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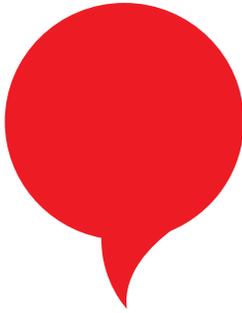


PREFACE

Human rights are inherent to all human irrespective of their political, economic, religious, and ethnic or any other social standing. Human are equally entitled to universally declared 'human rights' and deserve no discrimination. These rights are interrelated, interdependent, inalienable and indivisible.¹ States are the most responsible authorities to protect these rights with the help of law enforcement agencies so that people can indulge their rights without fear and favor. The government is the legitimate custodian and savior of the civil rights of all its citizens. According to social scientists - when a state fails to ensure the protection of human rights of its citizens, it is considered as failed state.

UN possesses higher authority to monitor the initiatives of the Nation States for the protection and promotion of human rights around the globe. Bangladesh, as a member of the United Nations and signatory to the most of the international human rights treaties and conventions, has an obligation to ensure the rights of its people. Moreover, a number of universally declared human rights have been guaranteed in chapter-II & chapter-III of the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. But it appears from the statistics gathered by the HRSS that Bangladesh, in 2016, flagrantly violated or ignored the moral and legal rights of its citizens.

In 2016, amongst others, the freedom of expression was denied and the freedom of the press was significantly squeezed by taking resort to unprecedented tools and techniques. Bloggers, online activists, intellectuals, and foreign citizens were attacked and killed indiscriminately. This year the constitutionally guaranteed rights of freedom of assembly and association witnessed a sharp decline. Further, the overall human rights situation significantly deteriorated.



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Restrictions on the political parties and civil societies, impunity to the abusive security forces, extrajudicial killing, enforced disappearance, abduction, violence against women (e.g. rape, gang rape), indiscriminate arrest and assault on opposition political leaders and activists, intimidation and extortion are considered as a primary reason for such disastrous situation. This shocking condition of human rights in Bangladesh motivates HRSS to work hard to raise awareness both home and abroad. It regularly monitors human rights situation in Bangladesh.

We are happy to announce that HRSS is going to publish “Annual Human Rights Bulletin 2016”, focusing significant human rights violations of Bangladesh. We hope that the contents of this bulletin will help the people understand overall human rights situation in the country. We further expect that both Government and Non-Government stakeholders working for human rights would be acquainted with the updated human rights conditions and take necessary steps to stop repeated wrongdoings.

HRSS believes that this bulletin will help mass people, civil society organizations, and international communities by providing them a concrete and evidential exposure to the ongoing degrading treatments to the human being. HRSS, being concerned, urges all stakeholders to stop further violations and facilitate a human rights conducive situation in Bangladesh.

I would like to thank all of my colleagues for their remarkable contribution to the process of this publication. I specifically express my gratitude to the members of the executive committee who, for this publication, undertook all pains. I strongly believe that your considered feedback would help us to ensure a quality publication and encourage to keep continue the relentless effort in this regard.

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¹ <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Pages/WhatareHumanRights.aspx>



Executive Summary

As part of its diversified activities, Human Right Support Society, based on data collected from twelve prominent national dailies and fact-finding reports prepared by country-wide representatives, has published annual Human Rights Situation Analysis bulletin'16. The record shows that like 2015 the human rights violations continued. It appears that extra-judicial killing, domestic violence, abduction, arbitrary arrest, election violence and vote rigging have increased significantly; the number of incidences of rape, gang-rape, and child-rape has also increased. According to the sources of HRSS, in 2016, at least 244 people were extra-judicially killed; a total of 34 people have been forcefully disappeared by the members of law enforcement agencies. Moreover, the HRSS report finds that in 2016, a total of 739 females have been raped. Of them, 491 were identified as an adult and alarmingly 248 were children under the age of 16. A total of 309 women were killed in the family feud, 66 females were injured and almost 34 committed suicide due to domestic violence. It has also been reported that a total of 397 were abducted in different areas of the country, among them approximately 248 were male, 70 females, 79 children, and 73 were killed after the abduction. Unexpectedly at least 101 people were killed in political violence and around 104 people were killed through lynching. HRSS also carefully tracked the reported election violence. A significant number of people were killed and seriously injured during the election. It is observed that the key reasons behind the growing election violence are the rising intolerance among the defeated candidates, clashes between supporters of the rival candidates, illegal capturing of the vote centers, and forceful interruption in voting during the election hours.

HRSS noticed that in 2016, about 202 violent incidences were committed against the children, 100 lost their life and 194 were critically injured. As a result of violent attacks, a total of 723 unarmed civilians were victimized, of them, 647 were killed, 673 seriously injured, and roughly 114 were hit a bullet. As regards incidences of attack on a minority, the HRSS documented that at least 11 men were killed, around 19 houses and 45 temples were attacked, and 63 minority members were injured. HRSS also estimated a total of 81 incidences of attack on minority throughout the country.

Experts viewed that, due to Government's submissive foreign policy with India, the number of unexpected incidences significantly increased in the border area. Bangladeshi citizens have been the victims of suspected killings, subjected to torture, and other forms of inhumane and degrading treatments. A total of nearly 75 incidents have been reported resulting 28 loss of life of Bangladeshi citizens, 28 injured, and nearly 35 arrested by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF).



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Acronyms

BNHRC	: National Human Rights Commission of Bangladesh
CAT	: Convention against Torture & other cruel, inhuman or degradation treatment....
CAT	: Committee against Torture
CSW	: Committee on the Status of Women
CHR	: Committee on Human Rights
CERD	: Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
CRC	: Committee on the Rights of the Child
CEDAW	: Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
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CFNHRI	: Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions
CRC	: Convention on the Rights of the Child
CSOs	: Civil Society Organizations
DC	: Deputy Commissioner
DMC	: Dhaka Medical College
DUET	: Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology
DU	: Dhaka University
GA	: General Assembly
GOB	: Government of Bangladesh
HRSS	: Human Rights Support Society
HRC	: Human Rights committee
HRC	: Human Rights council
ICCPR	: International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	: International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICJ	: International Court Of Justice
NGO	: Non-Governmental Organization
OHCHR	: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
SR	: Special rapporteur
SP	: Special Procedures
RMG	: Ready Made Garments
UN	: United Nations
UDHR	: Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UNCHR	: United Nations Commission on Human Rights
UNHCHR	: United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
UPR	: Universal Periodic Review
UNO	: Upazilla Nirbahi Officer
TNO	: Thana Nirbahi Officer
UP	: Union Parishad
VAW	: Violence against Women

Violence Against Women

The United Nations defines violence against women as “any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life”.²⁸ Violence against women is a common and insidious phenomenon in Bangladesh. The natures of violence commonly committed are physical and psychological torture, sexual harassment, assault, rape, dowry-related violence, trafficking, coerced suicide and murder, acid throwing and family feud related violence. Domestic violence is the most common form of violence and its prevalence is higher in rural areas. A higher prevalence of verbal abuse than physical abuse by partners has also been observed.

Violence against women remains a main social problem in contemporary Bangladesh. Inhuman attacks on women have become common and widespread across the country. The majority of women were victimized domestically by their husbands, in-laws and other family members. The reasons mentioned for abuse were trivial and includes questioning

of the husband, failure to perform household work and care of children, economic problems, stealing, refusal to manage dowry, etc. HRSS team tried to find out different categories and reasons, of domestic violence against women in Bangladesh. The rate of reported violent acts against women has risen steadily and at an alarming rate, especially in 2016.

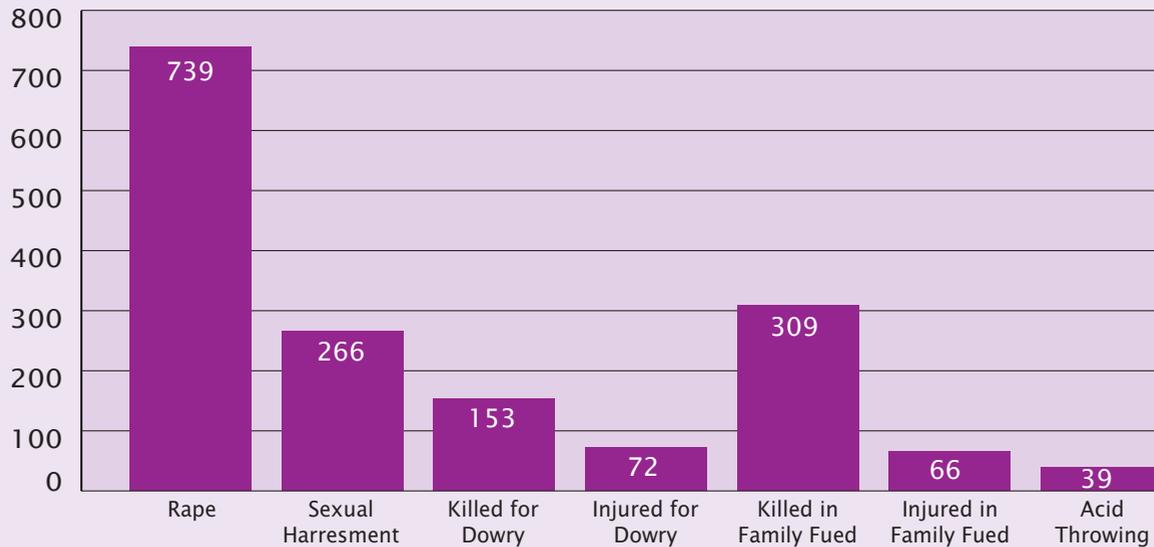


Figure 01 : Statistics of Violence against Women 2016

The major atrocities against women are torture for dowry, killings, rape, sexual harassment and stalking, acid throughing, physical and mental abuse.

The most common manifestations of violence against women in Bangladesh in 2016 are detailed below:



Rape:

A total number of 739 females were allegedly raped in 2016. Of them, about 644 were victims of single rape , nearly 95 were subjected to gang rape , around 248 were children below the age of 16 (including single and gang rape), Approximately 39 were killed after being raped and almost 07 committed suicide as victims of being raped. On the other hand, around 90 incidents have been attempted to rape.



Family Feud Related violence:

In 2016, about 309 women were killed in the family feud, almost 66 females have been injured and around 34 committed suicide because of family feud related violence. Out of them, 409 were incidents of Family Feud.

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Dowry Related Violence:

Approximately 227 incidents of dowry-related violence were reported in 2016. out of them, About 153 were killed , 72 women were physically abused over dowry demands and around 02 committed suicide as victims of dowry related violence.



Sexual Haassment:

According to information gathered by HRSS, a total of 266 girls and women were reportedly victims of sexual harassment in 2016. Among them, 180 were assaulted and 66 were stalked. Of them, nearly 03 girls committed suicide as victims of stalking.



Acide Related Violence:

According to data collected by HRSS, around 35 incidents of acid violence were reported in 2016, among them of 39 were injured and died in 2016.



Rape

In Bangladesh rape has increased steeply during the year 2016 compared to previous years. It is one of the severe forms of violence against women. The increasing rate of rape is an alarming phenomenon and it depicts the vulnerable condition of women in the society. It is heinous offense. Section 376 of the Penal Code, 1860 states: “whoever commits rape shall be punished with imprisonment for life”. It may be mentioned that sometimes rape is followed by murder, particularly when gang rape takes place.

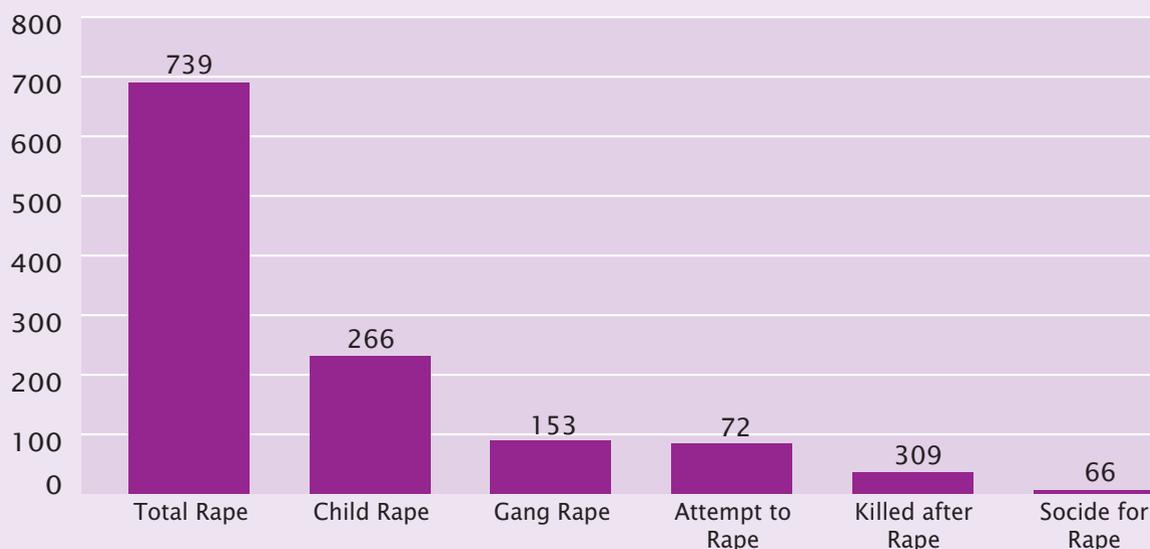


Figure 02: Female Victims of Rape in 2016

According to the source of Human Rights Support Society (HRSS), the graph provides information about ‘Rape’ during the period of 2016; a total number of 739 females were allegedly raped. Of them, about 644 were victims of single rape and nearly 95 were subjected to gang rape, around 248 were children below the age of 16 (including single and gang rape), Approximately 39 were killed after being raped and almost 07 committed suicide as rape victims. On the other hand, around 90 incidents have been attempted to rape.

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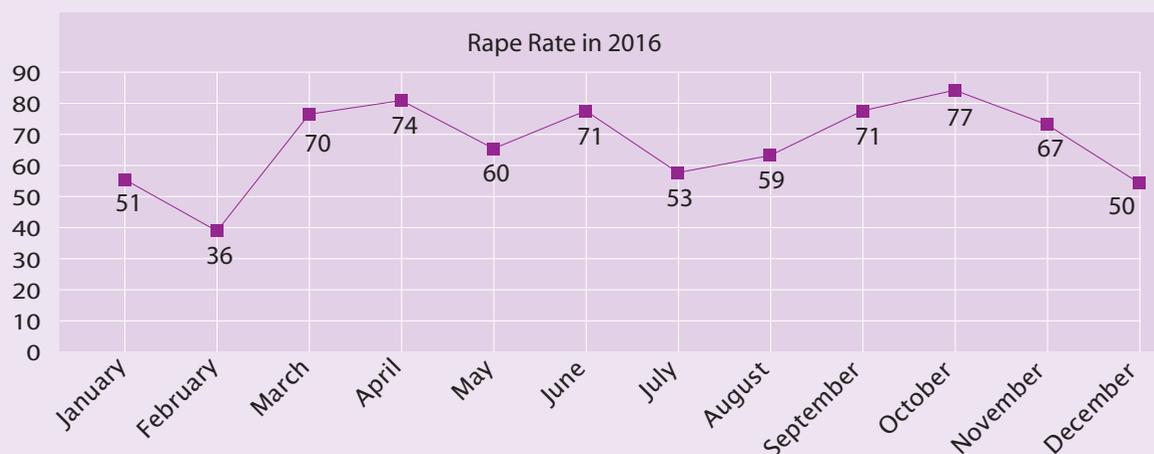


Figure 03: Monthly Comparison of rape in 2016

Reported Rape Cases in 2016 are stated below:
On February 09, 2016; alleged criminals raped and murdered a college girl at a village in Mathbaria Upazila. Abu Saleh, Union Parishad member of the village, said that the incident took place when she was returning home from a relative's house. They raped her in a paddy field halfway back home and choked her to death. The victim was a student of Higher Secondary School of business studies at Shahadat Hossain College.²⁹

On January 14, 2016; a 15-month-old girl with speech disorder was allegedly raped in Mirpur. Relatives claimed that the girl was raped for two days by Siddique, a van driver but the police said Siddique and the girl were married. The victim lives in a slum with her younger brother and sister at Benarashi Palli.³⁰

On January 06, 2016; a driver allegedly raped a 19-month-old girl inside a bus in Mymensingh's Nandail intersection area on the Mymensingh-Kishoreganj road. The police arrested Alamgir Hossain, 25, the driver who hails from Pumbail in the district's Gouripur Upazila.³¹

On February 28, 2016; a girl was raped by a youth and fighting for life at Pabna Medical College Hospital. The 13-year-old girl was raped when she was returning to her home at village Dhalesheswar in Atghoria from her relative's house around 6:30 pm, the police

said. The culprit fled the spot after the incident. Local people, hearing her screaming, recovered her and sent to Pabna Medical College Hospital.³²

On March 11, 2016; a 30-year-old man allegedly raped a three-year-old girl at Rayebazar in the capital. The police arrested Hossain, victim's neighbor; thereafter the victim's father filed a rape case against him and he was granted three-day-remand by a Dhaka court, said Jamal Uddin Mir, Officer-in-Charge of Mohammadpur Police Station.³³

On March 20, 2016; the body of 19-year old Tonu, with her head smashed, was found in a bush near a culvert at Comilla cantonment's Alipur area. After recovering the body, the police, based on the crime scene findings, had said that the girl was first raped and then murdered. Tonu was the student of history, second year at Comilla Victoria College. She lived with her family at Alipur.³⁴

On April 01, 2016; a female garment worker was raped in a running bus in Tangail, the police said. The garment worker, aged around 23, was returning from a relative's house in Dhanbari Upazila of Tangail to her place in Gazipur by a Binimoy Paribahan bus in the early morning, the police said quoting the victim. She was the only passenger in the bus that had four staff onboard, including the driver.³⁵

On April 17, 2016; a school girl was raped allegedly by a local Juba League leader in Laxmipur district. The accused is Jamal Uddin, Joint Convener of Charshahi Union Unit of Juba League, said Ganesh Chandra Shil, Sub-inspector of Daserhat Police Post.³⁶

On May 08, 2016; miscreants killed a 14-year-old girl by slitting her throat as they failed to rape her at Sonargaon, Narayanganj. Deceased Meghla Akhtar was the daughter of Rashed Mia of Daulutpur in Manikganj. Meghla used to live near Sonapur Community Center with her family and had been working for around seven months at Nawab Ali Textile in the area.³⁷

A schoolgirl was raped allegedly by a youth at Jhitka Gachhipara village in Harirampur Upazila in Manikganj on 4th June 2016. The victim said that Milton Hajari (22) of the village entered her room on Friday afternoon, tied hands and legs and raped me. He also threatened her with death if she disclosed the matter to anyone. Nazrul Islam, Officer-in-Charge of Harirampur Police Station, said they are yet to get any complaint in this regard.³⁸

A housewife was gang-raped in Haribasantapur village under Akkelpur Upazila of Joypurhat district on 18th June 2016. Her husband, a day labourer, filed a rape case with Akkelpur Police Station on Friday, accusing three youth of the village. They were Minarul Islam (25), son of Abdus Salam, Sumon Mia (26), son of Nabir Khalifa, and Akash Hossain (22), son of Abdul Mamun. Police, quoting the victim, said the trio entered the victim's house when she was alone. They threatened her with a sharp weapon and raped her.³⁹

On July 10, 2016; a female worker of Akij Jute Mills was gang raped at Nehalpur in Monirampur Upazila of Jessore District while she was returning home along with a co-worker. The incident occurred when the 16-year-old girl of Fedaipur village was returning home along with a colleague about 11:00 pm on July 07 after watching a movie in a local cinema hall.⁴⁰

On July 16, 2016; a five-year-old girl was raped

allegedly by a youth at Gozaria Boroitola village in Sherpur upazila. Police said when the victim was playing with other kids at their courtyard, Al-Mamun, 19, of the same village, took her to a nearby maize field and raped her.⁴¹

On August 07, 2016; a schoolgirl was allegedly gang-raped in Kawkhali upazila of the Pirojpur district. When the eighth-grader was returning home from the school in the area, Asadul, 19, and Raju, 22, picked up her and took her to a nearby empty house. They later raped her, alleged the victim's mother.⁴²

On September 16, 2016; an undergraduate student was allegedly beaten to death after being gang-raped in her home at Haridrabari village of Amtali upazila in Barguna district. Helena Begum, 21, was sleeping with her mother when four miscreants entered the house and raped her, said victim's brother, Mizanur, adding that his mother is suffering from mental disorder. Hearing Helena screaming, locals rushed to the spot and found her in a pool of blood. She died on the way to Patuakhali General Hospital.⁴³

On October 30, 2016; a seven-year-old girl was allegedly raped by a man in the capital's Shantibagh. The unidentified man tricked her into going to a building while she was returning to her residence after completing her Arabic lessons from an individual. The girl was admitted to the One-stop Crisis Centre at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The victim's family filed a rape case accusing an unnamed person.⁴⁴

On October 04, 2016; a metal and speech handicapped girl (17) was raped by three youths. The girl went to visit his grandparents' home before that day. Three youths forcibly took her to the middle of the dead river the Padma and raped her. The victim was admitted to the local Upazila complex hospital following morning then transferred to District Sadar hospital for better treatment. No case was filed for the incident yet.⁴⁵

On November 02, 2016; two students of a

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private nurse training institute in Rangpur city were allegedly gang-raped six days ago. One of the victims filed a rape case with Rangpur Sadar Police Station against five people, including a classmate of theirs. The accused are Alamgir Kabir, 22, of Nilphamari's Jaldhaka, Shakil Ahmed, 23, Mohammad Polash, 25, Shah Alam, 28, and Mohammad Manik, 28, of Rangpur.⁴⁶

