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Bangladesh: The political party with which Member of Parliament Mockbul Hossain (Lechu Mia) is affiliated (January 2001 - February 2005)

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Numerous references to Mockbul Hossain and his affiliation with the Awami League (AL) were found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate (*The Daily Star* 15 Dec. 2002; *ibid.* 4 Jan. 2002; *ibid.* 1 Sept. 2002; *ibid.* 19 Oct. 2002; *ibid.* 23 Sept. 2003; *New Age* 25 July 2003; *News Garden* 19 Nov. 2001; *Bangladeshi News* 10 Dec. 2001; Bangladesh Nationalist Party 2001). Specifically, the majority of sources refer to Hossain as a former AL lawmaker (*The Daily Star* 19 Oct. 2002; *ibid.* 15 Dec. 2002; *ibid.* 23 Sept. 2003; *News Garden* 19 Nov. 2001), while two sources indicated that Hossain is a former AL Member of Parliament (*Bangladeshi News* 10 Dec. 2001; *The Daily Star* 4 Jan. 2002).

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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The High Commission of Bangladesh, in Ottawa, did not respond to a letter requesting information within time constraints.

Internet sites, including: Amnesty International (AI), *BangladesherDak*, *The Bangladesh Journal*, Bangladesh News Net, BBC, *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2003*, European Country of Origin Information Network (ECOI), *Freedom in the World 2004*, Human Rights Watch (HRW), Integrated Regional Information Network (IRIN), World News Connection (WNC).

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