The UNHRC side event will examine the rule of law in Bangladesh in the context of growing restrictions on the rights central to civil society, including freedom of expression, association, and assembly. The side event will provide a unique opportunity to hear from international and Bangladeshi civil society activists about measures the international community can take to help ensure accountability for violations of the rule of law and create an enabling environment for civil society.

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