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Bangladesh: The Bangladesh Anti-Drug Federation of NGOs (BADF) in Dhaka, including its date of establishment, mandate, activities, 1998 to 2004 executive members; the Kamalapur Pathagar O Samaj Kallyan Parisad (KPSP) in Dhaka, including its mandate, activities and whether it is affiliated with BADF

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Information on the Bangladesh Anti-Drug Federation of NGOs (BADF) is scarce among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

A 2003 report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime stated that BADF was established on 25 October 1990 (UNODC 28 Apr. 2003, 183). It has an office in Dhaka, is registered with the Bangladeshi Department of Social Welfare of the Ministry of Social Welfare and "is recognized by the Department of Narcotics Control as the apex body" (ibid.). According to the report, the following constitute BADF's aims and objectives:

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

-To coordinate the activities of member organizations and get the media to focus on them.

-To help member organizations prepare and implement anti-drug programmes.

-To liaise between the different national and international organizations engaged in anti-drug activities.

-To create awareness among people about the evils of drug abuse through seminars, meetings, training workshops, publication of magazines, stickers, posters, articles and other relevant materials.

-To involve people of all professions in the anti-drug movement.

-To undertake all other activities which could help combat drug abuse both at home and abroad (ibid.).

BADF's activities have included holding discussion meetings, seminars and training sessions, printing materials and organizing walks related to the reduction of drug demand (ibid.).

According to a 2002 news article in *The Daily Star*, at that time, Nur Mohammed

was the president of BADF (3 June 2002). Additional information on BADF's executive members could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

References to the Kamalapur Pathagar O Samaj Kallyan Parisad (KPSP) in Dhaka could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

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