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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 122 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in Bangladesh
(2013/2561(RSP))

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**European Parliament resolution on the situation in Bangladesh
(2013/2561(RSP))**

The European Parliament,

having regard to Rule 122 of its Rules of Procedure,

- A. whereas on 28 February 2013 the International Crimes Tribunal announced its decision to sentence Delwar Hossain Sayeedi, one of the Jamaat-e-Islami leaders, with death penalty;
 - B. whereas Mr Sayeedi has been found guilty of committing murder, rape, torture, persecution, forced religious conversion and abetment during Bangladesh War of Liberation in 1971;
 - C. whereas crimes against humanity are inalienable;
1. Is deeply concerned regarding the recent outbreak of violence in Bangladesh following the verdict of the Tribunal;
 2. Is shocked and saddened by the rapid deterioration of order across Bangladesh since Mr Sayeedi's sentence was handed down;
 3. Expresses its condolences to relatives and acquaintances of those killed and injured as a result of the violence;
 4. Acknowledges the need for reconciliation and accountability for the crimes committed during the 1971 war of independence;
 5. Remains strongly opposed to the use of death penalty, in all cases and under any circumstances;
 6. Reiterates the EU call on the Bangladeshi authorities to commute all death sentences, and introduce a moratorium on executions as a first step towards abolition of capital punishment;
 7. Encourages the Bangladeshi Government to ensure the Tribunal adheres strictly to all international judicial standards;
 8. Calls on the Bangladeshi authorities to redouble efforts to restore the rule of law and order in a fair and impartial way;
 9. Urges all political parties and religious authorities to exercise maximum restraint to avoid further violence;

10. Encourages all parties to work together to bring calm and order in Bangladesh and strengthen efforts towards lasting reconciliation;
11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Bangladeshi Government and Parliament.