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Honorable Minister,

I am very concerned about the situation of Shahidul Alam. He is a famous photographer, also well-known here in Germany.

According to Amnesty International and other human rights organizations, Shahidul Alam gave an interview to Al Jazeerah giving reports about the violent attacks against journalists and students during peaceful protests for safer roads. Soon after that he was arrested under Section 57 of Bangladesh’s Information and Communication Technology Act (ICT).

Shahidul Alam only used his universal right to freedom of expression. I kindly ask the authorities of Bangladesh to release him immediately and unconditionally. Shahidul Alam is a prisoner of conscience. All charges against him have to be dropped.

Please ensure that activists, human rights defenders, journalists, academics and members of the political opposition and other members of the public are able to peacefully exercise their rights to freedom of expression, freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of association.

Sincerely,