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**The Honourable Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship**

Government of Canada  
Ottawa, Ontario

**Subject:** Commendation and Continued Request: Denial of Visit Visas to Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh Leaders.

**Dear Honourable Minister,**

On behalf of the **Global Center for Democratic Governance (GCDG)**, we wish to extend our sincere appreciation for the Ministry's recent and judicious decision **not to issue visit visas to several leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh**. This decision reflects Canada's principled commitment to defending democracy, secularism and human rights against ideologies that promote division, extremism, and intolerance. We respectfully urge the Ministry to **continue upholding this policy** to prevent future attempts by Jamaat affiliates to exploit Canada's openness for radical political purposes.

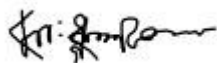
Jamaat-e-Islami's history is inseparable from its role in **opposing Bangladesh's independence in 1971** and **collaborating with the Pakistani military during the Liberation War**, resulting in mass atrocities and the targeted killing of Bengali intellectuals. The **International Crimes Tribunal of Bangladesh** has since convicted several Jamaat leaders for crimes against humanity in 1971 and the legal process was ongoing until a new interim Government sworn in on August 08, 2024. Furthermore, the **Supreme Court of Bangladesh has banned Jamaat-e-Islami as a political party**, ruling that its constitution and ideology contradict the country's secular framework.

Despite these grave historical facts, Jamaat-e-Islami continues to mobilize across diaspora communities—often under the guise of “religious dialogue” or “community awareness”—to **distort the history of Bangladesh's liberation, reject secular democratic governance, and promote Sharia-based political ideology**. Permitting their entry into Canada would risk enabling the **propagation of extremist narratives** within diaspora circles and undermine Canada's longstanding reputation as a defender of pluralism, tolerance, and democratic integrity.

The GCDG commends the Ministry's vigilance and principled decision-making on this matter. We strongly recommend that this **policy of visa denial to Jamaat-e-Islami leaders and affiliates** be maintained as part of Canada's broader strategy to combat the spread of extremist ideology and to safeguard the social cohesion that defines Canadian society.

We thank you for your leadership and continued dedication to upholding Canada's democratic and humanitarian values.

**Sincerely,**



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