On November 02, 2016; a homeless woman has allegedly been raped by six Ansar men at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, according to a case filed. The 20-year-old said in the case statement that she was raped on the night of November 27. One of the suspects was

detained, said Abu Bakar Siddique, officer-in-charge of Shahbagh Police Station, where she filed the case. The OC said she was a homeless woman from Comilla and used to roam in the hospital area.⁴⁷

On December 07, 2016; an 11-year-old mentally challenged girl was killed in Chandipur of Rajshahi city, two days after she had gone missing from the area. She was gang-raped before her murder, according to a forensic expert of Rajshahi Medical College where her autopsy was performed. The body of Anny Khatun, daughter of late Ratan Ali of the area, was found on an abandoned land surrounded by high boundary walls.⁴⁸



Dowry-related violence

Dowry is brutal types of violence against women. In traditional Social practice, dowry is the ritual of a bride’s family giving cash and/or goods to the family of the groom, as an accompaniment to their giving away the bride. Originating in wealthier, upper caste families and dowry spread to become a significant cultural phenomenon for people of all castes and class. Dowry-related violence is one of the brutal violence against women, particularly in rural areas of Bangladesh.⁴⁹

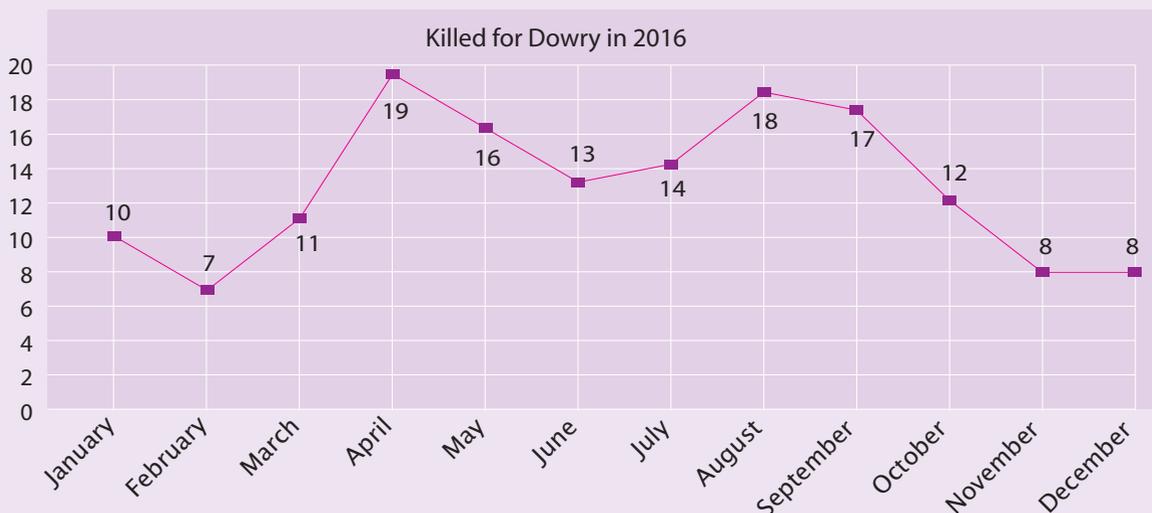
However, in Bangladeshi law, dowry has been given an extended meaning, whatever is presented whether before or after marriage under demand, compulsion or pressure as consideration for the marriage can be said to be dowry.⁵⁰ Dowry is illegal, punishable with imprisonment and /or fine according to the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1980. Sections 11(a), (b) and (c) of the Prevention of Repression against Women and Children Act 2000 (Amended in 2003) provides various punishments against perpetrators for committing dowry-related crimes. In spite of the existing laws, dowry-related violence has increased steeply in 2016.



Figure 04: Statistics of Dowry Related Violence in 2016

The graph shows that a total 227 incidents of dowry-related violence were reported in 2016. Out of them, about 153 were killed, 72 women were physically abused over dowry demands and around 02 committed suicides as victims of dowry-related violence.

Figure 05: Monthly Comparison of killed for dowry in 2016



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Some important incidents are given below:

On February 28, 2016; a housewife was tortured to death allegedly by her in-laws for dowry at Harunkandi village in Alamdanga Upazila of Chuadanga district. The deceased was identified as Marium Khatun, 23, wife of Shanti Malitha of the village.⁵¹

On March 8, 2016; a woman was killed allegedly by her husband over dowry at Doshaid in Ashulia, on the outskirts of the capital. The deceased was Rozifa Akter 23, of Lalmonirhat and wife of Md Berek Miah. The couple and their three-and-half-year-old daughter lived in a slum in Ashulia. Mohsinul Kadir, Officer-in-Charge of Ashulia Police Station, said the police recovered the body on Tuesday morning which had been hanging from the ceiling of the house.⁵²

On March 23, 2016; a man killed his wife and six-year-old son over dowry in Barapilak area under Guimara Upazila of the district. The deceased are Majeda Begum, 20, and her son Mohammad Hridoy. Quoting family members, Mostafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Guimara Police Station, said Majeda and her husband Sabar Ali, 30, had an altercation over his demand for Tk 1 lakh as dowry. At one stage, he strangled Majeda and Hridoy and fled the scene.⁵³

On January 10, 2016; a housewife was killed allegedly by her husband over dowry at Jhatibunia village in Mirzaganj Upazila, Patuakhai District. The victim is Ruma Begum, 20, wife of Md Rubel Sikder, and daughter of Habibur Rahman, a rickshaw puller of nearby Rampur village. Ruma's father alleged that his daughter was killed by Rubel and his family members following an altercation over dowry.⁵⁴

On January 11, 2016; a housewife was beaten to death allegedly by her husband for dowry at Sonaton Kathi village under Sharsha Upazila of Jessore district. The deceased was identified as Sheuli Khatun, 22, wife of Md. Rashed Ali of the same village.⁵⁵

On April 27, 2016; a housewife was killed by her husband allegedly for dowry at Jujhkhola

village in Pirojpur Sadar Upazila, Pirojpur. The deceased is Anima Mirbor, 28, wife of Uttam Mirbor, 32, of the village. Victim's family members said Uttam, son of Upen Mirbor, often tortured Anima to bring money from her father. Around 9:00 am on Tuesday, the couple locked in and started altercation over the issue. At one stage, Uttam strangled Anima and fled the crime scene.⁵⁶

On May 08, 2016; a housewife was allegedly beaten to death for dowry in Ghoraghat Upazila of Dinajpur district. The police arrested the husband and his parents from the spot in connection with the killing. The deceased was identified as Selina Begum, 30, wife of Montu Mia of Kalupara village in the Upazila. The arrestees are Montu Mia, 26, and his parents Israil Ahmed, 55, and Mozida Begum, 45, of the village. Locals said Rois Uddin of Purbopara village in the Upazila married off his daughter Selina to Montu Mia one and a half years ago. After their marriage, Montu and his parents used to torture her for dowry.⁵⁷

On May 04, 2016; a housewife was beaten to death allegedly by her husband over a dowry-related feud at Garibpur village in Bagharpara Upazila of Jessore district. The deceased was identified as Jannati Khatun, 25, wife of Abdur Rahim, a resident of the village, and daughter of Bazlur Rahman, hailing from Joynagar village of the Upazila.⁵⁸

A housewife has been beaten to death due to dowry related issue in Pabna on June 06, 2016. The victim was identified as Mukta Khatun (27). She called her brother and appealed to save her from severe torture for the cause of dowry. Locals said that Mukta was beaten severely by her husband, elder brother of her husband a powerful local leader of the party in power. At one stage, she was dead then her bridal relative's poured poison into her mouth and brought to medical centre.⁵⁹

A mother alone with her progenitor was forced to leave the house due to dowry related issue by her husband in Rupgonj Mozilla Nararagonj district on 2nd June 2016. The victim was Shahnaj begum, daughter of Sanaulah Mia.

Rubel and Shahnaj begum got married one year and six months ago. In the meantime, Rubel created pressure on his wife to bring taka 50 thousand from her father. Her father fulfilled Rubel's demand. Rubel again demanded taka 20 thousand. At one stage, she was beaten and forcefully dispeled from the house.⁶⁰

On September 17, 2016; a housewife was killed allegedly by her husband over dowry money at Dagarmora in Savar municipality area. The deceased was identified as Hafiza Akhter Rani, 19, wife of Rejaul Karim Emon, a resident of Dagarmora. The couple used to live in a rented house of one Abdul Halim in the area.⁶¹

On November 23, 2016; a housewife was killed allegedly by her husband for dowry in Bhatara Bazar area in Sarishabari Upazila of Jamalpur District. The deceased, Taposi, 22, wife of Lavlu Mia, 32, a cane made products trader of Mesta Satunia village in Sadar upazila. Victim's father Tofazzal Hossain, a resident of Chandanpur area in the Upazila, said Lavlu had been putting pressure on Taposi for Tk 50,000 as dowry for the last couple of weeks.⁶²

On December 14, 2016; a woman was killed for dowry allegedly by her husband at Ramnagar village in Sadar Upazila of the Natore. The deceased was Hashi Begum, 22, wife of Mizanur Rahman of the village, said Mizanur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Natore Police Station. Being informed, police recovered the body of Hashi from her husband's house

around 10:00 pm and sent it to Natore Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.⁶³

On October 01, 2016; a housewife was killed for inability to pay dowry in Jamal Nagar Upazila under Sunamganj District. Nargis Akter was married to Tofajjel Hossain before three years and has been paying the dowry to fulfill her husband's demand. Her husband along with other family members was torturing her physically as she was unable to pay. Consequently, she died. The victim's husband with his family fled the village leaving the dead body.⁶⁴

On October 01, 2016; a pregnant housewife was killed for her inability to pay dowry in Nasir Nagar Upazila of B. Baria District. Nargis Akter, since her marriage, was forced pay dowry every now and then. Before that day Nasir Mia, husband of Nargis along with his in-laws tortured her brutally. As a consequence, she became senseless and later died.⁶⁵

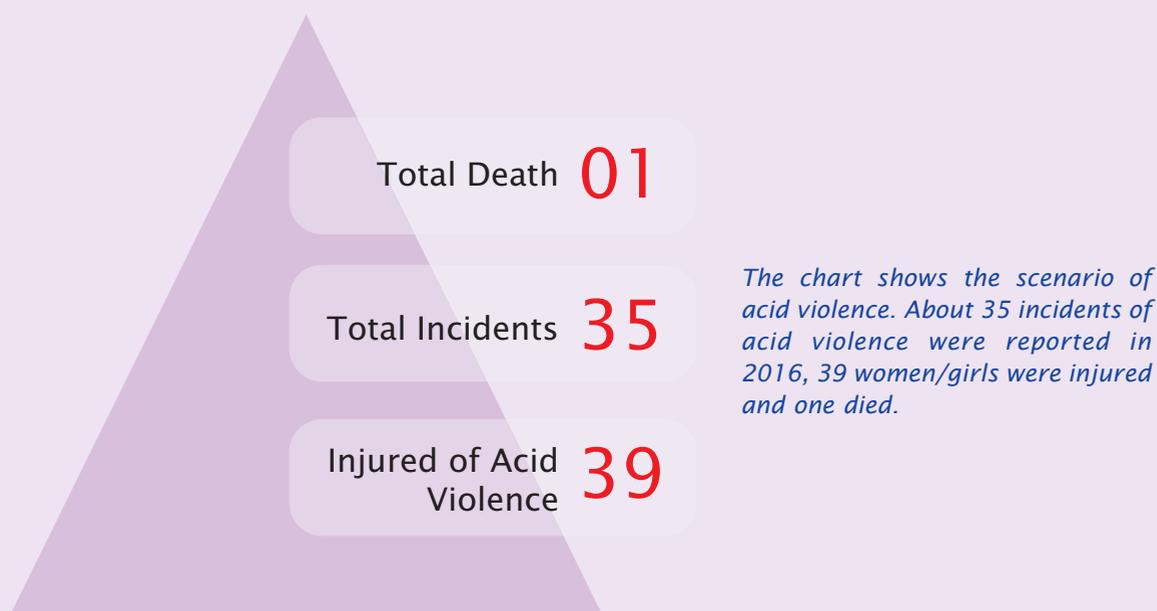
On October 22, 2016; a husband cut his wife's hair off for not paying dowry as demanded. Mazeda begum, 25, the victim is a mother of two children. Mazeda got married to khorshed Alam when her father paid an amount of 50000 TK as dowry. Recently khorshed demanded more money from victim's father. Failing to get the dowry, khorshed along with his mother and sisters cut Mazeda's hair off and chased her to parent's house.⁶⁶



Acid Violence

Acid violence is a severe crime which has been happening throughout Bangladesh, committed mostly against women and girls. Section 4 of the Acid Crime Prevention Act, 2002 prescribes death penalty or rigorous imprisonment for life including a fine of taka not more than one lakh if anybody causes death or makes an attempt to cause death to any child or woman by using any burning substance. Despite having stringent legal provisions, women are recurrently facing acid violence. The law made it punishable offense to use, buy, produce, sell, import or transport acid without a license; however, a majority of the acid attacks on women occurs due to the refusal of the proposal of love, marriage or sex scandals or over land disputes.

Figure 06: Attacks Using Acid on Women and Girls



Some important cases are cited below:

On January 4, 2016; miscreants threw acid on a housewife at Mohammadpur Geneva Camp in the capital. The victim was Sony Akter, 28, wife of Rony who works in a salon. She was undergoing treatment at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The victim's husband alleged that about 4.00 am, Sony was waiting for him outside his house and the local goons Aziz, Anwar, and Sarwar were stalking Sony and threw acid on her face.⁶⁷

On January 13, 2016; a woman sustained burn injuries in an acid attack by her ex-husband in Joypurhat town. The victim is Nargis Akhter, 20, daughter of late Shafiullah of Bulupara village under Sadar Upazila, and also a college student at Joypurhat Shaheed Zia College.⁶⁸

On March 26, 2016; three sisters sustained burn injuries in an acid attack following a dispute over land at Kumri Pherengitila village in Baniachong Upazila of Habiganj District. The victims are Safia Khatun, 35, wife of Abdur Razzak, Monwara Khatun, 32, wife of Jitu Miah, and Amena Khatun, 30, wife of Nazrul Islam of the village. They were admitted to Habiganj Sadar Hospital.⁶⁹

On January 29, 2016; after fighting for life for 28 days, a Bogra acid attack victim Purnima died at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital. Purnima Khatun, 20, of Dinajpur was undergoing treatment at the hospital since her husband Sumon Mia, 34, and mother-in-law Sultana Begum threw acid on her face for dowry on January 01, said police.⁷⁰

On February 02, 2016; a man threw acid on his wife at Demra in Dhaka Metropolitan Police, accusing her of an extramarital affair. The victim, Jesmine Akhter, 26, a mother of three children, sustained 10 percent burns on her face, chest, and hands, said Partha Shankar Paul, resident surgeon of the Burn Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital.⁷¹

On April 07, 2016; four people sustained burn injuries as some miscreant's hurled acid towards them in Rupnagar Tin Shed area of the city. The injured were identified as Masuda Akter Subarna, 28, a garment worker, her husband Suruj Alam Khan, daughter Sanjida Sultana Rima, 8, and sister Nilufar, 32. Police Inspector Mozammel Hoque, in-charge of Dhaka Medical College Hospital police camp, said Subarna and her husband gave opposite statements over the incident. Subarna alleged her husband hired the goons to carry out the acid attack on her over a conjugal dispute.⁷²

On July 13, 2016; criminals threw acid on a pregnant woman at Purba-Awrangabad village of Manikganj Sadar. The victim, Parul Akhter, 25, wife of Dubai expatriate Hossain Ali of the village, is undergoing treatment at Singair Upazila Health Complex. She has a seven-year-old son Tasim.⁷³

On July 15, 2016; a woman in an acid attack

sustained burn injuries in Kazihati village under Habiganj District. Nil Banu, 35, wife of Manik Miah is undergoing treatment at Habiganj Sadar Hospital.⁷⁴

On September 28, 2016; an unidentified miscreant hurled acid at a woman in Mirpur Zoo, Dhaka. Her left eye, face, throat, and arms were burnt and he was taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital's burn unit, said Dr. Shakhawat. Her husband Sujon Mia told reporters at the hospital that he along with his wife were visiting the zoo. A stranger thought to be a hijra wearing a sari threw acid and fled while he was busy in a nearby washroom. On arrival, he chased the attacker in vain, he said.⁷⁵

On September 27, 2016; a man allegedly hurled acid on his former wife and mother-in-law at their residence located at Pologroun area, Chittagong. Sheli Akter, ex-wife of Md Jahangir, with 15 percent burns; and Hosne Ara, her mother, with 10 percent, are being treated at the burn unit of Chittagong Medical College Hospital, said CMCH sources.⁷⁶

On November 14, 2016; a college girl was stabbed allegedly by her stalker in Pirojpur Sadar Upazila Pirojpur. Injured Amina Rahman Akhi, 17, daughter of Anisur Rahman of Durgapur village, is an intermediate first-year student of Tejdaskathi College. Akhi stated that a gang of three stalkers led by Sajal, 27, on a motorbike, waylaid her when she was returning home from the college around 3:30 pm. At one stage, one of the stalkers stabbed her when she tried to resist them and fled the crime scene.⁷⁷

On November 15, 2016; a Junior School Certificate (JSC) examinee could not sit for the mathematics examination due to abuse by a stalker on way to her examination hall in Sarishabari municipality of the Jamalpur. The girl, 14, daughter of a poor farmer in the area, went out of her house to sit for the mathematics examination at Reaz Uddin Talukdar High School. On the way, Golam Mostafa, 32, son of Ayan Uddin Mondal of Bolardiar village under the municipality,

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waylaid her and gave an illicit proposal around 9:30 am as the girl boldly protested, Mostafa turned crazy and started pulling her to his house, a few yards from the spot, said locals.⁷⁸

On November 02, 2016; a woman sustained burn injuries as her husband threw acid on her face over a family feud in Sharshaupazila of Jessore District. The injured is Sabina Khatun, 28, wife of Ripon, 42, of Dhannokhola village. Police said Sabina has been staying at her father's residence at Amdala Gatipara village since their separation. Ripon threw acid on her face while she was sleeping at her father's house, leaving her seriously injured.⁷⁹



Police officers visit a woman and her daughter injured in acid throwing at Dhaka Medial College and Hospital burn unit on April 8, 2016



Family Feud Related Violence

Family feud is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, murder, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one against another partner. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, psychological violence, and emotional abuse. The frequency and severity of domestic violence can vary dramatically; however, the one constant component of family feud is one partner's consistent efforts to maintain power and control over the other. However, some data on family feud related violence are given below from January to December '16:

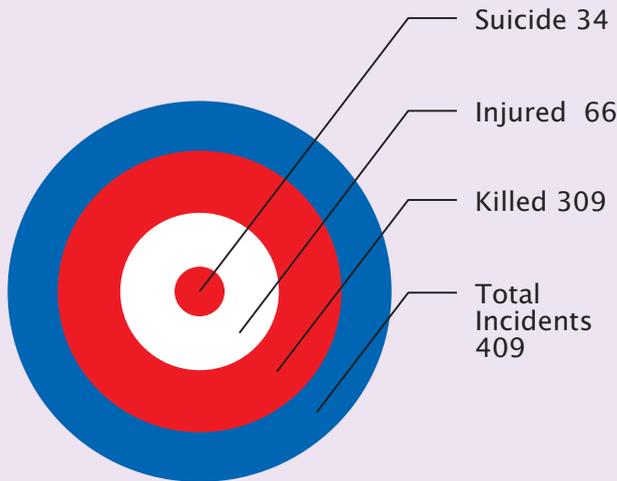


Figure 07: Statistics of family feud in the year of 2016

The given chart provides information collected by Human Rights Support Society (HRSS) which shows about 309 women were killed in the family feud, 66 females have been injured and almost 34 committed suicid. Reportedly 409 were incidents of the family feud from January to December 2016.

