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Dear Kajol,

I wish that your detention in prison comes to an end sooner than later. It has been more than 100 days that they have taken you away.

I do not know if this letter will reach to you, but I would like to let you know that you are not alone in this struggle for freedom. Like me, there are many people around the world watching the ordeal that you and your family have been put through solely for exercising your right to freedom of expression.

Since you have been taken away, many of us, including your family, have been urging the authorities to investigate and reveal your whereabouts and return you to your family.

I am appalled by the hardship you have endured and one can only imagine what you have been through since you were taken away. There can be nothing crueller than an enforced disappearance. Your detention only tells me how journalists like you brave the repression to speak truth to power.

Your disappearance, the cases against you and your detention are anything but normal for any country that believes in human rights and the right to freely express oneself. They tell me further how bold you have been to say some uncomfortable truth.

I wish these trying times are over for you and your family soon, and we will keep speaking up until that day comes. I hope that the government of Bangladesh realizes that it is a better country when people like you can speak freely without being taken away from their families or intimidated by repressive laws.

I hope that day comes soon because we will not stop until you are free.

In solidarity,