

Stichting Global Human Rights Defence

Thank you, Madame Chair. Ladies and gentlemen. In 2024 and 2025, the [inaudible] Muslim community in Bangladesh has been subjected to a sharp rise in targeted attacks, hate campaigns, and organized attempts to restrict their religious freedoms. In August 2024, extremist groups capitalized the unrest. A mob destroyed 170 homes in [inaudible], burned the community mosque and offices, looted property, and injured at least 22 individuals, including a 16 year old boy, who later died from his injuries after months of medical treatment. Similar incidents occurred across multiple districts, [Inaudible] where mosques were set on fire, families were displaced, and individuals faced threats and harassment. The financial losses from these coordinated attacks are estimated at nearly 200 million taka. [inaudible] held an international conference in Dhaka on 15 November 2025 demanding that the government declare [inaudible], a non-Muslim minority. Speakers openly threatened that if [inaudible] are not declared non-Muslim [inaudible] would be announced. The situation calls for urgent action, ensuring protection for [inaudible] community in Bangladesh, along with all religious minorities, is essential for safeguarding human rights, preventing sectarian violence and exclusion, and upholding Bangladesh's commitment under international law. Thank you very much once again.