



**AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION  
BANGLADESH**

10 January 2024

## **Bangladesh parliamentary elections**

Australia notes the results of the parliamentary elections in Bangladesh on 7 January.

While we welcome the fact that millions of Bangladeshi voters exercised their right to vote on election day, it is regrettable that the elections took place in an environment where not all stakeholders could participate meaningfully and substantially.

As a longstanding friend of Bangladesh, Australia is concerned about the violence and the arrests of political opposition members that took place in the lead-up to the elections. Australia has consistently highlighted to Bangladesh the importance of free and fair elections.

The Australian Government urges the Bangladesh Government to prioritise the strengthening of its democratic institutions, which underpin the protection of human rights, the rule of law and the promotion of development.

As a close partner, Australia remains committed to working with Bangladesh to achieve our shared vision for an open, stable, prosperous and inclusive region.

---

Australian High Commission  
184 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan 2, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh

Email: [ahc.dhaka@dfat.gov.au](mailto:ahc.dhaka@dfat.gov.au) | website: [www.bangladesh.embassy.gov.au](http://www.bangladesh.embassy.gov.au)