

To the Supreme Court of Bangladesh Ramna, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh

to the notice of Garment Workers' Trade Union Centre, Mukti Bhaban, 2 Comrade Moni Shingha Road, Dhaka-1000

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Dear Sirs, dear Madams,

with shock and horror ICOR - an association of 51 progressive democratic organizations from four continents - has heard about the imprisonment of Mrs. Joly Talukder. Against the background of our experiences with Mrs. Joly Talukder this imprisonment - apparently even in solitary confinement - can only be a grave mistake. We have know Mrs. Joly Talukder for years as a very dedicated and competent union activist. She has a superb capability of expounding the concerns, issues and activities of the male and female garment workers in Bangladesh as well as in front of the global public. Lastly we saw her as a competent presidium member of an internationally constituted historic congress with 1000 participants from 43 countries. Evidently she is a remarkable representative of the people and of the globally much noted workers' movement of Bangladesh.

Her imprisonment will arouse much astonishment and outrage in the global public. I urge you to effect the immediate release of Mrs. Talukder.

Yours respectfully

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