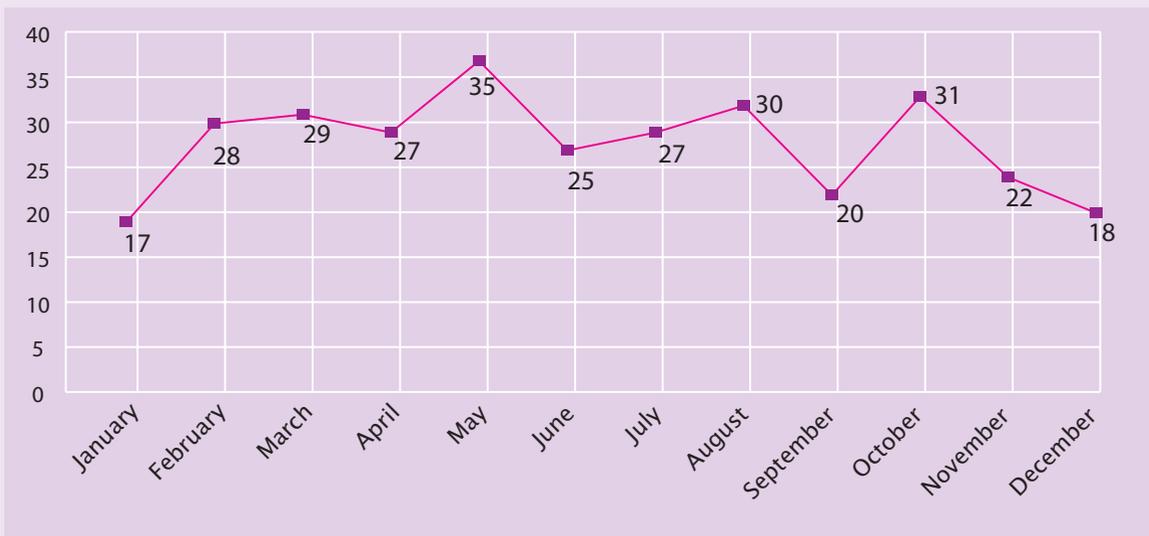


Figure 08: Monthly Comparison of killing in 2016

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Some important incidents are stated below:

On March 04, 2016; a man killed his wife over a family feud at Kadampur Umradagi village of Ranishankoil Upazila, Thakurgaon District. The deceased was Sohagi Begum, 30, wife of Kosim Uddin of the same village. Locals said that about 8:00 am Kosim engaged in a quarrel with her wife over a trifling matter over the cell phone.⁸⁰

On March 5, 2016; a woman was beaten to death allegedly by her husband at village Padampur Umaradangi of Ranisankail Upazila in Thakurgaon. Ranisankail Police Officer-in-Charge Rezaul Karim said Shohagi, 30, died as her husband Kashimuddin beat her severely over a family feud.⁸¹

On February 15, 2016; a woman was killed allegedly by her drug addict husband at Ashkur village in Gobindagnaj Upazila of the district. The deceased is Anjuara Begum, 35, wife of Monir Hossain of the village. In the evening, Monir beat Anjuara mercilessly, leaving her dead on the spot following an altercation.⁸²

On February 5, 2016; a woman and her two-year-old son were stabbed to death allegedly by her 'husband' over a family feud at Pashchim Charbata in Subarnachar of Noakhali District. Nizam Uddin, officer-in-charge of Char Jabbar Police Station, said Lucky Rani Nath, 30, and her two-year-old son was stabbed to death by her husband Sanjay Kumar Nath, 40, over a family feud about 11:00 pm.⁸³

On April 12, 2016; a housewife was allegedly strangled to death by his husband over a family dispute at Khilgaon, Dhaka. The deceased was identified as Fatema Begum Chaity, 22, wife of M Ramiz. Family members of the victim said Chaity was married to Ramiz five years back. Since then, the couple had been at loggerheads over family matters.⁸⁴



On April 17, 2016; a man allegedly hacked his wife to death and injured his sister-in-law over a trifling matter in Baya area under Shah Makhdum Police Station, Rajshahi. The deceased was identified as Safia Begum, 25, wife of Aynal Haque, 30, a resident of the area; and the injured was Soma Begum, 20. Shah Makhdum police officer-in-charge Sheikh Mohammad Golam Mostafa said Aynal killed Safia over a family feud and injured Soma as she tried to save her sister.⁸⁵

On May 06, 2016; a man allegedly hacked his wife to death over a family feud at Kalyanpur, Dhaka. The deceased was Jharna Begum, 35, wife of Abu Sayeed, a rickshaw-puller, the police said. The couple lived in a rented room on the 2nd floor of a three-storey building. They had five children. Sayeed swooped on his wife with a sharp weapon and killed her following an altercation in the afternoon, said the police.⁸⁶

On May 06, 2016; a woman allegedly committed suicide by way of jumping under a train over a family feud at Shankarpur rail station in Jessore Sadar. Sharmin Khatun, 25, wife of Abdullah Hussain of Satkhira, came to her father's house and committed suicide, police said quoting her father Anser Ali.⁸⁷

A housewife has been killed by her husband due to a family feud in Ashulia on 6th June 2016. The victim was identified as Mowshumi, daughter of Fajlur Rahman in the Naogan district. The police said that Mowshumi along with mother went to local market, at that moment Saddam; her husband hit her from the back and fled. Mowshumi died on the spot.⁸⁸

A female model allegedly committed suicide over a family feud in Dhaka Mohakhali on 07th June 2016. The victim was identified as Soheli Rahman Nitti (28) daughter of retired Superintendent of Police Motiur Rahman, hang herself from a ceiling fan in her residence following an altercation with her husband, said Sridham Chandra Roy,

sub-inspector of Banani police, quoting her husband Abhijit Bachhi.⁸⁹

On July 3, 2016; a man allegedly slaughtered his wife and their minor son at village Joydebpur in Dinajpur following a family feud, police said. The victims were identified as Bakul Parvin, 27, wife of suspected killer Sohrab Ali alias Bhutto, 28, of the village, and their four-year-old son Riyan-Al-Din. Bhutto is a rice trader by profession.⁹⁰

On July 12, 2016; a woman allegedly committed suicide in Mithapukur upazila of Rangpur . The deceased is Kakoli Begum, 30, wife of Akkas Ali of Balarhat village. Locals said Kakoli took poison following an altercation with her husband over the family matter in the afternoon. She was rushed to the upazila health complex where she died in the evening.⁹¹

On July 27, 2016; a housewife was killed allegedly by her husband in Sakhipur upazila of the sathkira district. The deceased was Jobaida Begum, 25, wife of Hussain Ali of Bagerbari Burichala village. Police and locals said Hussain, 35, beat Jobaida, leaving her dead on the spot following an altercation over a trifling matter.⁹²

On August 27, 2016; a housewife was beaten to death by her in-laws allegedly over a family feud in Saghata upazila of the Gaibandha district. The deceased was identified as Sultana Begum, 27, wife of Shafi Mia of Dhanaruha village.⁹³

On October 29, 2016; a mother of two children was brutally killed by her husband. The victim was identified as Rokeya Akhter, 22, wife of Rubel from Koshalidingi of Biral Upazila in Dinajpur district. She was stabbed in the whole body and his throat was slit. The victim's mother said Rubel killed her found her alone in the house. She might have been killed for family feud the police officials said. The dead body was sent to a morgue for autopsy.⁹⁴



On October 09, 2016; Md Aynal after killing his wife Majeda Begum (19) surrendered at Tejgaon Police Station. He gave a statement to police that he got married with Majeda Begum 3 months ago and because of the domestic conflict he has killed his wife. Police found a dead body at Tejgaon Paina Sardar slams. During rescuing dead body police found the neck was wrapped in a scarf. Police arrested the victim's husband.⁹⁵

On October 14, 2016; a female garment worker Fatema Begum (19) butchered by her husband Mojnu Mia. They both worked in a Fountain garment at Bipail of Ashulia in Savar and lived also the Bipail area. Last Friday having no response from inside, their neighbors called police. The door was locked up from outside. Victim's mother lodged a case.⁹⁶

On October 02, 2016; a housewife Rokeya Akter (24) murdered by husband by chopping at Baharchara Thana in Teknaf Upazila of Coxbazar district. Police and local people said that during an altercation with Rokeya Akter, Robel her husband started chopping her wife. Local people handed him to police after mob biting. The dead body was taken to the morgue for autopsy.⁹⁷

On October 22, 2016; miscreants have cut the hair of a student of class six at Boali Thana in Sadar Upazila of Gaibandha. Local people said Azad; son of Nuru Mia murdered a goat of Batul Mia because it has eaten their crops from the land.⁹⁸

On December 23, 2016; a woman was smothered with a pillow over a family dispute in her house at Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat. Police arrested Babul Sarkar, husband of the deceased, Tanjila Khatun, daughter of Tamij Uddin of village Matashmanjil. Police said the couple locked into an altercation on Thursday night and the next morning Tanjila was found dead.⁹⁹

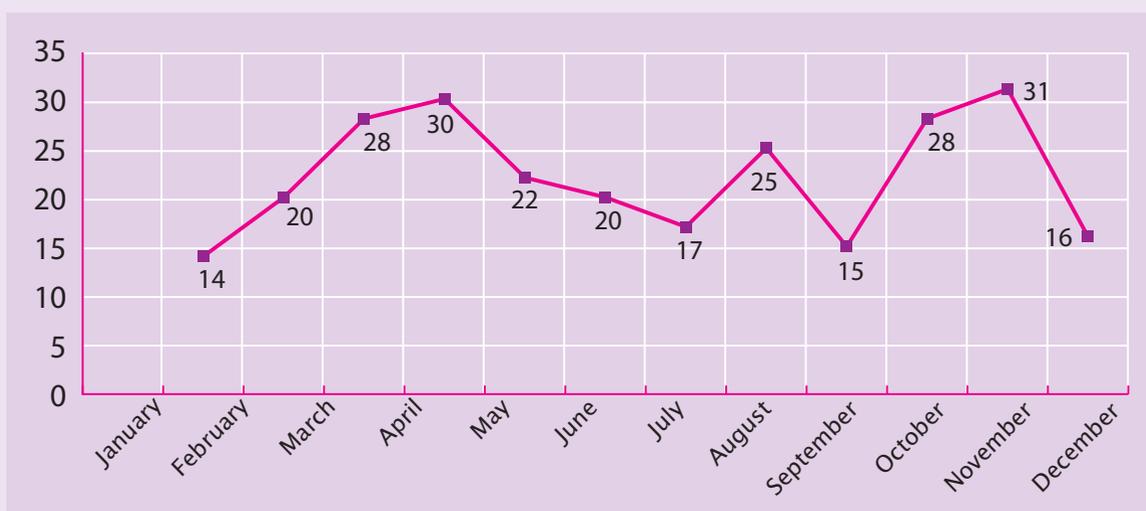
Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is considered as gender discrimination and human rights violation against women. In Bangladesh, women are in vulnerable condition. Our society is governed by patriarchal attitudes. Gender discrimination leading to gender violence is deeply embedded in our social structure. Most Bangladeshi social institutions permit, even encourage, the demonstration of unequal power relations between the sexes. In other words, harassment of women in Bangladesh is culturally accepted, tolerated and in certain prescribed forms and given contexts, legitimized. According to the Human Rights Support Society report, in Bangladesh, 266 females were reportedly victims of sexual harassment from January to December 2016.

Figure 09: statistics of Sexual Harassment



Figure 10: Monthly Comparison of Sexual Harassment in 2016



A number of vital cases are stated below:

On March 27, 2016; a woman was tortured and her head shaved for alleged involvement in an extra-marital affair with her husband's nephew at Ichhadi village under Galachipa Upazila of Potuakhali District. The victim is the wife of Habib Rari of the village and mother of two children. M.A. Kuddus, former Upazila Parishad (UP) chairman, and Khaledul Islam Swapan, newly elected UP chairman and also president of Galachipa Upazila Juba League arranged arbitration at about 7:30 pm, where they declared that the accused would be beaten. They also fined Mizan Tk 30,000.¹⁰⁰

On January 25, 2016; a schoolgirl was beaten up by a boy for not accepting his love proposal at Sathani Bridge in Adakhola area under Rajapur Upazila. The girl is the student of local Adakhola High School. "Two boys from my neighborhood, Saiful, and Ujjal, have been making unwanted advances towards me for a long time, and threatened to kill me if I did not accept," she said.¹⁰¹

On February 09, 2016; a man allegedly burned

his wife to death at Geneva Camp of Mohammadpur, Dhaka. The victim was identified as Rani Begum, 20, wife of Saheb Ali, a driver of CNG-run auto-rickshaw. Locals said Rani and Saheb Ali got married five months earlier. Since then the couple had been in conflict over various family matters.¹⁰²

On August 02, 2016; amid a threat from stalkers, who recently got a release on bail, a Class IX female student at Nimgaci village of Dhunatupazila under the Bogra district has stopped going to school. The victim's father Md. Moniruzzaman lodged a general diary with Dhunat Police Station against the three youths who were earlier charged in a case filed by him on September 21 last year, gave fresh threat.¹⁰³

On August 13, 2016; miscreants tortured a housewife by way of tying her with a tree at Kukna Ghoshpara village under Sadar Upazila of Magura District. The victim, Maloti Sheel, alleged that the gang of assailants physically assaulted her as they forcefully got her out of the house, dragged her for about a kilometer and tied her to a tree, accusing that her livestock had destroyed their vegetable field.¹⁰⁴





On September 07, 2016; schoolgirl was stabbed allegedly by a stalker inside her home in Bochaganj Upazila for rejecting his marriage proposal. The girl is Zakia Sultana, 14, a class-VIII student of Bochaganj Ideal Academy. She is a daughter of Border Guard Bangladesh member Zomshed Ali of Labour-Linepara in Bochaganj municipality area. Zomshed has recently been transferred to Satkhira from Thakurgaon.¹⁰⁵

On October 22, 2016; a case was filed for sexual harassment of children at Monirampur in Jessore District. The police and locals said an 8-year baby girl was harassed sexually by Morshed Alam, a local boy of the village. The police found true after investigating the allegation.¹⁰⁶

On October 13, 2016; a schoolgirl was teased and harassed by two local vagabond youths at Gafargaoun Upazila of Mymensingh District. A class-IX school girl was returning home after private tuition. On the way three youths riding on a motorbike hit her. She shouted and local people caught two of the culprits while the other could escape. Later mob handed them over to police. People demanded exemplary punishment for such crimes.¹⁰⁷

On October 20, 2016; two female students of Mirpur BCIC College in Dhaka were beaten up by a restaurant owner near their college as they protested against his stalking on Wednesday morning. The 16-year-old twin

sisters, HSC first-year students of the College at East Monipur of Mirpur-2, were immediately rushed to a nearby clinic and one of them sustained injuries in the waist while the other in the left leg, their father added. Wednesday afternoon the father filed a case in Shah Ali Police Station.¹⁰⁸

On November 10, 2016; a group of alleged stalkers beat up eight students, including four girls, for protesting harassment of their classmate in Shariatpur. The injured are class-VIII students of Binodpur Public High School and JSC examinees. They were admitted to Shariatpur Sadar Hospital. The incident happened at Dewankandi village under Sadar Upazila. It was afternoon when the students were on their way home from their exam hall at Angaria High School.¹⁰⁹

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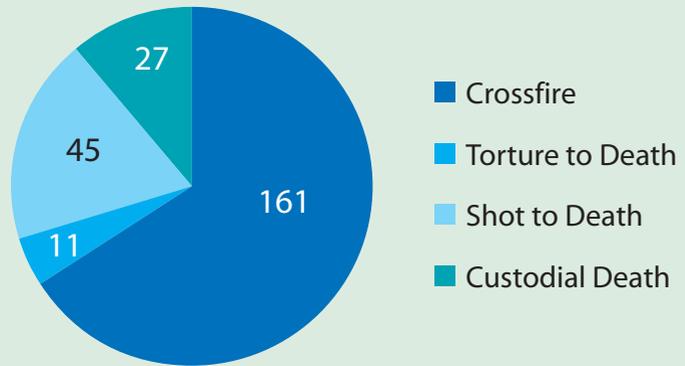
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EXTRA JUDICIAL KILLING

An extrajudicial killing is the killing of a person by government agencies without the sanction of any judicial proceeding or legal process.² According to Section 3(a) of the United States Torture Victim Protection Act: extrajudicial killing is a deliberate killing not authorized by a previous judgment pronounced by a regularly constituted court affording all the judicial guarantees which are recognized as indispensable by civilized peoples. Such term, however, does not include any such killing that, under international law, is lawfully carried out under the authority of a foreign nation.³

In Bangladesh, human rights conditions started deteriorating since 2004 when the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), an elite force was added to the existing contingent of the law enforcing agencies. We observe the event of killing of terror by the LEA (hereinafter referred to as 'the LEA') known as extra-judicial killing. The people of Bangladesh have 23 constitutionally guaranteed fundamental rights. Such actions of the LEA deprived the citizens from their fundamental right to life and right to free, fair and impartial trial. This bulletin seeks to precisely understand the extent of human rights violations caused by extra-judicial killing in 2016. Relevant cases of extrajudicial killing have been discussed and analyzed :

Figure 11:
Statistics of Extra-Judicial Killing in 2016



The pie chart shows information about the extra-judicial killing from January to December in 2016: a total of 244 persons were reportedly extra-judicially killed. Of them, 161 were killed in the name of 'crossfire/ gunfights', 11 were tortured to Death, 45 were shot to death, and 27 were died in the custody.

Figure 12:
Monthly Comparison of Extra-Judicial Killing



The line graph provides information about the extra-judicial killing in 2016. According to Human Rights Support Society (HRSS) report, a total of 244 persons were allegedly killed extra-judicially. On an average, almost 21 people were killed each month in 2016. 12 were killed extra-judicially in March while this number increased significantly in April. In October, the numbers of encounters were surprisingly higher reaching up to 35.

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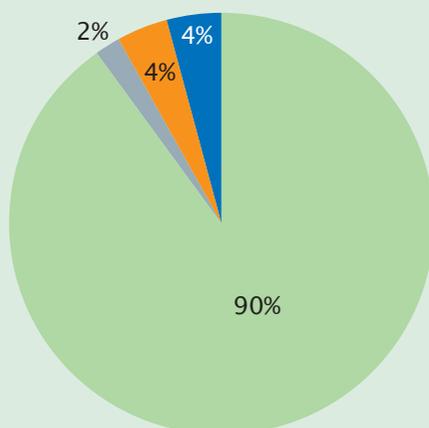


Figure 13: Categorized Representation of extra-judicially killed in 2016

The pie chart shows the Categorized Representation of Encountered People in 2016. According to Human Rights Support Society (HRSS) report, almost 90% people who were extra-judicially killed have no political affiliation-the highest percentage of extra-judicially killed people in 2016. 4% of victims were associated with BJI. Another 4% of the victims are affiliated with BNP, the largest opposition of the country. Nearly 2% were the leaders and activists of the ruling party.

Some of the cases of extra-judicial killings are detailed below:

On January 02, 2016; a suspected criminal was killed in a 'gunfight' with Rapid Action Battalion at Eastern Housing area of Rupnagar, Dhaka. The deceased was identified as Al-Amin alias Kala Jony alias Jony Sarkar.⁴

On February 10, 2016; reportedly two suspected extremists were killed in a gunfight with Rapid Action Battalion at Shasthipur, Kushtia Sadar. The deceased were identified as Aka Uddin Hiya, 45, son of Ansar Sheikh, and Liakat Ali, 40, son of Jalil Sheikh of village Mrittikapara. According to RAB sources they were the members of Gana Mukti Fouj, an underground group. The dead bodies were sent to Kushtia General Hospital forensic department for post-mortem examinations.⁵

On April 18, 2016; Asif Hasan (21), a leader of Bangladesh Chattra League (in brief 'BCL') died in police custody in Munshiganj. He was acting president of Kola Union BCL in Sirajdikhan Upazila. He was severely injured in an attack carried out by his "rivals" following an election feud held on April 22, said his family members. Habibur Rahman, father of Asif, alleged that Police arrested him instead of taking action against the attackers and he died due to their gross negligence.⁶

Categories	Police	RAB	Police & RAB	DB Police	Join Force	Coast Guard	BGB	Army	Total
Crossfire	106	49	0	5	1	0	0	0	161
Shot to death	27	3	0	0	13	0	2	0	45
Torture to death	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	11
Custodial death	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Total	170	52	0	6	14		2		244

Figure 14: Actor of Extra-Judicial Killing in 2016

The graph provides updated information about the incidences of extra-judicial killings in 2016 by the members of the LEA. Statistics shows that most of the citizens were extra judicially killed by the Police although they are supposed to protect the safety and security of the people. The number of people killed by the Detentive Branch (in brief 'DB') is alarmingly high. Legally the members of DB are duty bound to hand over the alleged criminal to the concerned Police Station for further judicial process.

On November 02, 2016; a Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal activist was killed in a "gunfight" between two criminal gangs in Begaritala of Monirampur, Jessore, police claimed. Anisur Rahman, the victim, 34, lived in Lauri village of Monirampur. However, Anis' cousin Babul Akhter alleged that some plainclothed police personnel picked up his cousin from his residence.⁷

On December 24, 2016; acting convenor of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (in brief 'the BNP'), Siddhirganj Thana Unit, Ali Hossain Prodhan, 65, who was arrested for alleged involvement with subversive activities, died in prison. Around 3:00 am, Ali complained about chest pain and within half an hour, he was admitted to Narayanganj Sadar Hospital. About 5:00 am, doctors declared him dead and as per the death certificate he died of heart attack, said Jailer of Narayanganj District Jail Asaduzzaman. His family claimed that Ali died due to negligence of the jail authority.⁸

On October 01, 2016; a leader of Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal, the youth wing of BNP, was killed in a 'gunfight' with police at Birulia, Savar, adjacent to the capital. The deceased is identified as Shah-Alam Nayan, 44, organizing secretary of Savar municipality unit of Juba Dal.⁹

On 19 May 2016; Hafizur Rahman (22), leader of Bangladesh Islami Chhtra Shibir (in brief 'ICS'), who was abruptly arrested to hide the failure of police regarding the investigation of the murder of Rajshahi University teacher Professor AFM Rezaul Karim Siddiquee, died in police custody for cardiac-related problems in Rajshahi Medical College Hospital around 4:30 am. On 23 April 2016, police have inhumanly arrested Hafizur Rahman, the Rajshahi metropolitan ICS leader, who has been severely suffering from thalassemia although, reportedly, the murder was claimed by "Islamic State Group".

Deceased Hafizur Rahman, son of Hossen Ali Mondol, was the meritorious student of Bachelor second year of public administration department, Rajshahi University. On 23 April, 2016 police had arrested Hafizur from his resident with the allegation of murdering Dr.

