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Glossary and abbreviations

Term

Definition

Adivasi

Local term for ‘indigenous’

Aynaghar

Local term for ‘secret prison’

Awami League

The former ruling party, in power 2009–2024

BGB

Border Guard Bangladesh

BNP

Bangladesh Nationalist Party

Chhatra League

The student wing of the Awami League

CHT

Chittagong Hill Tracts

DB

Detective Branch, specialised unit of the police

DGFI

Directorate-General of Armed Forces Intelligence

DMCH

Dhaka Medical College Hospital

Hundi

An informal way of transferring money between different locations

ICT-BD

International Crimes Tribunal of Bangladesh

IGP

Inspector-General of Police

KNA/KNF

Kuki-Chin National Army/Kuki-Chin National Front

RAB

Rapid Action Battalion

Razakar

A ‘highly offensive term’ in Bangladesh, referring to collaborators of Pakistani occupying forces during the 1971 independence war

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