



European Bangladesh Forum (EBF)  
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**INVITATION**

**Geneva Conference on ‘Countering Violent Extremism:  
European Context and the Bangladeshi Diaspora’**

**Date: Thursday, 22 March 2018  
14:00 – 17:30**

**Venue: Room XI, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland**

Dear Friends and Colleague,

The European Bangladesh Forum (EBF), [www.ebforum.eu](http://www.ebforum.eu) a platform of Bangladeshi diaspora in Europe is organising a Conference on Thursday, 22 March 2018, at 14:00–17:30 on “Countering Violent Extremism: European Context and the Bangladeshi Diaspora” and its impact and policy options to defend secularism & democracy at Room XI at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. This conference is a follow up event from the previous conference held on 11 July 2017 at the European Press Club in Brussels, addressing Islamist attacks in Dhaka and Brussels.

The key objective of the Geneva conference is to ‘uphold Secularism to counter violent terrorism and rise of extremism in the name of religion across the globe including Bangladesh’. The Geneva conference will discuss the role of the government and the civil society that may help formulate Action Programs at the end.

Speakers from Europe-based organisations, from Bangladesh, secular activists, researchers, members of the mainstream and Bangladeshi community from Belgium, Netherlands, UK, France, Germany and Switzerland will take part in the conference.

While it’s **free of charge** to attend the program, **you are requested to register** on line because of the security reason at the UN building. Please go to the link to register on line: <https://reg.unog.ch/event/23484/> If you cannot register on line, you may send your name as per passport, passport size photo to the following e-mail address: [info@ebforum.eu](mailto:info@ebforum.eu). We shall take care of your registration process. We look forward to welcoming you in Geneva.

Yours sincerely,

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