Razaul Karim by the miscreants. He was taken to a local police station though his parents and neighbors claimed him innocence and continuous sickness. After his arrest, his family members arranged press conference and claimed that since last three months their son has been suffering from thalassemia and he had to change his blood once a week. On 28 April, 2016; Police took him in four-day-remand and tortured him and deprived him from necessary treatments. Later he was sent to jail custody. During custody, the concerned authority did not provide attention to his treatment. As a result, his physical condition deteriorated and on 17 May, 2016, he was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital and eventually he died.¹⁰

On July 1, 2016; two activists of ICS, the student wing of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, were reportedly killed in a gunfight with police at village Tetulbaria in Jhenaidah sadar. The deceased were identified as Shahid Al Mamun, and Anisur Rahman.¹¹

On July 10, 2016; a BNP man was killed in a gunfight with police in Satkhira. The victim, Oliullah Mollah, 40, was the general secretary of Kashimari Union BNP, Shyamnagar Upazila, claimed his brother Habibullah Mollah. Around 3:30 am, the alleged shootout took place in Ganghati area of the Upazila.¹²

On July 19, 2016; an activist of ICS was killed in a "gunfight" with police in Jhenidah Sadar Upazila. The victim is Saiful Islam Mamun, 22, son of Lutfor Rahman of Putimari village in Shailkupa Upazila. He was a final year student of Arabic literature department in the Islamic University, Kushtia. Saiful's body was sent to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.¹³

On August 29, 2016; two suspected members of banned outfit JMB were killed in a 'gunfight' between police and suspected JMB members at Noylapara under Sherpur police station in Bogra. One of the victims was identified as Md. Khaled Hasssan alias Badar Mama, 30, son of Enamul Huq of village Hanifpur under Nocholupazila in Chapainawabganj. The other was identified as Md. Ripon, 28, of Boalia in

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Rajshahi city and a close aide to Badar Mama, police said.¹⁴

On October 16; an activist of Jamaat-e-Islami was killed in a gunfight with police in Satkania Upazila, Chittagong, claimed police. Police claimed the deceased Abul Boshor alias Vodaiya, 45, hailing from Lotabir Bazar village, was a "Jamaat cadre. A police team reached Chhankhola, a group of miscreants opened fire forcing the law-enforcers to retaliate. Abdul was caught and died on spot, while his cohorts managed to flee, the Officer-in-charge claimed.¹⁵

On March 08, 2016; a youth was killed in a "gunfight" with detectives at Khilgaon in the capital. Law enforcers identified him as Pias, 30, a member of banned militant outfit JMB. The "gunfight" took place around 3:30am near Khidma Hospital, said Kazi Mainul Hossain, officer-in-charge of Khilgaon Police Station.¹⁶

On March 10, 2016; during a crackdown on the alleged robbers by the RAB and BCG in the Sundarbans, four people were killed in a gunfight. The victim has been identified as Monir, 35, chief of a robbers' gang called Nayan Bahini and his three accomplices Enam, Hassan and Gias. The "gunfight" took place about 6:30 am at Sarankhola range of the mangrove forest in Bagerhat district.¹⁷

On April 04, 2016; at least four persons were killed and 30 others injured in a clash between law enforcers and locals in Banshkhali Upazila, Chittagong over the installation of a coal-based power plant. The victims were identified as Anwarul Islam, 44, and his elder brother Mortuza Ali, 50, Zaker Ahmed, 50, and Md Zaker, 50, from Gondamara Union, said Habibur Rahman, additional superintendent of police, Chittagong District (South). Of them, Md Zaker was declared dead after he was taken to Chittagong Medical College Hospital. There was a bullet mark in Zaker's abdomen, said Md Aminul Huq, a doctor who attended the victim.¹⁸

On April 07, 2016; two alleged members of an outlawed group were killed in an "encounter"

with members of RAB at Jugni Haat, Tangail. The dead are identified as Fazlu and his associate Uzzal. An incident of robbery took place in the area a few days ago, locals reported. On the basis of the information that a gang of criminals was making preparation for committing another robbery in the area, a RAB team raided the village around 1:00 am, said Mohi Uddin Faruque, Rab-12 company commander in Tangail.¹⁹

On May, 06, 2016; in Laxmipur, a criminal was killed in a gunfight with the members of law enforcers in Sadar Upazila. The victim was identified as Kawsar. Chandraganj Thana OC AKM Azizur Rahman said, police arrested Kawsar at night. According to his statement, a team of law enforcers went to Latifpur village with Kawsar to recover arms. Sensing the presence of the team, Kawsar's associates opened fire to police forcing them to fire back that triggered a gunfight. At one stage, Kawsar was caught in the line of fire and died on the spot.²⁰

On May11, 2016; an alleged criminal was killed in a 'gunfight' between police and his cohorts at Junedpur village, Laxmipur Sadar Upazila. The deceased, Yousuf, 35, son of Ali Akbar, was reportedly a member of local criminal gang 'Laden Masum Bahini'.²¹

On June 09, 2016; a regional leader of the outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party was killed in a so-called gunfight with police at Tala, Satkhira. The deceased was Mozaffar Sana, 50, son of Abdul Gaffar Sana, a resident of village Dohar. He was a listed criminal and wanted in 18 cases including four murders charges, police said.²²

On June 17, 2016; Golam Faizullah Fahim, an accused for the charge of attempt to murder of a teacher in Madaripur, was killed in a 'gunfight'. The reported gunfight took place hours after Fahim, an 18-year-old college student from Dhaka, was put on 10-day police interrogation. Madaripur police super Sarwar Hossain said about 7:30 am they conducted a drive along with Fahim based on his statements in Miar Char area.²³

On August 27, 2016; a suspected 'robber' was killed in a 'gunfight' between members of RAB-12 and suspected robbers on Kushtia-Meherpur highway at Moshan area under Mirpur Police Station, Kushtia. The victim was identified as Mukul Munshi, 40, son of Yusuf Munshi of village Baromile under Bheramara in Kushtia.²⁴

On September 02, 2016; an identified robber was killed in a "gunfight" between police and his cohorts in Pirojpur village under Kaliganj Upazila, Jhenidah. Police said a gang opened fire and police responded, leaving one of them wounded, said police. Later, he was declared dead in hospital.²⁵

On October 07, 2016; twelve terrorist suspects were killed in raids in Gazipur, Tangail, and Dhaka. Seven were killed in Operations Spate-8 conducted jointly by the police headquarters and the Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime Unit at Patartek in Gazipur. Two each were killed in raids of Rapid Action Battalion in Gazipur and Tangail, assistant inspector general of police (confidential) M Moniruzzaman said. Another extremism suspect Abdur Rahman was arrested injured in a raid at Baipail, Dhaka and died at night in Enam Medical College Hospital, Savar.²⁶

On November 11, 2016; Mohammad Gausul Azam Dollar, general secretary of Gaibandha district unit Bangladesh Nationalist Party, died in Gaibandha Adhunik Hospital during police custody. Md. Mahabubur Rahman, the superintendent of Gaibandha Jail told that Gausul suffered heart attack in the morning. Later, he was taken to the hospital where he died around 8:30 am.²⁷

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Shahid Al-Mahmud & Anisur Rahman were killed by law enforcement agency, so-called "gunfight" in Jhenidah Sadarupazila.



Saiful Islam:
On July 19, 2016, a shibir activist was killed by police as a so-called gunfight in Adurakandi graveyard area under sadarupazila of Jhenaidah district.



Protest At Coal-Fired Power Plant In Banshkali : 4 Villagers Killed In Firing by law enforcer on April 05, 2016





Munir Hossain 32, and Mohammad Sohel Hossain 35, were killed in a 'gunfight' with police on the Gopalpur-Konchkuri road in Bhadsha union of sadar upazila



Golam Faijullah Fahim, The alleged attacker of Madaripur teacher was killed in a shootout with police



Pranto has been died in police custody, around four hours after he had been detained allegedly with 15 Yaba tablets in Mymensingh.

BORDER KILLINGS

Bangladesh, Myanmar and India, three neighboring countries are located in the South and South East corner of Asia. Bangladesh has 4156-kilometer common border with India and 271kilometer with Myanmar. There are various issues of conflict among these three countries; among these the issues over border dispute is considered as prime, because of killing of Bangladeshi nationals by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) and Myanmar Border Guard Police (BGP). BSF has been constantly violating the right to free movement of Bangladeshi Nationals living near the borderline. Report shows that BSF is used to killing, torturing, abducting, beating, stoning etc. to the people for silly reasons. Such activities degrade friendly relation between Bangladesh and India gradually. Collected data also show that very often members of the BSF also enter into Bangladesh territory without legal permission and attack Bangladeshi people residing along the border.

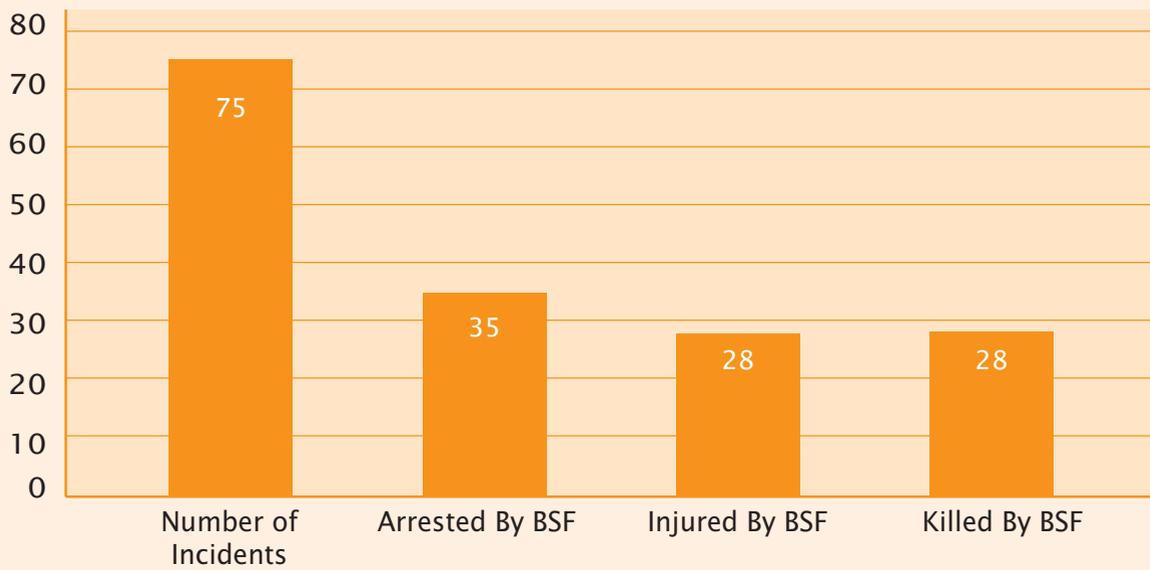


Figure 15: Violence in Border by BSF 2016

The given bar chart provides data on the border killings and injuries. According to HRSS in the year 2016, roughly 28 Bangladeshi citizen were killed, 28 injured, and 35 arrested by BSF in 75 incidents.

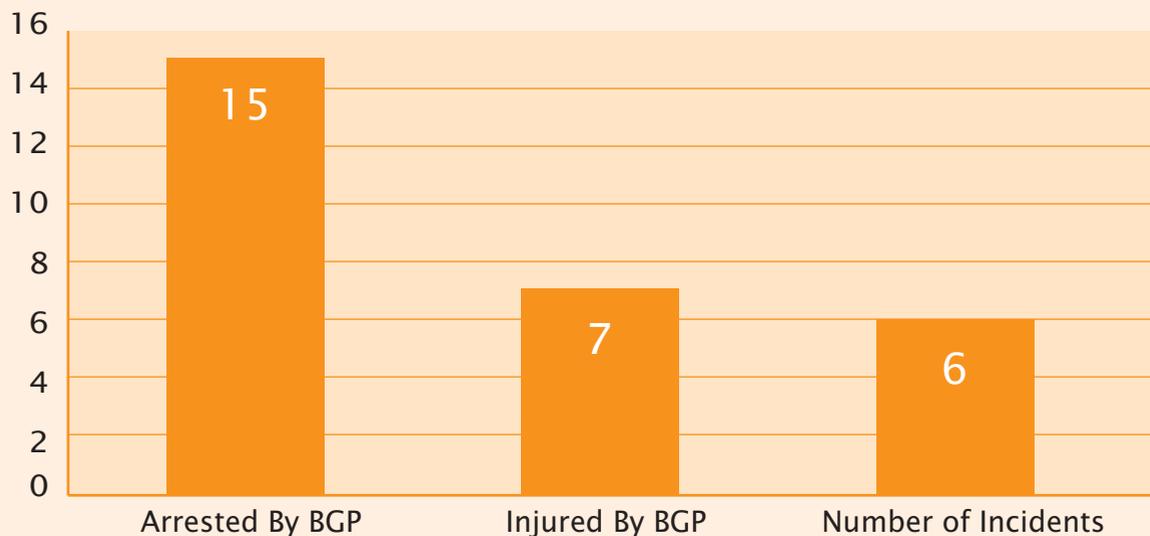


Figure 16: Violence in Border by BGP 2016

The given bar chart gives data on the border killings and injuries. According to HRSS, roughly 15 Bangladeshi citizen were arrested and almost 07 injured by Myanmar Border Guard Police BGP in a total 06 incidents.

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Some important cases are mentioned below:

On January 01, 2016; members of Indian Border Security Force shot dead a Bangladeshi citizen near the Borogram border in Dinajpur. The dead, Mohammad Nuruzzaman, 30, was the son of Sahidur Rahman of Borogram village under Sadar Upazila.¹¹⁰

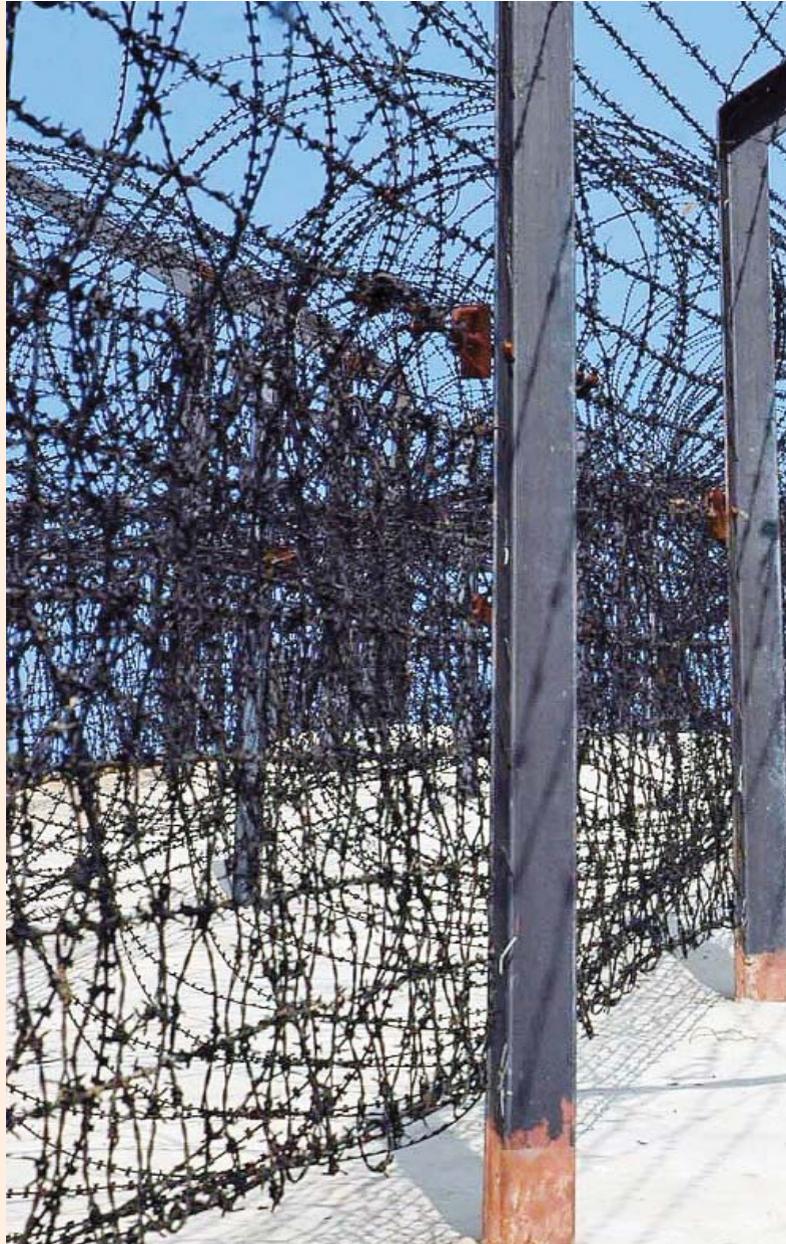
On January 23, 2016; a Bangladeshi national was shot dead by Indian Border Security Force at Adataala border point in Sapahar Upazila, Naogaon. The dead, Joynal Abedin, 40, was a cattle trader from South Patari village in the Upazila. Witnesses said BSF members from Rangamati camp opened fire on a group of Bangladeshi cattle traders around 5:30 am, leaving Joynal dead on the spot. Lt Col Rafiqul Hasan, Commanding Officer of Border Guard Bangladesh Battalion-14, confirmed the incident.¹¹¹

On February 03, 2016; a Bangladeshi national was shot by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) near pillar No 902 at Bhutiamongal border in Hatibandha Upazila of the district. The injured is Zahurul Islam, 29, son of Dhanor Uddin of Bhutiamongal village.¹¹²

On February 22, 2016; Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot a Bangladeshi youth dead along Dangerpara border area of Daulatpur Upazila in Kushtia. The deceased was identified as Mamun, 25, son of Moho Ali of Dangerpara village. Another Bangladeshi named Alim, 27, also sustained bullet injury in the incident and he is undergoing treatment under BSF custody.¹¹³

On March 02, 2016; Indian Border Security Force shot a Bangladeshi cattle trader to death in Zaharpur frontier under Shibganj Upazila in Chapainawabganj. The deceased was identified as cattle trader Md Benjir Ahmed, 22, of Gaipara village at Shibganj Upazila.¹¹⁴

On March 25, 2016; members of Border Guard Bangladesh recovered the body of an unidentified woman from Taluigacha bordering area in Satkhira sadar. Taluigacha border outpost commandar Naik Subedar



Kabir of BGB Satkhira-38 said locals spotted the body of the woman, wearing burqa, near the demarcation pillar number 13 of the bordering area and informed BGB.¹¹⁵

On April 17, 2016; a Bangladesh national was gunned down by members of Indian Border Security Force in Behular Char area of Roumari border point in Roumari of Kurigram. The deceased was identified as Monser Ali, 40, son of Forman Ali, a resident of Bamoner Char area of the Upazila and a cattle trader.¹¹⁶

On April 18, 2016; a Bangladeshi cattle trader was shot dead allegedly by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) at Mollarchar border in Roumariupazila of the district. The deceased is Monser Ali, 40, son of late Sorman Ali of Bamonerchar area in the upazila. Police and



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locals said Monser along with other cattle traders went to the border area to bring Indian cattle around 9:30 pm. At one stage, BSF men opened fire, leaving him seriously injured. He later succumbed to his bullet injuries at the Upazila health complex.¹¹⁷

On May 14, 2016; Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead a Bangladeshi along Jibonnagar border in Chuadanga. The dead, Shihab Uddin Sajal, 18, was the son of Mahbub Alam of Goalpara of the Upazila. Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) sources said that a BSF member of Tungi camp in Nadia opened fire when Shihab and the three were plucking mangoes from the trees at the orchard around 10:30 am. Shihab suffered bullet injuries.¹¹⁸

On May 23, 2016; Indian Border Security Force

(BSF) shot dead a Bangladeshi youth near Kanakata Premcharanjouth border in Tentulia Upazila of Panchagarh district. The dead were identified as Sujan, 22, son of Sanaullah of Premcharanjouth village under the Upazila.¹¹⁹

On June 19, 2016; two Bangladeshi nationals were killed by the members of the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) as they opened fire on them along Charaldanga bordering area in Gomostapur Upazila. The deceased were identified as Jabdul Haq Bhadu, 32, son of Daud Ali of Radhanagar village and Shahjahan Ali Bhuttu, 33, son of Hukmat Ali of Debpur village in the Upazila.¹²⁰

On July 21, 2016; a Bangladesh national was shot dead by members of Indian Border Security Force near frontier at village Kanapara

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of Godagari in Rajshahi. The victim was identified as Abdul Kalam, 40, a cattle trader of the village. The Godagari police officer-in-charge, SM Abu Farhad, said BSF personnel opened fire when Kalam along with others was bringing cattle near the frontier at about 4:30am. Seriously injured Kalam was rushed to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital where physicians declared him dead at about 6:00am, the OC said.¹²¹

On July 22, 2016; Indian Border Security Force members killed a cattle trader opening fire and charging bayonet along Bangladesh-India frontier at Putkhali under Benapole Port in Jessore. The victim was identified as Md Shaheed, 35, son of Chhabed Ali of Putkhali village. The Benapole port police station officer-in-charge said Shaheed died on the spot when he was shot and bayonet charged by BSF at around 4:00am.¹²²

On August 09, 2016; Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead a Bangladeshi cattle trader near the Khetar Char frontier in Roumari upazila of Kurigram. The dead is Nurul Amin, 32, son of Moksed Ali Munshi of Khetar Char village. The incident happened around 4:00am when a group of cattle traders, including Nurul, was going inside the Indian Territory to bring cattle in, according to Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and police sources.¹²³

On August 15, 2016; a Bangladesh cattle trader sustained bullet injuries as Indian Border Security Force shot at him near Laraighat border area of Maheshpur in Jhenaidah. The injured Bangladeshi is identified as Abdul Hakim, 27, of Laraighat in Maheshpur. Injured Hakim was admitted to Jessore General Hospital, said commanding officer of 58 Border Guard Bangladesh Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Tajul Islam.¹²⁴



