 countries, and the millions who have been impacted by disappearances.

ADPAN has joined 12 human rights groups shining the spotlight on Bangladesh, where it is estimated at least 572 people have been reported forcibly disappeared by security forces and law-enforcement agencies in Bangladesh since 2009. Full statement:

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/08/28/bangladesh-end-enforced-disappearances>

ADPAN stands in solidarity with the victims of enforced disappearances and celebrates the achievements of activists and organisations who work to bring these issues to light.

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ADPAN is the peak regional body for organisations committed to the abolition of the death penalty across Asia-Pacific, with members from approximately 22 countries within the region. As such, ADPAN maintains that the death penalty violates the right to life, that it is the ultimate form of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment and that the death penalty should be entirely abolished internationally.