

# BANGLADESH CHARTER

## People's Charter of pledges towards the Bangladesh aspired

**We, beyond political affiliations and ideological divides, in service of the present and future generations of our Bangladesh—**

**[Genocide]** Testify that the 1971 Bangladesh Genocide remains a defining trauma shaping our national consciousness. Our nation-building pledge is to bear witness, ensure justice, memorialise, honour the victims, learn from its lessons, educate future generations, and pursue its universal recognition while resisting all forms of denial, distortion, or erasure as we stand against genocide anywhere in the world;

**[Nationalism]** Declare that Bengali Nationalism is a geographical and historical nationalism that embraces, with full dignity, the language, culture, religion, and ethnic diversity of all the people of this territory, which is the foundation of our national liberation struggle, independence, and sovereignty, which, remembering all the experiences of past deprivation and injustice including genocide, shall guide our national solidarity and nation-building;

**[Sovereignty]** Proclaim that the foundation of the state sovereignty and territorial integrity of Bangladesh is the national sovereignty that emerged from the people's long struggle for self-determination and their collective national consciousness. This sovereignty is inviolable. To uphold it, the State shall independently formulate and implement policies concerning education, economy, trade, foreign affairs, and defense. Through this process, we shall ensure our national dignity, international coexistence founded upon mutual respect, defense against domestic and foreign threats, and overall national advancement;

**[Secularism]** Declare that secularism is a humane value in which every person enjoys the freedom to express and practice their religious stance, and the State, remaining neutral, shall safeguard this right and eliminate all forms of discrimination or domination in the name of religion;

**[Human Rights]** We acknowledge that our People's struggle for emancipation, Independence movement, and War of Liberation were to establish Human Rights, which belong to all humanity, not just to a privileged few or a handful of powerbrokers or elite actors. Values of human rights are non-negotiable, to be applied universally from a principled position without any fear, favour, discrimination or exception;

**[Justice]** Declare that justice should be the transformative vision of the state and its people, founded on shared commitment and collective responsibility towards achieving it;

**[Democracy]** Recall that one of the founding principles of this state was the necessity for a peaceful and legitimate transfer of power to democratically elected representatives, which must be upheld in all circumstances;

**[Governance]** Affirm that our State, where sovereignty is vested in its people, must be governed with transparency, representational participation, accountability, and commitment to public good at every level of decision-making and implementation;

AND

**At this defining moment, guided by the collective principles enshrined in this Charter, we solemnly pledge—to uphold this shared vision and safeguard this common consensus in all circumstances; to actively engage, raise awareness, and contribute to nation-building from our respective spheres and positions.**