On September 19, 2016; a Bangladeshi cattle trader was shot dead by Indian Border Security Force near the main pillar no. nine at Bangerbari border of Dahagram in Lalmonirhat. The deceased is identified as Hazrat Ali, 35, son of Amir Ali at Bangerbari village in Patgram.¹²⁵

On September 25, 2016; Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead Bangladeshi national in Chhat Karaibari border area under Roumari upazila of Kurigram. The deceased was Baharul Islam, 28, son of Baktar Hossain of Chhat Karaibari border village of Datbhanga union under Roumari upazila.¹²⁶

On October 18, 2016; 4 people have been shot by BSF at Roumari border in Kurigram. By Shah Alam number of 4 numbers, Roumari Sadar Upazilla a team of 10-12 people from Noudapara village went to Indian border to bring cows come from India. At that time' Soldier of Kuchminari camp of BSF shoots them and Saju Mia (18), Rokon Uddin (22), Babul Mia (20), Manik (17) got injured.¹²⁷

On Nov 09, 2016; at least two Bangladesh men were killed and two other wounded as Indian tribesmen opened gunshots on them at a Sylhet border-point. The deceased were identified as Bachchu Miah, 35, son of late Abdul Gafur of Pashchim Pangthumai village of Pashchim Jaflong under Goainghat upazila and Fayzul Islam, 33, son of AzirUddin, of the same village.¹²⁸

On November 15, 2016; Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot a Bangladeshi cattle trader dead near Kushkhali border in Sadar upazila. The deceased, Moslem Ali, 28, was son of Jahir Ali of Panchraki village in the upazila. Moslem's father-in-law Babar Ali said Indian border guards at Khalisha camp opened fire on a group of cattle traders when



Moslem along with 4/5 others were returning home through the border. Moslem died on the spot about 300 hundred yards inside Indian Territory from the 'zero line', Babar said.¹²⁹

On December 10, 2016; a Bangladeshi cattle trader was shot and another picked up allegedly by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) in Kurigram and Dinajpur. BSF shot and injured a cattle trader at Krishnananda Bakshi border in Phulbari upazila of Kurigram. Abu Bakkar, 30, son of Ali Bakash of Gorakmondal village, was admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital with bullet injuries in his back.¹³⁰

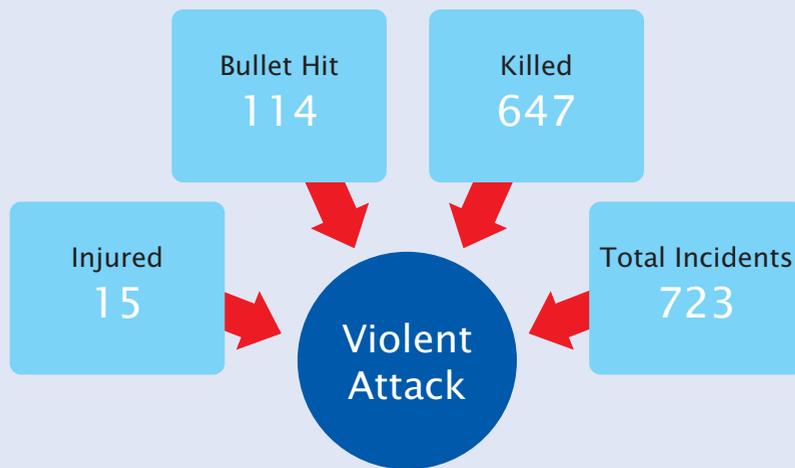
On December 12, 2016; members of Myanmar Border Guard Police (BGP) allegedly detained a Bangladeshi fisherman in Naf river of Teknaf of Chittagong and took him to their side of the border. The detained fisherman is Sona Mia Prokash Khadem, 35, son of Nazir Ahmed, from Daskhin Phuler Dale under Nila union of Teknaf Police Station. Later, Khadem called his wife in Teknaf and informed her about his detention by Myanmar law enforcers, quoting his family members.¹³¹

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Attacks against civilians are considered a serious violation of international humanitarian law. The state is obliged to protect the citizens from all kinds of criminal attack. 'The obligation of protection' requires the state to prevent violations of rights of citizens by third parties. This obligation also implies that State has to exercise due diligence to prevent, punish, investigate or redress the harm caused by acts of private persons or entities. In spite of growing concern of criminal attack, the number of incidences is gradually increasing day by day.

"Between January and December 2016, Bangladesh has experienced a series of violent attacks by extremists. The victims are recorded as atheists, secular bloggers, liberals, foreigners, Buddhists, Christians and Hindus as well as Ahmadis and Shia Muslims. HRSS tried to track all kinds of violent attack took place between January and December 2016.



The chart provided Information about the violent attacks on armless civilians has been summarized above. Statistics shows, a total 723 incidences of violent attack happened and 647 were killed in those attacks, 673 were seriously injured and around 114 were hit by bullet.

Figure 17: Statistics of Violent Attacks in '16

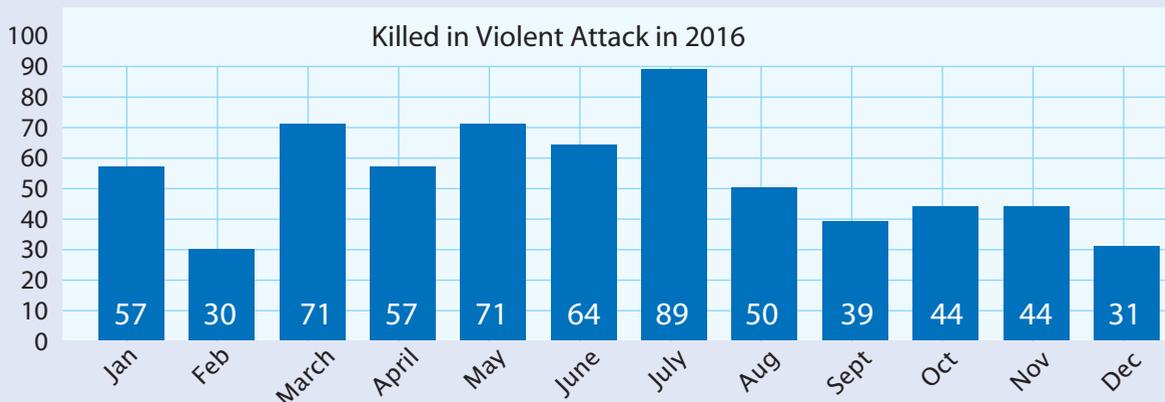


Figure 18: killed in Violent Attack in '16

Some of the incidences have been stated below:

On January 12, 2016; a folk singer was hacked to death by some unidentified miscreants at Peyarabagan in Narayanganj. The deceased was identified as Faysal Ahmed Tutul, 30, son of Sobhan Miah, a resident of Pagla Nayamati. Sub-inspector of Fatullah Model Police Station Swapan Kumar Das said some miscreants stabbed Tutul indiscriminately while he was returning home in the morning, leaving him dead on the spot.¹³²

On January 06, 2016, unidentified criminals shot dead a primary school teacher and injured his younger brother inside their house in Ramu Upazila, Cox'sbazar. The victim, Mohammad Nurusafa, 35, was an assistant teacher of Boro Bil Govt Primary School in Ramu. He was the son of Abdur Mabud of Mohammad Sharif Para village.¹³³

On February 03, 2016; a Juba League activist was stabbed to death and three others were injured by a gang in Jessore town. The dead is Manik, 26, and son of Anwar Ali of Kazipara

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area of the town. The injured are Jahangir Hossain, 23, son of Kanshon, Lipon Ali, 24, son of Mohammad Ali, and Asadul, 22, son of Abdul Alim of the area. Locals rescued them and sent them to Jessore Medical College Hospital where Manik succumbed to his injuries at 12:30 am.¹³⁴

On March 1, 2016; miscreants hacked a local Awami League leader to death at Shahzadpur in Sirajganj. The victim was identified as Korban Ali, 42, General Secretary of Kayempur Union Unit Awami League and son of Abdul Aziz of Saratail. Shahzadpur Police Inspector Munir Hossain said a gang of miscreants swooped on Korban Ali near Sarappur-Shayestabad Government Primary School about 9:30 pm on his way to home from Kashinathpur Bazar. The attackers hacked him indiscriminately with sharp weapons leaving him dead on the spot, he said.¹³⁵

On March 19, 2016; goons gunned down an agent of mobile money transfer service bKash looting Tk 45,000.00 from him at Comillapara of Badda in the city. The victim was identified

as Mahbub Hossain, 30, son of Abdul Malek of Barisal. Officer-in-Charge of Badda Police Station M.A. Jalil said about 12:00 pm some unidentified miscreants shot him dead near his shop killing him on the spot.¹³⁶

On April 04, 2016; armed robbers killed a freedom fighter and looted valuables from a house at Salna Kathora Moishanbari area of Gazipur City. The deceased was Paresh Chandra Ghosh, 65. His brother Naresh Chandra Ghosh, 58, and nephews Bidhan Krishna Ghosh, 32, and Mrinal Chandra Ghosh, 28, were injured in the attack.¹³⁷

On April 6, 2016; a Jagannath University student was hacked to death in Sutrapur area of old Dhaka. Witnesses said that some miscreants hacked master's student of Law Department of the university Nazim Uddin to death in Ekrampur intersection of Sutrapur in old Dhaka at about 8:45 pm. Sutrapur Police Officer-in-Charge Topan Kumar Saha said that the police recovered the body of Nazim from the spot at about 9:00 pm and took to Mitford Hospital for an autopsy.¹³⁸

On April 8, 2016; a local leader of Bangladesh Nationalist Party was shot to death by some miscreants in Arongghata area of Khulna City. The victim was S.M. Alamgir Hossain, 50, son of Akbar Hossain in the area. He was the industries affairs secretary of three number ward unit of BNP. Additional Deputy Commissioner of Khulna Metropolitan Police Sheikh Maniruzzaman Mithu said a group of armed miscreants intercepted Alamgir Hossain and opened fire on him around 10:30 pm, leaving him critically injured.¹³⁹

On May 03, 2016; a local Juba League leader was killed by unidentified criminals in Natore town. The deceased, Abdur Razzak, 32, was the Vice President of Ward No-8 unit of Juba League under Tebaria union. Being informed by locals, police recovered Razzak's throat-slit body from a place near Yasinpur Rail Station in the morning and sent it to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. Razzak, son of Abdul Matin of Tebaria village in the Upazila, might have been killed by his rivals over business related issues, the OC said.¹⁴⁰

On May 13, 2016; a member of Santu Larma-led Parbatya Chhattagram Jana Sanghati Samity was shot to death by miscreants in Naniarchar Upazila headquarters. Sub-inspector of Naniarchar police station M. Shahjahan said the miscreants opened fire on the victim, identified as Makbul Chakma, from behind while he was going to T&T area from a bazaar of the upazila headquarters in the evening, leaving him injured. Makbul was first taken to Naniarchar Upazila Health Complex and later shifted to Rangami general hospital where doctors declared him dead. Locals said Makbul has recently joined the Santu Larma-led PCJSS from the United People's Democratic Front.¹⁴¹

On May 19, 2016; miscreants hacked a homeopath doctor to death and injured an Islamic University teacher in Kushtia sadar. The deceased was Sanaur Rahman, 55, and the injured Md Saifuzzaman was a lecturer of Bangla department of the university. Sadar Police Officer-in-Charge Shahabuddin Chowdhury said a gang of 10 to 12 miscreants swooped on the duo while they approached

the village Shishirmath riding a motorcycle around 10:00 am. The miscreants hacked them indiscriminately, leaving Sanaur Rahman dead on the spot, he said.¹⁴²

On June 05, 2016; Police Officer Babul Akter led several anti-militancy drives, arrested many key militants, busted their dens and eventually foiled their attack plans. And these could be the reasons behind the murder of his wife in the port city, senior police officials said. Three attackers, who came on a motorcycle, first hacked and then shot Mahmuda Khanam Mitu to death before her six-year-old son. It happened just 200 yards from their house near GEC Intersection in Chittagong around 6:35 am. Mitu, 30, was on her way to put her son Akter Mahmud Maheer on his school bus. The couple also has a four-year-old daughter.¹⁴³

On July 1, 2016; miscreants killed a local Awami League leader by slitting his throat at Naikhyangchari in Bandarban. The victim Mong Shoi Lu Marma, 50, was a resident of Dhabankhalipara who served as the Vice-President of Ward No. 01 Baishari union unit Awami League. Police said miscreants killed him in Shawshankhola area in front of Baishari union parishad around 10:00 pm when Mong Shoi was returning home.¹⁴⁴

On July 02, 2016; an activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League was shot by unidentified miscreants at Nalchhiti in Jhalakati who later died in a Barisal hospital in the noon. The deceased was identified as Sajal Hawladar, 18, son of Rafique Hawladar of Mollarhat union in Nalchhiti. Sajal passed higher secondary examinations from Mollarhat Z.A. Bhutto Degree College last year.¹⁴⁵

On July 30, 2016; a Union Parishad member was hacked and later died on the way to the hospital at Sendo area in Brahmanbaria. The victim is identified as Anwar Hossain, 45, a member of Ramrail Union Parishad. Police said some unidentified miscreants hacked Anwar about 10:30 pm while he was talking to someone on a road at Sendo area and managed to flee.¹⁴⁶

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On August 16, 2016; a Union Parishad (UP) member was hacked to death near his residence at Paikasha village in Santhia Upazila. The deceased was Shah Jamal, 35, a member of Dhopadah UP. A gang of 8/10 hacked Jamal, leaving him critically injured when he was returning home from Dhulauri Bazar. He later died at the upazila health complex.¹⁴⁷

On August 26, 2016; a local leader of Bangladesh Nationalist Party was beaten to death at Dumuria in Khulna. The victim was Md. Abul Kalam Fakir, 40, a resident of Bhandar court in Dumuria. He was the vice-president of Bhandar court union unit BNP. A gang of miscreants swooped on Abul Kalam between 10:30 pm and 11:00 pm while he was going to a shrimp enclosure adjacent to his house, said Tajul Islam, police.¹⁴⁸

On September 04, 2016; two Jubo League activists were hacked allegedly by the men of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) in the town. The injured are Patuakhali Jubo League activists Rubel Hawlader, 28, and Md Milon, 26. Rubel was shifted to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital as his condition deteriorated. Police said BCL men Mizan and Murad often went to Rubel's grocery shop and demanded money for buying drugs.¹⁴⁹

On September 16, 2016; a Juba League activist died at a city hospital, hours after he and one of his fellows were injured as a group of unidentified assailants opened fire on them at a club in Motijheel AGB Colony area of the capital. The deceased was identified as Rizvi Hasan Babu, 35, while the injured, who is now undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, is Ahsanul Haque Emon, 30. Motijheel police said the assailants opened fire on the duo around 11:30pm and the locals immediately rescued them and rushed to DMCH.¹⁵⁰

On October 02, 2016; a madrasa teacher was stabbed to death allegedly by his nephew in front of minor students in broad daylight in Chandpur. Police arrested accused Mohammad Rony, 20, son of Shahjahan Qari of Shilastan village in Kachua upazila. The deceased was Shah Alam alias Shaheb Ali, 60, a teacher of Ebtedaye Madrasa at the village. Police said Rony entered the madrasa and stabbed Shaheb Ali in the abdomen when he was giving Arabic lessons to minor children. Critically injured Shaheb Ali died on way to the upazila health complex.¹⁵¹

On October 13, 2016; a Union Parishad (UP) member was gunned down by unidentified

criminals at Godkhali Bazar in Jhikargachha Upazila of Jessore. The deceased, Rahat Sardar, 40, son of Jalil Sarder of Mathbari village, was a member of Godkhali union parishad in the upazila. Officer-in-Charge Masud Karim of Jhikargachha Police Station said six criminals riding on two motorbikes stormed inside a saloon in the area around 9:15 am and shot him dead.¹⁵²

On November 01, 2016; an elderly woman was hacked to death at Natuapara in Kazipur Upazila of Sirajganj. The victim was Fatema Begum, 75, wife of late Aksed Ali of the village. Police arrested the victim's son and his wife in this connection. On being informed by locals, police rushed to the spot and recovered the body from the victim's room.¹⁵³

On Nov 21, 2016; a schoolboy was stabbed to death by miscreants at the Kewatkhal Railway School premises in Mymensingh town. The deceased was identified as Rasheduzzaman Liyon, 15, a class IX student of the school and son of Malaysia expatriate Akhteruzzaman, a resident of Bolashpur area of the town. Kamrul Islam, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Model Police Station, said miscreants stabbed Liyon near the school ground around 9:30 am, leaving him critically injured. Later he died on the way to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.¹⁵⁴

On Dec 03, 2016; a young man was stabbed to death at Lalbagh in the city. The victim was identified as Md Rabbi, 18, son of Abdus Salam, a resident of Lane 1 of Shahidnagar under Lalbagh police station. He worked in a tailoring shop. A group of youths led by Shah Badhan, 25, a resident of Shaidnagar, intercepted Rabbi at Lane 2 in the area after 12:00am when he was going to the tailoring shop from home, said sub-inspector Shahidul Islam, duty officer of the police station.¹⁵⁵

On Dec 17, 2016; a leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League, student wing of ruling Awami League, was shot at by miscreants in the city. Bullet-wounded KM Jubayer, vice-president of Dhaka University unit of BCL, was now undergoing treatment at surgery department in Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said

Bachchu Mia, in charge of the hospital's police outpost. Jubayer is a master's student of economics department in Dhaka University and resides at Mohsin Hall, campus sources said.¹⁵⁶

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VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes children as essential agents of change who will channel their infinite capacities for the creation of a better and more inclusive world, a world in which every child grows up free from fear and violence. The Convention on the Rights of the Child (hereinafter “Convention”) establishes standards for the protection of girls from physical and psychological violence at home, in the community and at the hands of State officials. The Convention uses both feminine and masculine pronouns in its provisions and it stresses in Article 2(1) that: “State parties shall respect and ensure the rights set forth in the present Convention to each child within their jurisdiction without discrimination of any kind, irrespective of the child’s ... sex.”¹⁵⁷

Among the rights that States Parties must protect regardless of sex, are the right to life; the right to be free from violence, mistreatment and exploitation while under the care of a parent or other guardian; the right to be free from harmful traditional practices; the right against sexual exploitation and abuse; and the right against torture. Bangladesh has ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child (September 2, 1990). Despite having such existing legal framework, the violation of child rights is a common problem in Bangladesh. It occurs within the family, at home, and at schools where children may face sexual abuse or harassment. Girls in particular face the threat of child marriage. In schools, children might be beaten if they fail to perform or face humiliating and degrading punishments for minor errors or infractions. The incidents of violence against children, including killing, trafficking, abduction and rape, have increased across the country in recent times amid slack. The rights of every child to a standard of living adequate for the child’s physical, mental, spiritual, moral, and social development”.¹⁵⁸

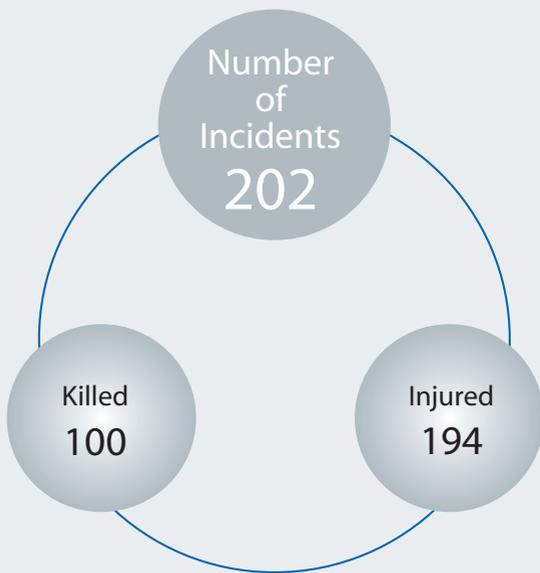


Figure 19: Statistics of Violence against Children in 2016

According to Human Rights Support Society’s report, the graph presented below regarding violence against children in the year 2016, shows that around 100 children were killed and 194 children’s have been critically injured in a total 202 incidents.



