

**AIC Media Statement
Bangladesh Cybersecurity Act**

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The Asia Internet Coalition is deeply concerned that the Bangladesh Cybersecurity Act (CSA) is being hastily moved through Parliament, despite Industry raising concerns about the many problematic aspects of the Act. There has been no public consultation on the legislative changes, many will significantly impact Bangladeshi citizens' rights to expression. The proposed regulatory framework also lacks clear and precise definitions, a robust safe harbour framework, and procedural safeguards. We strongly urge the Government to undertake transparent stakeholder consultations to ensure that any proposed regulation is reasonable, based upon realistic expectations, capable of being implemented, and consistent with international best practices.

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