



## Extradition Request for Sheikh Hasina

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Recently, India had received a **note verbale (unsigned diplomatic correspondence)** from Bangladesh to **extradite** former Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina**.

- Sheikh Hasina is accused of **mass killings** during **student protests** for which Bangladesh's interim government wants her to **face trial**.
- Hasina could be brought back under the **India-Bangladesh extradition treaty of 2013, amended in 2016**.
- **Exceptions to the treaty:**
  - **Article 6:** Extradition may be **refused** if the offence of which it is requested is an **offence of a political character**.
  - **Article 8:** A person may **not be extradited** if the accusation against him or her is **not "made in good faith in the interests of justice"**.
- **2016 Amendments:** Objective was to **simplify and hasten** the extradition process
  - **Article 10 (3):** It **removed** the need for **evidence** from the country requesting extradition.
  - **Competent Court:** Only an **arrest warrant** from a **competent court** is enough for extradition. Hasina faces multiple arrest warrants in Bangladesh.
- The treaty enabled India to extradite **ULFA leader Anup Chetia in 2015**.

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### AUGUST

Sheikh Hasina steps down and flees to India amid protests

- Marks beginning of tensions between interim government and India
- Muhammad Yunus becomes interim government head



### NOVEMBER

Diplomatic tensions over minority protection

- Interim govt dismisses Indian concerns about Hindu minority persecution
- Yunus claims Indian media is exaggerating reports of violence
- India formally calls on Bangladesh to protect minorities



### DECEMBER

- Bangladesh summons Indian high commissioner Pranay Verma, the first time in recent years a senior Indian diplomat was summoned
- Protests over treatment of Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das
- Yunus raises concerns about Hasina making statements from India, claims they "create tension"
- Yunus seeks India's help to clear "dark clouds" over bilateral ties



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