Figure 20: Monthly Comparison of killing in 2016

Some important cases are stated below:

A man tied three children to a straw stack for five hours for “stealing two potatoes” from his field in Kangaish village of Hajiganj Upazila of Chadpur District on 15th January 2016. The children were Zidan (12), son of Mainuddin; Siam (11), son of Billal Hossain; and Siam’s cousin Subarna (11), of the village. Zidan said they got two potatoes in the field of Mizan Mia when they went to his potato field to collect snail. Mizan caught them from the spot and took them to his house and verbally abused them.¹⁵⁹

On February 05, 2016; a woman and her two-year-old son were stabbed to death allegedly by her ‘husband’ over a family feud at Pashchim Charbata in Subarnachar of Noakhali. Nizam Uddin, Officer-in-Charge of Char Jabbar Police Station, said Lucky Rani Nath, 30, and her two-year-old son was stabbed to death by her husband Sanjay Kumar Nath, 40, over a family feud around 11:00pm.¹⁶⁰

On February 8, 2016; a woman allegedly killed her 11-month old son at village Shyampur of Ratankandi union in Sirajganj. The deceased was identified as Tanveen Hasan, son of Saidul Islam and the alleged killer was Rubia Khatun, 30. Sirajganj sadar police sub-inspector Rafiqul Islam said they recovered the body from a suitcase inside the house sent it to Sirajganj Sadar Hospital morgue for post-mortem examinations.¹⁶¹

On February 14, 2016; two children were mercilessly tortured by a group of men, which included an army sergeant and police constable, on suspicion that they had stolen a mobile phone. The incident was also reportedly captured on video by the assailants. Zahir Hussain, an eighth-grade student at Bagsara High School, was admitted to the local Upazila Health Centre.¹⁶²

On February 19, 2016; a 10-year-old boy was tortured allegedly by a local Awami League leader in Patghudam bus stand area of the district town on a theft charge. The victim was identified as Saddam, son of Parveen Akhter, a

resident of Krishtopur slum of the town. Officer of Kotwali Model police station Quamrul Islam said local people of the area caught red handed Saddam while he was snatching a mobile phone set from a person.¹⁶³

On March 02, 2016; a mother has allegedly killed her two children at the city’s Banasree area, claims Rapid Action Batallion (RAB). “Mother Mahfuza Malek Jesmine has confessed killing her two children--22-year-old daughter Nusrat Jahan Arani and 6-year-old Alvi Aman,” said Mufti Mahmud Khan, director of RAB’s legal and media wing.¹⁶⁴

On March 10, 2016; Jamal Pasha, son of Sohrab Ali of Bania Bazar area under the municipality, is a councillor of Ward No 6. Locals said Rakibul Islam Shraban of the orphanage, also a Class VIII student of Bania Bazar High School in Sadar Upazila, took part in the annual sports. During the event on the school playground, Sraban locked in an altercation with Shakil Ahmed, 12, nephew of the arrestee, over a trifling matter around 1:30pm, Sabina Yesmin, Assistant Teacher of the orphanage, said. Councillor Jamal Pasha, who was present as a special guest, beat up Shraban mercilessly, leaving him critically injured, Sabina said.¹⁶⁵

On April 14, 2016; a woman allegedly killed a three-year-old boy after dashing him to the ground in Banaripara area of Barisal. Quoting witnesses Ziaul Ahsan, officer-in-charge of Banaripara Police Station, said rickshaw puller Ripon Sheikh used to live at the house of Badal Mia as a tenant. Being irritated by Hafizur’s frequent crying Nupur Begum, wife of Badal Mia, rushed in and dashed the boy to the ground, leaving him critically injured. Later, Hafizur was rushed to upazila health complex where he succumbed to his injuries at the dead of night.¹⁶⁶

On April 19, 2016, an 18-month-old baby boy was stabbed to death at his home in the capital’s Uttar Khan Area. His mother, Fahmida Mir Mukti, 30, was under treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital with cut marks in her throat. Police suspect that Mukti attempted

suicide after killing her son Nihal Sadik following feuds with her husband Sazzad Hossain Murad, 35, a shop employee in Uttara.¹⁶⁷

On April 25, 2016; two schoolboys were allegedly tortured by a Union Parishad member, his associate, and an uncle of one of the victims reportedly for stealing pigeons at Chhota Bashail village in Agailjhara upazila. The victims are Sagar Bepari, 10, a class-V student of Chhota Bashail Govt Primary School, and Tushar Sikdar, 14, a grade-VII student of Bashail Secondary School. Locals and the police said Monir and Nasir, members of Village Defence Police, led by Barkat Ullah, a member of Rajihar union ward-4, tied up the boys to a coconut tree and beat them up in front of Monir's house.¹⁶⁸

On May 20, 2016; the law enforcing agency arrested a muezzin in Narayanganj on a charge of killing a girl. Hafez Jahirul Islam, 30, muezzin of a mosque in Barapa Sutlara area of Rupganj Upazila, was held after the body of deceased Sumaiya, 8, was recovered from a pond beside the mosque. According to the father of the victim, Sumaiya and another girl from their neighborhood went to attend Arabic class at Barapa Sutlara Mollah Bari Jam-e-Masjid around 6:00 am on Thursday. After the class, the other girl named Tamanna returned home but Sumaiya did not, Wazit Mia, Sumaiya's father, said at a press conference. She had been missing since then. Based on allegations raised by the locals, the police interrogated Jahirul, who at one stage admitted that he threw the girl in the pond, said Md Ismail Hossain, Officer-in-Charge of Rupganj Police Station. After the Arabic class, he asked Sumaiya to stay back for cleaning the mosque staircase. While sweeping, she fell down and got injured, he claimed. Scared of beating by the locals for her injuries, muezzin Jahirul threw Sumaiya in the pond, the OC also said quoting the muezzin. Whether the girl was raped before being killed could be confirmed after the autopsy, he added.¹⁶⁹

On May 16, 2016; a teenage girl was tortured by her lover and his family at Porahati of

Jhenaidah when she demanded the recognition as his wife. Jhenaidah police said that the victim had a love affair with Bakul Hossain of Porahati for past few years. The family members of Bakul tied up the victim with a pole and tortured her overnight as she went Bakul's house seeking recognition as his wife. Officer-in-Charge of Jhenaidah Police Station Hasan Hafizur Rahman said they rescued the girl while she was seriously injured due to torture.¹⁷⁰

An infant has been killed by some miscreants at Shatkania in Chittagong on 11 June 2016. He was Mehdi Hassan Rosni, 8 months old, son of Munjor Alom. Victim relatives said that Rashni along with his parents went from a medical by a CNG. There was bargaining due to disagreement for the fare. At one stage, the driver along with his friends beaten Rashni's father and mother. In spite of effort Roshni was stocked and injured and dead at a private clinic. The officer in charge at Chokoria Thana inspected this family and keep word to detain the culprits promptly.¹⁷¹





Brutally tortured house help lands in hospital on August 28, 2016

A school boy was killed by beaten with an iron sheet in Norshindhi on 11 June 2016. The victim was Moin Uddin (14), reading in Aligan GM academy in class nine. The witness said that Moin Uddin's cousin Shahin lost his expensive mobile phone. Shahin suspect Roxy for stealing the phone. At one stage, there was a class between two groups and Moin Uddin was severely injured and admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital at the severe condition and dead after few days.¹⁷²

The dead body of a house keeper was rescued at Bashabo in the capital on 15th June 2016. The victim was Nilufer Akter (10). The police rescued the hanged dead body of the victim. The police also detained house owner and his wife. They also side she committed suicide.¹⁷³

On July 3, 2016; a man allegedly slaughtered his wife and their minor son at village Joydebpur in Dinajpur following a family feud, police said. The victims were identified as Bakul Parvin, 27, wife of suspected killer Sohrab Ali alias Bhutto, 28, of the village, and their four-year-old son Riyan-Al-Din. Bhutto is a rice trader by profession. Quoting Bhutto's

mother Sharifa Begum, Kotwali police officer-in-charge Rezwanur Rahim said that she heard a daughter of Bhutto crying at their house around 12:30am. As she asked Bhutto about the matter, he replied nothing had happened but the girl continued crying, he said. Later Sharifa and others broke open the door and found bodies of Bakul and Riyan lying in a pool of blood.¹⁷⁴

On July 10, 2016; a man allegedly killed his two-and-a-half-month-old son following a family feud in Kaliakoir of Gazipur. Khadiza Begum, the mother of the victim Arafat Hossain alias Sunny, filed a murder case against her husband Jahangir Alam, 28. The couple lived in a rented house in Sakaswar area of Kaliakoir.¹⁷⁵

On July 17, 2016; a man took his life after killing his eight-year-old son in Kaharol upazila of the district. The deceased are rickshaw puller Zinnat Hossain, 32, and his son Md Munna of Garnurpur village. Police said Zinnat hung Munna from the ceiling of his living room. Later, he took his life by hanging from the same rope around 9:00am.¹⁷⁶



On July 19, 2016; a three-year-old boy was killed allegedly by his mother following a family feud at Paschim Char Uria in Sadar upazila. The deceased is Md Yamin, son of Alamgir Hossain and Poly Akter, 20, of the area. Ajifa Khatun, the grandmother of the victim, said Alamgir and Poly locked in an altercation over a family matter around 10:00pm. At one point, Poly poisoned Yamin. She also took the poison out of anger, said Ajifa.¹⁷⁷

On July 19, 2016; a woman allegedly killed her 10-year-old stepdaughter at Sharankuthi village in Gabtoli upazila of the bogra district. The deceased is Mahfuza Khatun, daughter of Abdul Awal of the village. Police detained Rehana Khatun, 28, Awal's second wife, from the house.¹⁷⁸

On July 25, 2016; a woman killed her four-year-old boy and committed suicide, allegedly over a family feud at Angaria village in Rajapur upazila of the district. The deceased are Sheuli Begum, 30, wife of Delwar Hossain, and their son Yousuf, of the village. Luckily their six-year-old daughter Chandni survived

murder attempt by her mother.¹⁷⁹

On September 03, 2016; a baby girl was hacked to death by an addicted youth in Chhoto Tengra area under Sadar upazila of the Bogra. Police said the youth entered the girl's house and started hacking her with a spade. Hearing the screams of the mother of the girl, locals rushed to the spot and caught the youth.¹⁸⁰

On September 15, 2016; a nine-year-old house help was brutally tortured allegedly by her employers in Gazipur. The child bearing deep injury marks on all over her body and head was having treatment at the Haimchar Health Complex in Chandpur. Locals said the child started working in Faruk's house a year ago. She wanted to go home but her employers were unwilling let her go. They beat her up several times, they claimed.¹⁸¹

On September 20, 2016; a minor boy was beaten to death by unidentified assailants at Shyampur Alibahar under Kadamtali police station in Dhaka. The victim was identified as Abdullah, 7, son of Golam Mostofa of



Mehendiganj upazila in Barisal and now a resident at Natun Alibahar of Shyampur union under Kadamtali.¹⁸²

On October 22, 2016; a tortured six-year-old domestic helper was rescued from Comilla's Chotora Eidgah area. The victim is Eva, daughter of Nuru Mia, whose address could not be known immediately. Residents of the area said she used to work at one Mahbubur Rahman's house, near Kaliazuri Mazar. Quoting Eva, police said Mahbubur's wife Poly used to torture her for trivial matters and often beat her with hot cooking utensils. They also kept her locked in a room whenever they went out, said police.¹⁸³

On November 06, 2016; an eight-year-old boy was hacked to death by his drug addict maternal uncle over a trifling matter at Pashchim Koyra village in Madarganj upazila of the Jamalpur. The deceased is Mohammad Shahin, son of Al-Amin and Banu





Begum of Phulbaria area under Sadar municipality. Shahin had been staying with his maternal grandparents since age of one.¹⁸⁴

On December 09, 2016; a nine-year-old madrasa student was found dead in her bedroom at Shahanagar village Sherpur upazila of Bogra. Police recovered the body of Aklima Khatun, 9, class-II student of Shahnagar Dakhil Madrasa and daughter of Jahidul Islam, from a rafter of the ceiling and sent it to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital for autopsy.¹⁸⁵

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>> VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN



Benapole police on have rescued a ten-year-old madrasah student from Magura's Vaina More bus-stand, whose ankle was found to be tied up in a shackle and a big block of wood- April 19, 2016.





Enforced Disappearance

Enforced disappearance is a dreadful violation of human rights and an international crime. According to the UN General Assembly Declaration,

“...an enforced disappearance occurs when persons are arrested, detained or abducted against their will or otherwise deprived of their liberty by officials of different branches or levels of Government, or by organized groups or private individuals acting on behalf of, or with the support, direct or indirect, consent or acquiescence of the Government, followed by a refusal to disclose the fate or whereabouts of the persons concerned or a refusal to acknowledge the deprivation of their liberty, which places such persons outside the protection of the law.”¹⁸⁶

It is observed that enforced disappearance has increased recently in Bangladesh. The events of disappearance have already triggered a gravest hurdle in our national life by polluting political and administrative culture of Bangladesh.

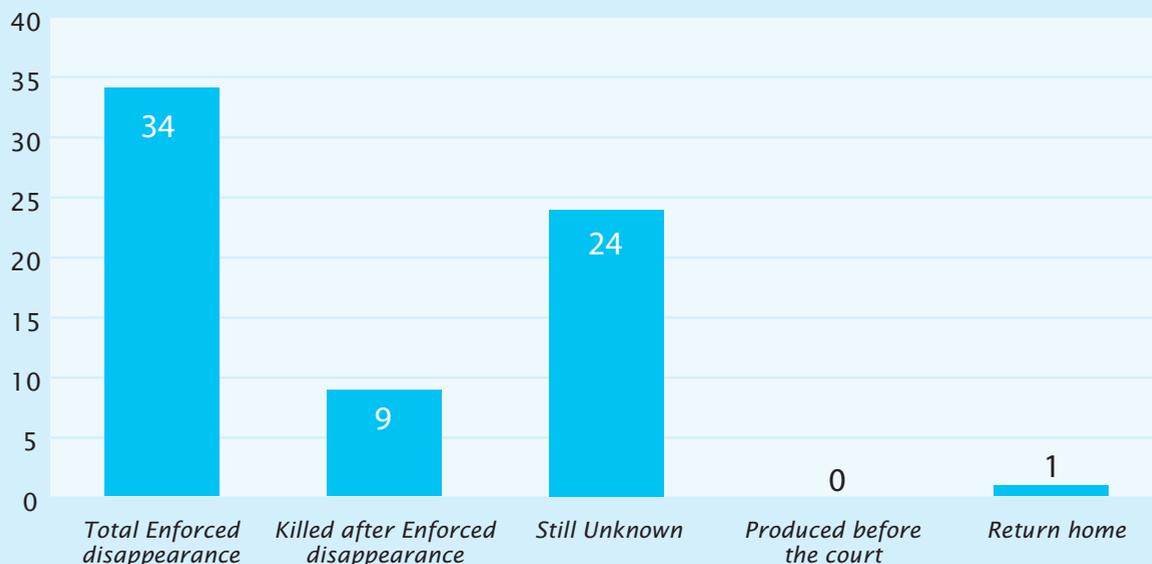
According to HRSS report, many political activists have been forcefully disappeared from January to December 2016 by the law enforcement agencies and their bullet-riddled dead body has been found in several places. Abduction, killing after the abduction, rescuing dead body becomes the common and daily phenomenon in Bangladesh. Many witnesses have testified to the law enforcement agencies' involvement in these cases, and the pattern of abductions and the profiles of victims suggest that disappearances are used as an instrument by the government to keep the political opponents silent, according

to the experts. Recently, the government of Bangladesh has ratified the convention against torture but has yet to accede to the International convention for the protection of all people from enforced disappearance.

Article 3 and 9 of Universal Declaration of Human Rights says that "Everyone has the right to life, liberty, and security of person". "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile" According to Article 6 (1) of International Convention on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), every human being has the inherent right to life.

Moreover, Article 9 says, (1) "Everyone has the right to liberty and security of person. No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest or detention. No one shall be deprived of his liberty except on such grounds and in accordance with such procedure as are established by law".

Figure 21: Statistics of Enforced disappearance during the year '16



'Human Rights Support Society' (HRSS) finds that a total 34 people have been disappeared by law enforcement agency (LEA); out of them 09 were found dead, one returned home, none were brought before the court and nobody knows what happened to the rest 24 persons.

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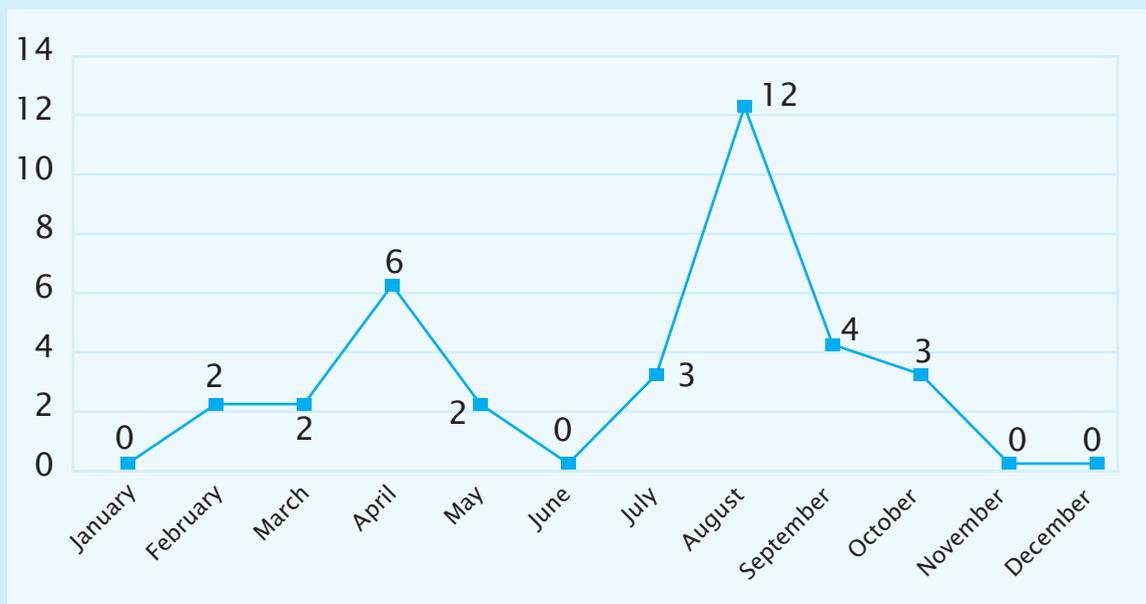


Figure 22: Monthly Comparison of Enforced Disappearance in 2016

Selected cases are stated below:

On February 13, 2016; the family of a former leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) alleged that Topu had been missing since some people identifying themselves as law enforcers picked him up more than two weeks ago from the capital's Bashundhara area. SM Moazzem Hossain Topu, 28, a former president of a ward-22 unit of BCL, was picked up by "plainclothes detectives" from a friend's flat on February 26, said the family members who formed a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club for his return. Maruf Hossain Sorder, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told that they did not arrest him. An inhabitant of Rampura, Topu used to visit his friend's flat near Apollo Hospital at Block D of Bashundhara area, said his elder brother SM Moinul Hossain. Three men identifying themselves as detectives picked him up around 11:00 pm on that day, Moinul said, quoting Topu's friend Arnab. One of the men carried a pair of handcuffs, he added.¹⁸⁷

On March 04, 2016; a leader of Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir was found dead 21 days after he went missing in Harinakundu Upazila

of Jhenaidah District. The bullet-hit body of the victim, Hafez Mohammad Jasim Uddin, 24, son of Khalilur Rahman Mandal of Kalohati area of Jhenaidah Sadar, was acting president of Chhatra Shibir of Ganna Union Unit, was found from a field of Hinger village in Dauatpur union around 7:00. His hands and legs were tied. His brother Saifur Rahman identified the body. He said Law enforcement agency has killed him and left the body there. The body unveils marks of bullet injuries. He also said that on February 12, 2016 some plainclothes people introducing themselves as detectives got in a bus to search in Goaland of Rajbari while Jasim was returning home from Sylhet, said Saifur citing a conversation with Jasim over mobile at that time. After a while, Jasim's phone was found switched off and since then he had been missing, the victim's families are alleged to law enforcing agency regarding this abduction. They also expressed deep concern about their son's life at the current perspective of Bangladesh where a number of young men were enforced disappeared but not be expressed till now. They expressed their demands at a press conference on to law enforcing agency to get back their son immediately without torture.¹⁸⁸

On April 12, 2016; without disappearing Joshim Uddin's blood, Jhenaidah people observed another heart rending incidence of killing two meritorious in a single day-13th April, when the nation was taking preparation to celebrate the first day of Bangla New Year. The two shibir leader namely, Abu Jar Giffari (21) and the 2nd one is Shamim Mahmud (20), disappearing 25 days and 21 days ago, respectively. Abu Jar Giffari was the Shibir president of Kaliganj municipality unit, Jhenaidah district; while Shamim was an activist of the same organization. Giffari was an honours third year student at Bangla department of Jessore MM College and Shamim was an honours second year student of KC College in Jhenaidah. The bullet-hit dead bodies of both Shibir leaders were found in the shoshan at Barampukur area of Jessore Sadar Upazila and police rescued the dead body after getting information from the local people. Both of the victims were shot at their head to ensure death. The victim's family and nexus alleged that both of them were

picked up by the member of law-enforcers, wearing plainclothes from Kaliganj of Jhenaidah earlier in March. Girafi's mother alleged that Giffari was picked up by four plain cloth armed man boarding two motorcycle when he came from the mosque after completing prayer in front of her in the broad day light. Similarly, Shamim's mother alleged that Shamim was abducted by four plain cloth armed man boarding two motorcycles when he was reading newspaper in the grocery. When local people came forward to rescue him the offender acquainted them as a member of law enforce agency. Following their disappearance, family members of the victims were fail to issue separate general diaries due to the negligence of respective police stations. But several incidences in this territory indicated that the only duty of police nothing but else to rescue the dead body of abducted man. Ironically, like others incidents of disappearance the law enforcing agencies denied the allegation of abduction and killing.¹⁸⁹



Hafez Mohammad Jasim Uddin was killed by LEA after 21 days his abduction.



Sohanur Rahman:
On April, 23, 2016 the brutality in Jhenaidah is killed by LEA in Chuadanga, after 11 days his "abduction".



Abu Jar Giffari & Shamim Mahmud :
The two young men namely, Abu Jar Giffari (21) and the 2nd one is Shamim Mahmud (20), disappearing 25 days and 21 days ago, respectively Killed by law enforcing after abduction.

>> ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE

The brutality in Jinaidah has reached in a dangerous level and the latest victim of the atrocious attack was Shohanur Islam (19). In this case, the cruelty crossed the previous incidences. The bullet-riddled body of Shohanur was found in Chuadanga, 10 days after his "abduction". He was an activist of Kaliganj Municipality unit of Islami Chhatra Shibir, was picked up by four plainclothed men, who introduced them as the members of Detective Branch (DB) of police. He was a second-year student of Shaheed Nur-Ali College in Kaliganj. His dead body unveiled the sign of bullet shoot in his head. His eyes were uprooted and a hand was seperated from the body. Mohsin Alom, the victim's father, alleged that four plainclothed policemen with pistols and hand cuffs had picked up his son 10 days ago. Locals identified two policemen- one Sub-inspector Nasir and the other SI Nirab Hossain- of them, BBC quoted Mohsin.¹⁹⁰

On the other hand, On April 12, 2016; three criminals identifyinh them as DB police picked up a university student from Elephant Road in

the capital and robbed him of Tk 4 lakh. Parvez Rana, 25, an LLB student of a private university in Dhanmondi, was picked up after he drew the money from a bank of Elephant Road around 1:00pm. Accusing Parvez as a drug dealer; the criminals handcuffed Parvez and forced him to get into a private car. After roaming around different areas in the capital, they dropped off Parvez in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area around 2:00 pm, said the victim's brother Uzzal Hossain, a staff at the audit department in Kakrail. Uzzal told that he sold a piece of land at Godagari in Rajshahi. The buyers paid by cheque for the land and he then sent it to his brother's account to cash the cheque. He said he went to the bank and requested the authorities to show him the CCTV footage to see whether anybody followed Rana near the branch. Uzzal said the criminals beat up his brother.¹⁹¹

On 12, August 2016; a local leader of Jamaat-e-Islami, whom family claimed to have been picked up by some plainclothed policemen from Shailakupa Upazila around a week ago,



Idris Ali Panna was brutally killed by police forces at Jorapukur on the Harinakundu-Jhenidah road in Harinakundu upazila.



Abdullahil Aman Azmi, son of Professor Ghulam Azam, Ex-Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer was allegedly picked up by a security force from his Boro Moghbazar residence in the capital. Abul Kalam Azad, the personal manager of Ghulam Azam's wife, said-On August 22, 2016;



Ibnul Islam Parvej was killed by law enforcement agency so-called "gunfight" with his cohorts in Uttar-Kastasagra village of Jhenidah Sadarupazila.





Jahurul Islam & Dr. khondhoker Tarek Hasan Sajib were killed by police after almost 45 days abduction in Bhutiargathi village in the Jhenaidah town. They are Jahurul Islam, 45, of Chuadanga bus stand area in the town, and Dr. khondhoker Tarek Hasan Sajib, 30, of Arappur in the town.

was found dead at Jorapukur on the Harinakundu-Jhenidah road in Harinakundu Upazila. The deceased, Idris Ali Panna, was a resident of the village of Raghunathpur in the Upazila. He was also the former chief of Raghunathpur union Jamaat-e-Islam. Idris Ali's family said he was a teacher of Hossain Ali Alim Madrassa of the village. He was also a marriage registrar of Raghunathpur Union's Ward No. 7 and Imam of Mohishgari Jame Mosque at adjacent Shoilakupa Upazila. However, Idris's family said a group of people claiming themselves as law enforcers took away Idris Ali in front of Ramchandrapur Police post at Shoilokupa Upazila on 4 August.¹⁹²

On August 22, 2016; Abdullahil Aman Azmi, son of Professor Ghulam Azam, Ex-Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer was allegedly picked up by a security force from his Boro Moghbazar residence in the capital. Abul Kalam Azad, the

personal manager of Ghulam Azam's wife, said. Private Television Channel Ekattor also reported the incident, citing Ghulam Azam's lawyers. However, Shiblee Noman, assistant commissioner (Ramna zone) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said they knew nothing about it. According to Azad, some 25-30 men came to the house at 119/2 Kazi Office Lane in Boro Moghbazar around 9:00 pm and inquired him about Azmi. "I told them that I didn't know because whole day I was not at home. They then started beating me up," Azad told. The men later entered the eight-storey building and searched all apartments. They found Azmi in one of the apartments, blindfolded him and took him with them around 11:30 pm, claimed Azad.¹⁹³

On August 09, 2016; Ahmed Bin Quasem, son of top Jamaat leader and convicted war criminal Mir Quasem Ali, was allegedly picked

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up by some unidentified men from his Mirpur DOHS home in the capital. “Five people rang our doorbell around 10:50pm. As I opened the door, they wanted to know whether Ahmed was home,” Tahmina Akhtar, the wife of Ahmed, told. “My husband wanted to know their identities. But they refused. And at one stage, they asked him to go with them and later took him away by a white microbus,” she said. Tahmina also said that while leaving, one of them said, “Don’t worry. We will return him.” Contacted, Dadon Fakir, officer-in-charge of Pallabi Police Station, said they have learned about the incident from the media. He, however, could not confirm it.¹⁹⁴

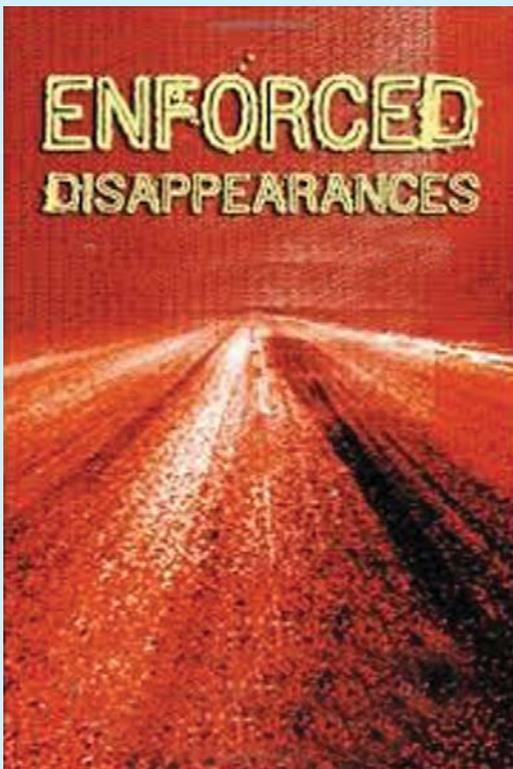
On September 01, 2016; a Chittagong University student was picked up by plainclothed people from his Bakalia residence in the port city, the family claimed. There was no case against Md Nezam, an LLB final year student, who has been living in Baramiya Masjid area for several years. On that day, the plainclothed men handcuffed his brother and picked him up through a microbus, said Abbas. “I went to Bakalia Police Station to file a GD, but to no avail. When we rushed to DB office, they did not pay heed to me,” he added.¹⁹⁵

3 Jubo League men found shot dead -Family of one alleges they were picked up by Rab;
on December 06, 2016





STOP THE KILLINGS
 STOP THE TORTURE
 STOP THE DISAPPEARANCES



On October 30, 2016; a businessman was allegedly kidnapped from his home using the identity of the Detective Branch of police at Ullapara, in Sirajganj. The victim was Rejaul Karim, son of late Zelhuq Pramanik of the village. At night some civil dressed people identified themselves as DB took regal Karim to show a Chhatra Shibir leader's house. Since then he was missing and police said they knew nothing. Even no ransom was demanded. Victim's family intended to make a General Diary in the local police station.¹⁹⁶

On October 22, 2016; a businessman Golam Mostafa (50) was kidnapped by some people using police identity at Amla Bazar union in Mirpur Upazila of Kushtia. He was an ex-secretary of the Amla Bazar Samiti. His niece Rubel Malitha told over the mobile phone that he (Golam Mostafa) went to the market to buy medicine and at that time some people took him away by motorcycle about 12 pm in civil dress. They contacted to Mirpur Thana and police lines, but police denied the fact. Officer-in-Charge of Mirpur Police Station said that they would investigate its authenticity.¹⁹⁷

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Abduction

Abduction is a serious violation of human rights. Abduction, kidnapping, killing after the abduction, etc. are common occurrences in present-day Bangladesh. Sadly speaking, Bangladesh has been ranked seventh among 10 countries where abductions are most frequent. Nobody could confidently predict his safe return after going outside of his resident. The numbers of victims, according to HRSS report is increasing day by day. During the year 2016, the occurrences of abduction increased all over the country. However, according to the Penal Code Provision, section 362, 1860, a person is said to commit the offense of abduction when by force compels or by any deceitful means induces any other person to go from one place to another. The graph below provides information about the total number of abduction from January to December in 2016.

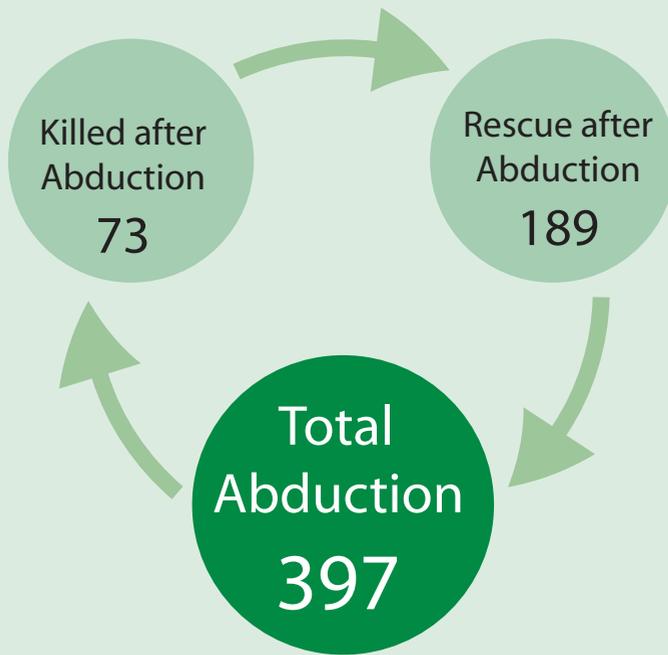


Figure 23: Statistics of Abduction 2016

The above pie chart describes information about abduction cases during the year 2016 in Bangladesh. According to the Human Rights Support Society (HRSS), a total 297 people were abducted and among them 73 were killed after the abduction. On the other hand, nearly 189 people were rescued by law enforcement agencies after the abduction.

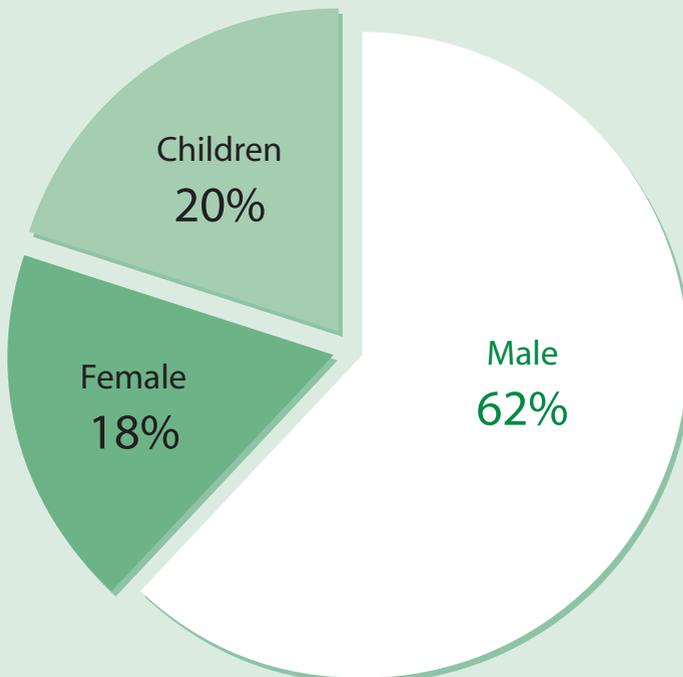


Figure 24: Categorization of abduction in'16

The above pie chart illustrates information about abduction. According to information gathered by HRSS during the year 2016, a total of 397 people were abducted in the different area of the country, among them approximately 248 were male, roughly 70 were female and almost 79 were children.

>> ABDUCTION

Selected cases are as follows:

On January 05, 2016; an abducted madrasa girl was found dead in Jessore district. The law enforcers recovered the body of the girl from Singher Kajura village in Monirampur Upazila of Jessore, three days after her abduction. The deceased is Lima Khatun, 14, daughter of Shahidul Islam, and a Class IX student of Nengurahat Women's Madrasa in the area. Family sources said a gang abducted Lima. Later, her father filed a general dairy with Monirampur Police Station in this connection. Local people found the body hanging from a tree in a bamboo cluster in the village and informed the police.¹⁹⁸

On January 20, 2016; two minor brothers were killed by abductors at Borobil village under Gorjonia, a hilly union of Ramu Upazila of the district, after their parents refused to Taka four lakh in ransom. The deceased were identified as Mohammad Hasan Sakil, 10, and Mohammad Hossain Kajol, 8, son of Mohammad Forkan. Inflamed mobs torched three houses of suspected muggers after the incident. Mohammad Hasan Sakil was a student of class-III of Baisari Saha Nuruddin Madrassah and Mohammad Hossain Kajol was a student of Class-III of Borobill government primary school.¹⁹⁹

On January 22, 2016; unidentified criminals kidnapped a private bank official from the city's Sultanabad area. Akhtaruzzaman, suspended manager of Exim Bank's Rajshahi branch, was abducted in a microbus around 1:30 pm, said victim's father Afsaruddin in a case statement filed with Boalia Police Station. Around six people in a microbus went to the spot, and the vehicle sped away after Akhtaruzzaman was taken inside the microbus. His mobile phone was found switched-off since the incident, said Afsar.²⁰⁰

On January 30, 2016; two minor boys were found dead at Haora Kamarpara village of Mirzapur Upazila in Tangail, two days after they were 'kidnapped'. The deceased were identified as Imran, 11, son of Abu Bakar and Shakil, 10, son of Delwar Hossein of Char



Chauhat village of Dhamrai Upazila in Dhaka. Both were students of Class IV at Balia BRAC Primary School under Dhamrai Upazila.²⁰¹

On February 18, 2016; two officials of a construction firm were reportedly kidnapped by some miscreants from a remote area in Panchari of Khagrachari. The incident came to light on thursday as one of the victims, Saifuddin Shaheen Gazi, made a phone call to his wife seeking help for his release, Sources said renovation work on a road from Panchari Bazar to Maratila is underway under the supervision of Ruhul Amin, 50, Manager of Construction firm Al-Falah Trading Corporation and Saifuddin Shaheen Gazi, 35, Assistant Sub-contractor.²⁰²

On March 11, 2016; Bijoy Marma, 7, admitted to Bandarban Sadar Hospital. A class-II student of Islampur Govt Primary School in Rangamati, he was tortured badly by his abductors. About 22 hours into his abduction, the boy was rescued from a jungle. Lying on a hospital bed,



Bodies found five days after they went missing in Habiganj; dispute over village panchayat suspected as reason behind killings -February 18, 2016

Bijoy Marma looked absolutely helpless. Several parts of his feeble body had bruises and his eyes could tell you that he was still haunted by fear. The seven-year-old was beaten mercilessly after his abduction from Rajasthali upazila of Rangamati.²⁰³

On April 12, 2016, a four-year-old boy was abducted for ransom in Hakimpur Upazila of the district. The victim is Abtahi, 4, son of Mamunur Rashid, principal of Hakimpur Women's College. Family members said Abtahi went out of his house at Muharapara in the upazila to play with other boys of the neighborhood. At around 11.00 am, his mother found him missing. When family members failed to trace Abtahi, his father filed a general diary with Hakimpur Police Station on Monday night. At around 11:00 am, Abtahi's father received a text message, which demanded Tk 30 lakh for the release of the abducted boy.²⁰⁴

On April 16, 2016; Saira Begum fought with

abductors at her shanty in Kulaura Upazila of Moulvibazar until she fell to the ground for the effect of poison she was forcefed, watching them take her only daughter away. It was before 6:00 am when the youths numbered eight to ten entered the hut in a slum known as Muroicherra Bosti, Kormodha Union Chairman Abdus Shaheed Babul told, quoting locals as saying. Saira's husband Masuk Miah, a day laborer, said he was not home at the time of the incident. The woman tussled with the criminals, trying to save her daughter Rumena, aged 17. At one point, they forced her to gulp down poison and took the girl away, said neighbours who went to her rescue, hearing her screams. Forty-five-year-old Saira was then rushed to Kulaura Health Complex where she died, relatives of the victim said.²⁰⁵

On April 18, 2016; three cattle traders, who were kidnapped by miscreants in Bandarban on Friday, were found dead in Deem Hill area of Thanchi Upazila. Sirajul Islam, Officer-in-Charge of Thanchi Police Station, said miscreants called the three cattle traders – Abu Bakkar, 27, son of Omar Hamza; Nurul Absar, 28, son of Mohammad Shafi; and Shahab Uddin, 30, son of Nurul Islam of Alikadam Bus Station area in Alikadam Upazila, to the Deem Hill area on Friday over business purpose.²⁰⁶

On May 09, 2016; a jewellery shop owner, who went missing from Chorkol village under Sadar upazila of the district, remains traceless. He is Bijoy Kumar Paul, 45, son of Gaura Chandra Paul of Gopalpur bazar in the upazila. Sanjoy Kumar, the brother of Bijoy Kumar, said Bijoy went to Chorkol village on Wednesday to bring Tk 13,000 from a villager, and has been missing since then. Even his mobile phone is switched off. Sanjoy filed a general diary with Jhenidah Sadar Police Station on Thursday afternoon. Gopinath Kanjilal, the Superintendent of Police (Sadar Circle), said law enforcers are trying to trace Bijoy.²⁰⁷

On July 24, 2016; Criminals abducted a college girl from Jessore Sadar upazila. Family members said a gang of 3/ 4 allegedly led by Badhan Biswas Shanto, 21, son of Nazrul Biswas of Sadar upazila, picked up the girl in a

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microbus while she was on her way to college. The victim's father then filed a case with Sadar Police Station against Shanto, Nazrul Biswas and Abdul Mannan in this connection.²⁰⁸

On July 29, 2016; an Awami League leader of Bandarban's Lama Upazila was abducted for ransom. The victim is Nurul Absar, 52, ward level president of AL of the district. Victim's son Mizanur Rahman said a gang of 15-18 broke into their house around 2:00am and abducted his father at gunpoint in Hargaja area. "They also looted valuables and cash worth Tk 1.4 lakh," he said. "The gang also looted three of our relatives' houses of valuables worth about Tk 3 lakh. "One of the abductors phoned me around 10:00am and demanded Tk 8 lakh as ransom."²⁰⁹

On August 25, 2016; Police rescued two madrasa girls from Savar of Dhaka, 32 days after they had been kidnapped from Chuadanga. Police arrested three people including a woman in connection with taking the girls to Dhaka for trafficking. The girls, hailing from Hothatpara of Darshana in Chuadanga, were Class VII students of Darshana DS Fazil Madrasa, said Belayat Hossain, additional superintendent of police (ASP) in Chuadanga.²¹⁰

On September 19, 2016; the throat-slit body of a missing youth was found in a septic tank at Nayerhat village in Gobindaganj upazila. After recovery of the body, relatives of victim Ibrahim Khalil, 20, set fire to the house of rival Wajed Ali of the village, suspecting his involvement in the murder. Police picked up Hawa Begum, 45, wife of Wajed Ali, for interrogation, said Subrata Sarker, officer-in-charge of Gobindaganj Police Station. Ibrahim, son of Wasimuddin of Saktipur village in the upazila, went missing on Wednesday, said the OC.²¹¹

On September 11, 2016; Jhenidah RAB rescued an abducted officer of a non-governmental organization (NGO)'s from Courtpara of the town. The abductee is Anisur Rahman, 36, son of Nur Mohammad of Shibanandapur under Moheshpur upazila of Jhenidah. He is the



branch manager of ASHA, an NGO in Shailakupa upazila. Company Commander of Jhenidah Rab Major Monir Ahmed said in a press conference that a girl named Marya Merry Mohana had an affair with Anisur. She told Anisur to meet her at Chuadanga bus stand of the town. As soon as Anisur reached the bus stand she, along with three accomplices on two motorbikes, abducted him.²¹²

On October 20, 2016; two children in Jhenidah Sadar upazila have been missing for two weeks. The missing children are Likhon Mia, 14, son of Lalchand Mia and Palash Mollah, 8, son of Aksed Ali Mollah of Uttar Narayanpur Trimohini. Lalchand said his son Likhon went missing on October 15. Palash's father Aksed said his son became dumb and physically challenged as his right leg was affected in an accident. He went missing on October 4 when he was playing at nearby Dakbangla Bazar.²¹³

On November 03, 2016; a schoolgirl, who was



The grieving mother of two young brothers, who were found brutally killed beside a ditch in Osmani Nagar upazila of Sylhet on October 26, 2016, at their Chintamoni village residence. Their father has remained missing since taking them out on a fishing trip in a nearby wetland in the afternoon.

abducted in Gopalpur upazila of the Tangail four days ago, is yet to be rescued. The victim's father Mahmudul Hasan Talukder at a press conference at Tangail Press Club urged the district and police administrations to take immediate initiatives to rescue his daughter. He alleged that one Mizanur Rahman of Sohail village along with his accomplices used to stalk his 14-year-old daughter on her way to school.²¹⁴

On December 14, 2016; two members of Jubo Samiti, an associate organisation of PCJSS (MN Larma), were killed allegedly by UPDF members in Baghaichhari upazila. Both of the deceased identified as Juddho Chandra Chakma, 35, and Nayanjyoti Chakma, 30 were residents of Agalachhara village in Bangoltoli union. Armed members of the United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) first abducted the two victims from their homes around 3:00am and later killed them inside the forest nearby, said local sources.²¹⁵

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Political Violence

Political violence is a common phenomenon in Bangladesh. The present government assumed power through a controversial election in 2014 and has been playing oppressive role against oppositions. No democratic party is allowed to conduct constitutionally guaranteed political activities in any corner of the country. This is clear sign of immature political culture.²¹⁶ Since there is a little political space for oppositions, most of the reported violences are intra-ruling party clashes over political dominance, tender and possession of power, collecting subscription, grabbing land and what not. The leaders and activists of opposite political parties are being killed and tortured by the leaders and activists of the ruling party in 2016.

