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### **Press Release**

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Embassy of Bangladesh in Washington DC organized screening of a documentary titled “Jihad without Borders” by Mr. Shahriar Kabir, noted author, film maker and human rights activist of Bangladesh. The screening took place in the Bangabandhu Auditorium of the Embassy in presence of the film-maker himself, journalists, diplomats, members of academia and Bangladeshi Diaspora in the USA. The screening was inaugurated by the Deputy Chief of the Mission Mr. Abdul Muhith.

The documentary, “Jihad without Borders” is a vivid narrative of extremism and militancy growing significantly in different parts of the world in the name of religion. The film tried to dig deep into the ideological bases of extremism which mostly are the politically motivated interpretation of religious principles. The documentary focused particularly the rise of Islamist extremism in the South Asian region which has its roots into and branches around other parts of the world. However, it ended with a positive note that the new generations of Muslims are more interested in the progressive development of statehood and society than in the violent spread of extremism and radicalism in the name of ‘Islam’.

After the screening, Mr. Shahriar Kabir responded to various queries of the audience on related subjects like, the trial of war criminals in Bangladesh, intervention of the present Government in curbing religious extremism and international as well as regional efforts to end violent radicalism and terrorism by religious extremist groups.

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