



DAKSHINBANGA MATSYAJIBI FORUM (DMF)

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**Janaab Sheikh Hasina,
Honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh,
Prime Minister's Office,
Old Sangsad Bhaban,
Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215,
Bangladesh.**

Sub: Release of Indian small scale fisher Pranab Mondal from the custody of Bangladesh

Madam,

Most respectfully and humbly we beg to state that Dakshinbanga Matsyajibi Forum (DMF) is the largest organization of small scale fish workers in West Bengal, India. DMF was founded by Late Harekrishna Debnath, prominent freedom fighter of Bangladesh and close associate of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur-Rahaman.

We have been compelled to appeal to you finding no other alternative.

On October 17, 2019 Pranab Mondal, a poor fisherman of the village Shirochar in Jalangi Block of Murshidabad District of West Bengal, India was arrested by the Border Guard of Bangladesh while fishing in the river Padma that borders Bangladesh. Pranab Mondal is the only earning member of his family comprising of his more than 95 year old frail mother, his wife, two school going daughters and one school going son. It is now more than three months since Pranab Mondal was arrested by the BGB. Without their only earning member the family is starving. We, from our organization are trying to help our level best, but as a union of small scale fish workers our resources are also limited.

We, therefore, ardently request you to kindly look into the matter and see that the poor fisher Pranab Mondal is released from the custody of Bangladesh without any further delay and his family is saved from starvation.

Yours Sincerely,

Pradip Chatterjee

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President,

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