Condolence Statement on the Passing Away of His Excellency Abdul Matin Khasru

16 April 2021

We are deeply saddened by the news that His Excellency Abdul Matin Khasru, Member of the Presidium of the Bangladesh *Awami* League, President of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) and Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, passed away on 14 April 2021 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

His Excellency Abdul Matin Khasru was a statesman par excellence who dedicated himself to public service and the pursuit of justice. Throughout his career, he made important and lasting contributions to the establishment of parliamentary democracy and the rule of law in Bangladesh.

He was a man of many achievements. As one of the most prominent lawyers in his country, he served as the Minister of Law and Justice in the first cabinet of Sheikh Hasina, and as a five-time Member of Parliament. Also, he is known to have commanded freedom fighters in Burichang in Comilla district during the Bangladesh Liberation War.

His Excellency had a big heart for the people of Bangladesh and served his community with remarkable generosity and leadership. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, he provided food assistance to many families in need using personal funds, inspiring others to come forward during the crisis.

His leadership also shone through at the many ICAPP conferences he participated in. As the representative of the Bangladesh *Awami* League in the ICAPP Standing Committee, he brought his wisdom, insights and keen understanding to the table, making a positive impact on the promotion of dialogue and cooperation among political parties in Asia.

On behalf of the ICAPP, we extend our most sincere condolences to his beloved family and the people of Bangladesh during this time of sorrow. His Excellency Abdul Matin Khasru will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues in the ICAPP.

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