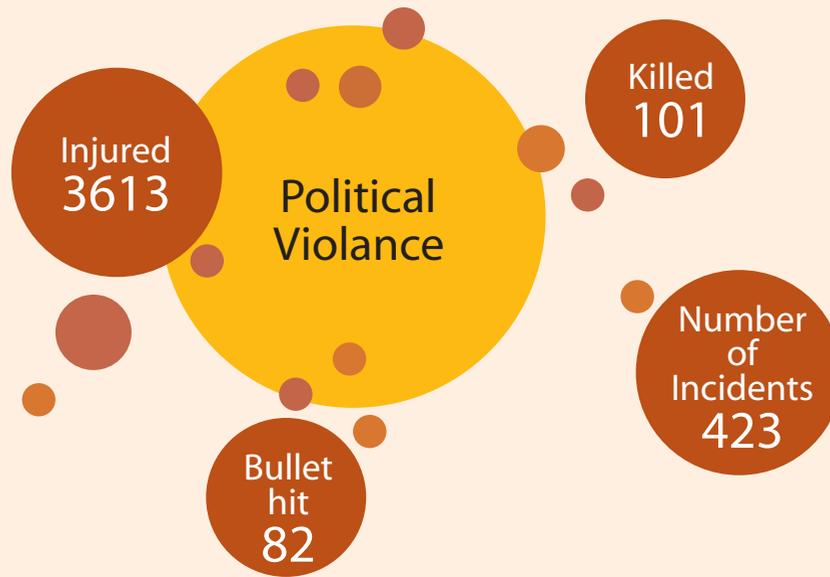


Figure 25: statistics of Political Violence 2016

Figures presented above explain the situation of political violence in 2016. According to HRSS, a total of 101 people were killed, 82 were bullet hit, and almost 3613 people were injured due to clash over political interests. Most of the political violence occurred among the groups of the ruling party over political dominance or tender.

Figure 26: Monthly Comparison of Killing In 2016



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Selected cases are as follows:

On January 08, 2016; a Juba League leader was killed and about 25 others injured as the activists of Awami League and its associate bodies clashed with Jatiya Party men at Shantahar municipality in Bogra. Locals said the incident happened over establishing dominance in the area. The dead, Shafiqul Islam, 36, of Adamdighi Upazila, was the Secretary of Shantahar union Juba League and also a brother of Rashedul Islam Raja, an AL-backed mayoral aspirant in the recent municipal polls. Of the injured, Badsha, the deceased's brother suffered critical injuries.²¹⁷

On January 29, 2016; a local leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League was hacked to death and two others were injured in a factional clash between two groups of BCL activists at Falia Para in Ukhiya Upazila, Cox's Bazar. The deceased was identified as M Shaeen, 22, son of M Kalu, a resident of the area. Shahin was the Joint Convener of Ukhiya Degree College unit of BCL. Two groups of the Upazila unit of BCL had been at loggerheads over establishing dominance at a fair organised by Upazila Tanti League, said Officer-in-Charge of Ukhiya Police Station M Habibur Rahman.²¹⁸

On March 15, 2016; a man was shot dead in a clash between two factions of the Bangladesh Chhatra League, the associate student body of the ruling Awami League, in Chittagong city's Kamal Gate area. The deceased was Abdul Jahed, 45, son of late Abdur Razzak of Kamal Gate area under Sadarghat Police Station of the port city. The Officer-in-Charge of Sadarghat Police Station, Md Mainul Islam Bhuiyan, said two factions of local BCL, one led by Royal and another led by Anis, locked into a clash at Kamal Gate about 1:00 am over establishing supremacy in the area.²¹⁹

On March 21, 2016; a college student was shot dead and two activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League suffered bullet wounds in a clash between two BCL factions at Begumganj in Noakhali. The dead were identified as Fazle Rabbi Rajib, 22. The police said Noakhali

District BCL activists Mohammad Wasim and Mohammad Yasin, along with their friend Rabbi, went to College Para at Begumganj in the evening to settle an intra-BCL feud.²²⁰

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Abdur Rahim (35), an Awami League leader has been killed on 21st May 2016 in Pabna. He was the Secretary of Goashpur Union unit. He was the son of Jomsher Ali of Rahimpur village. Local said that there was a conflict between two member candidates Shan Molla and Anjad molla. Abdur-Rahim (nephew of Amjad Molla) went to the market for shopping; the supporter of Shan Molla shot him and fled. He was rushed to the Pabna general hospital then the physician identified him as dead. The police said that they are conducting an investigation about the issue.²²³

On 28th May 2016; two students at the University of Chittagong were chopped as a suspect of Shibir activists. The victims were GM Saiful Islam and Sujat Hossen. Both of them are the masters student of History Department. The witness said that when GM Saiful Islam and Sujat Hossen went on the front



of their faculty, 10-15 BCL activists forcefully brought them at the workshop of Life Science Faculty and chopped them severely.²²⁴

On June 12, 2016; a man was killed and two others were injured as two groups of local Awami League clashed at Panchghariyakandi village under Munshiganj Sadar Upazila. The deceased is Mohammad Jony, 17, son of Monir Hossain, and the injured are Manik Sarkar, 30, and Saiyed Hossain Kalu, 31. Two groups of AL activists, led by Oaheduzzaman Babul and Jakir Hossain, clashed at around 11:30 pm, said Biplob Bijoy Talukdar, Superintendent of Police of Munshiganj.²²⁵

On June 13, 2016; an Awami League activist was killed and seven others were injured in a clash between two groups of the local unit of Awami League over establishing supremacy in Berabari area under Singra Upazila of Natore district. The deceased was identified as Rezaul Karim, 38. Rafiqul Islam, the Assistant Superintendent of Police, said the two rival groups--one led by Rezaul Islam and the other by Anwar Hossain--locked in a clash at around 3:00 pm, leaving eight people from both sides, including Rezaul, injured.²²⁶

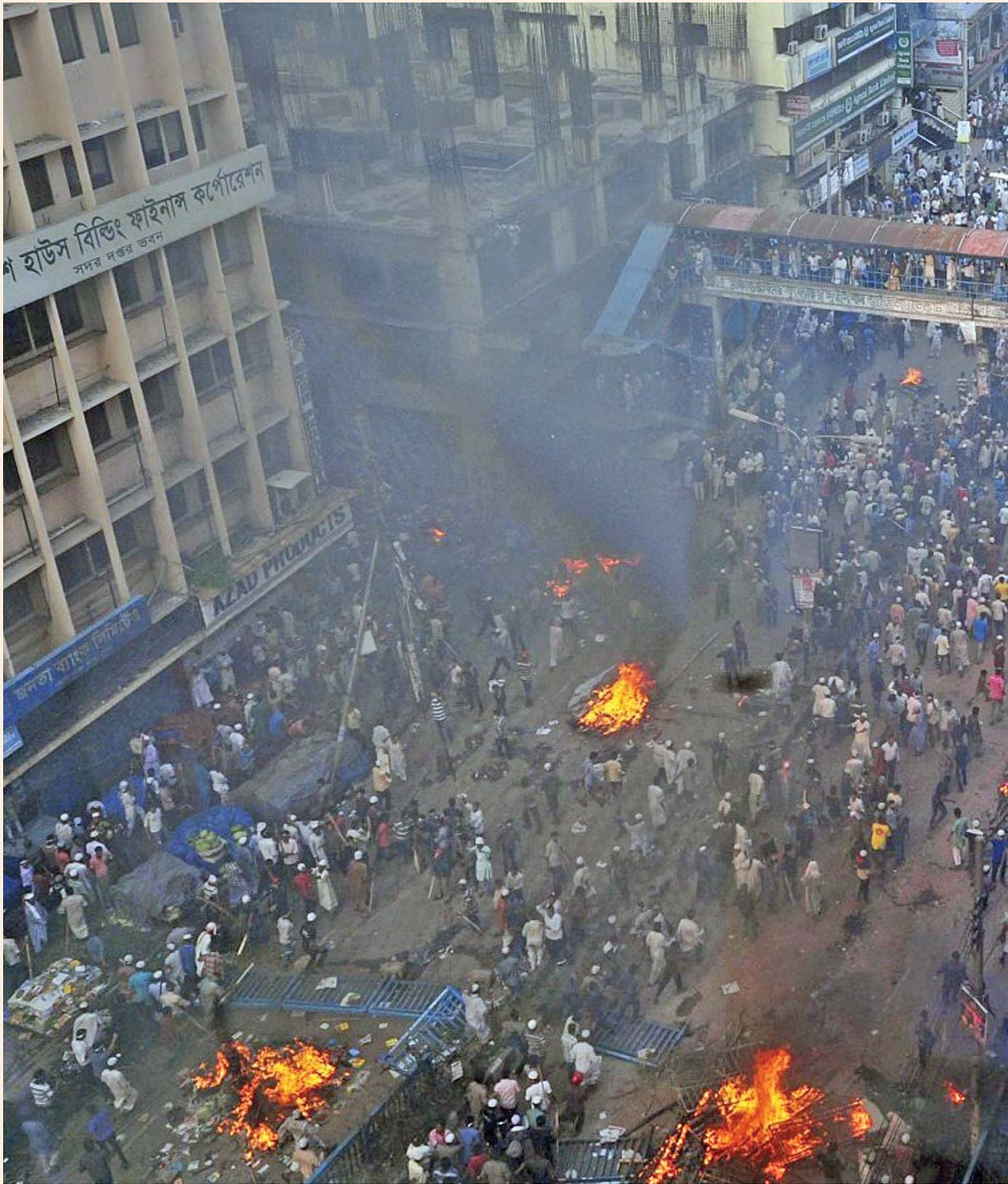
On June 05, 2016; a teenage boy was killed and at least 25 others were injured during post-polls clash between the supporters of Awami League and BNP in Chunarughat

Upazila of Habiganj. The dead is Monir Hossain, 15, son of Arju Mia of Norpati village. He was a student of class-VIII of a local high school. Locals said around 5:30 pm, the clash erupted in Ramushree village when the supporters of defeated AL Chairman candidate in Chunarughat union with sticks attacked a victory procession of newly elected BNP chairman candidate Sayed Likat Hasan. At one stage, and Monir was wounded.²²⁷

On July 27, 2016; a Jubo League activist was killed and two others were hit by bullets in a factional clash at East Hajipur village in Hajipur union under Begumganj Upazila of the Noakhali District. The deceased was identified as Md. Masud, 26, son of Md Tazul Islam, and the injured are Md Sohel, 18, son of Md Abu Taher and Md Alo, 26, son of Nur Islam of the village.²²⁸

On July 30, 2016; an Awami League leader was chopped and shot to death at Baramhati of Lalpur Upazila in Natore. The deceased was Abbas Ali, 60, a former member of Arjunpur-Baramhati Union Parishad and also vice president of the union's AL.²²⁹

On August 11, 2016, Chittagong University (CU) proctor and two cops were injured in an alleged attack by the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) of the university unit. According to witnesses, BCL men allegedly





carried out the attack while the proctor and cops were trying to save a student who the BCL men claimed to be an Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) leader and allegedly stabbed and beat up.²³⁰

On August 29, 2016; Bangladesh Chhatra League activists of CU unit beat up a student suspecting him of being an Islami Chhatra Shibir man on the campus. Omar Faruq, a third-year student of Bangla of the university, who was given primary treatment at CU medical centre, said he was attacked by 20/30 BCL men while he along with his friends was gossiping before the Shaheed Minar.²³¹

On August 12, 2016; two people were killed in an attack by rivals over a previous enmity at Dhanaitari in Sadar Dakkhin upazila of Comilla. The deceased were identified as Jamal Hossain, 60, son of Alek Hossain, and GiasUddin, 45, son of Amir Hossain of the village.²³²

On August 05, 2016, a Jubo League activist was shot dead by his rivals in Chowdhurirhat of Companiganj upazila in Noakhali. Md Abu Sufian, 30, son of MdAbdur Rashid, was a member of the upazilaJubo League, said Azam Pasha Rumel, president of the unit of the youth wing of the Awami League.²³³

On September 24, 2016; two people were killed and 20 others injured in a clash between two groups of Awami League over establishing supremacy at village Machhpara in Kushtia sadar. The deceased were identified as Iman Ali and Shahabuddin.²³⁴

On September 27, 2016; a youth died and at least four others injured in a clash between followers of a union parishad chairman and a member at village Banglabazar of Hatiya in Noakhali. The deceased was identified as Md Kamal Hossain, 33, of the village.²³⁵

On Oct 02, 2016; the president of Jagannath University unit Bangladesh Chhatra League, ruling party backed student organization, allegedly harassed an assistant professor of the university. Md. Jafar Iqbal, also an assistant proctor and assistant professor of the Sociology department, filed a complaint regarding the matter this afternoon with vice-chancellor's office, said VC's personal secretary Syed Faruk Hossain.²³⁶

On October 01, 2016; Chhatra League activists scuffled with demonstrators in front of the Central Shaheed Minar to foil a cycle procession, protesting the government's decision to set up Rampal Power Plant near the Sundarbans. Police later used water cannons to stop the protesters from moving towards Doel Chattar. The series of scuffles left some 25 demonstrators injured. Witnesses said over 100 cyclists gathered on the



premises of the Central Shaheed Minar around 10:30am. Soon a group of BCL activists allegedly from Dhaka University reached there and formed a human chain in favour of the power plant, blocking the protesters' way.²³⁷

On October 17, 2016, an Awami League activist was hacked to death and three others were injured in an attack by their rival faction over establishing supremacy in Sap Majhir Ghat area at Anwara upazila of Chittagong. Kafil Uddin, 28, son of Md Ayub Ali of Kurukul village, was declared dead at Chittagong Medical College Hospital. The injured are Abul Hashem, 24, Shohel, 20, and Rubel, 20. The body was sent to Chittagong Medical College morgue for autopsy.²³⁸

On Nov 07, 2016; Titas Union Parishad

chairman and one of his supporters died as their rival group men open fired at them at Gauripur bus-stand in Daudkandi of Comilla. The dead were identified as Monir Hossain, 45, chairman of Ziarkandi Union Parishad in Titasupazila in Comilla and his supporter Mohiuddin, (25).²³⁹

On November 14, 2016; at least four people were killed and 50 others injured in a string of fierce clashes between the supporters of current and former union parishad chairmen over establishing supremacy in a remote char of Narsingdi's Raipura upazila. Armed with crude bombs, spears and other lethal weapons, the feuding groups clashed several times since morning at Amirabad and Sonakandi villages in Nilokkha Union. At least 10 houses were vandalised and six more



Ctg AL leader gets shot and killed, In tears, parents of Swechhasebak League leader Manik hold a photo of their son and daughter-in-law after he was gunned down in the port city on December 12, 2016

torched in the two villages. The dead were identified as Manik Mia, 40, and Shahjahan, 40 of Amirabad village, and Khokon, 35, and Rakib, 16, of Sonakandi village.²⁴⁰

On November 16, 2016; an Awami League activist was killed and 10 others were injured during an intra-party clash in Balipara Railway Station area under Trishal Upazila of the Mymensingh over establishing supremacy in the locality. The dead Saiful Mollah, 40, son of Nasir uddin Mollah of Balipara, was supporter of Balipara Union AL President Golam Mohamamd Badal, also chairman of Balipara Union Parishad.²⁴¹

On December 03, 2016; five students of Mymensingh Medical College (MMC) were

allegedly beaten up for organizing a doa mahfil without the permission of Chhatra League leaders of the college at the town's Baghmara Medical Hostel. The injured first-year students Hafiz, Mohidul, Wakil, Swapon and Sumon were admitted to the Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH).²⁴²

On Dec 12, 2016; a Swechhasebak League leader was shot dead during a clash over establishing supremacy at a crowded intersection in the city's Kotwali area. Victim Ibrahim Hossain Manik, 32, a member of Chittagong city unit Swechhasebak League, was accused in more than five cases including one for murder.²⁴³

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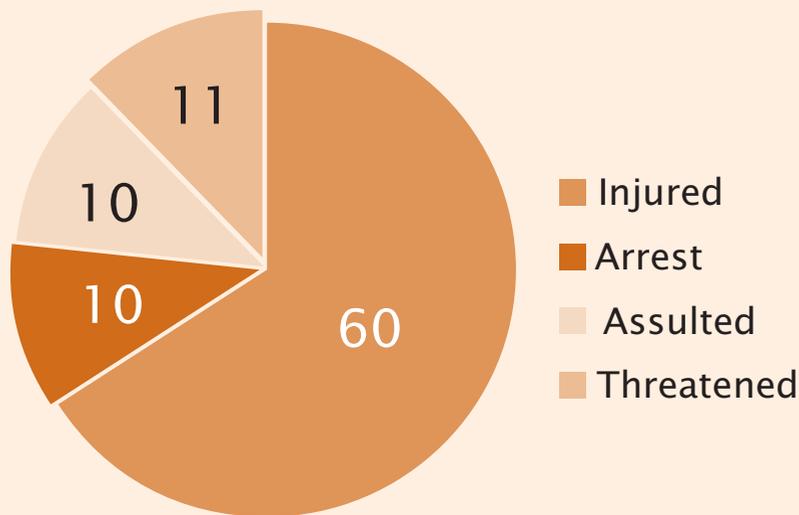
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Attack on Journalists

Journalists are facing an “unprecedented” wave of attacks in Bangladesh. Freedom of expression was restricted in every aspect. Freedom of expression is a precondition for a functional democracy, peace and participatory decision-making procedures. Regrettably, individuals are not always able to disparage the government publicly without the fear of reprisal and the government often attempted to impede criticism by prohibiting or dispersing as well as shutting down many electronic and print media due to negligible reports against the government. Social media (?) was also made inaccessible for two times. The government used undue (sometimes indirectly) pressure to different news agencies constantly not to publish news that goes against the interest of the government as well the ruling party.

Figure 27: Attack on Journalist in 2016



The graph illustrates attack on journalists. According to HRSS's documented statistics, around 60 journalists were injured, nearly 11 were threatened, about 10 were arrested and 10 were assaulted in nearly 65 incidents in 2016.

Selected cases are as described below:

A journalist was allegedly beaten severely by a Juba League leader at Gurudashpur in Natore on January 09, 2016. The victim was Rashidul Islam, reporter of Daily Ittafaq. The witness said that Kamruzzaman Milon, General Secretary of Power Juba League beat the journalist for a silly matter by using the power of his mother. His mother is the vice chairman of Upazilla Parishad.²⁴⁴

Srikanto Das, 35, the journalist of a nongovernment TV channel "Desh TV" was beaten severely due to collect the news of a clash regarding the land related issue in Hobiganj on 25th January 2016. The victim was taking treatment in hospital. Witness and locals said that when Srikanto Das came to the hospital to see a victim, Chittorongon along with 30-35 people attacked him and left as injured.²⁴⁵

On February 17, 2016; a Prothom Alo photojournalist and a motorcycle rider were

allegedly beaten up by some Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men of Chittagong Medical College (CMC) unit in Chittagong city when the former took photos of them beating the latter. The rider was tailgating an ambulance crossing a blockade being enforced by the BCL men at the Probortok intersection around 2:15 pm, said several eyewitnesses and local shop owners requesting anonymity.²⁴⁶

On February 28, 2016, some activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) of Chittagong University allegedly beat up a journalist. Mizanur Rahman, the CU correspondent of Chittagong city-based newspaper Dainik Purbodesh, submitted a written complaint to the proctor. Mizan, a second-year student of public administration, said BCL men led by Suruj and Rabin attacked him because he intervened in an altercation between his friend and the activists. "The BCL men punched and kicked Mizan," said witness Shahidul Suman.²⁴⁷

On 05th March 2016; two journalists were



alleged injured seriously during collecting news of Union Parishad election in Munshigonj. The victims were Aodhir Rajbongshi, staff reporter of daily Vorer Kagoj and Mir Ratul, staff reporter of Daily Rupbani. During the raid, the mob vandalized their camera and motorcycle.²⁴⁸

On April 20, 2016; a Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leader hurled abuses and assaulted a journalist at Modhur Canteen in

Dhaka University. Both are students at the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, the victim in his final year and the attacker completed his masters.

Tapon Kanti Roy, the DU correspondent of bdnews24.com, told that he was taking tea around 3:00 pm when BCL leader assaulted him. “When I wanted to know the reason, he became angry and slapped and punched me,” he said, and he had to get admitted to the DU medical center.²⁴⁹



On May 13, 2016; six on-duty journalists were hacked allegedly by a gang of contraband Yaba (methamphetamine) traders at Nazirpara of Teknaf in Cox's Bazar. The injured were identified as Suja Uddin Rubel, a staff reporter of private Somoy Television, its camera crew Faraj Uddin, Independent Television reporter Toufikul Islam Lipu, its camera crew Shariful Islam and Ekattor Television reporter Kamrul Islam Minto, and its cameraperson Babu Kanti Dey. They said local Yaba ring known as

'Bhutto Bahini' assaulted them with sharp weapons around 5:00 pm when they went to Bhutto's house to interview the man over Yaba smuggling. 'As we reached his house, Yaba smugglers attacked us with sharp weapons, iron rods, and sticks, leaving us injured,' said Toufikul Islam Lipu.²⁵⁰

On May 24, 2016; a journalist and his wife were injured in an attack allegedly by a Union Parishad member in Dhunat Upazila of the district. The victims are Imran Hossain Emon, 32, Dhunat Upazila correspondent of the Daily Jai Jai Din and Dainik Bangla bulletin, and his wife Fizu Khatun, 24, of Choukibari village in the Choukibari Union.²⁵¹

On June 09, 2016; Jahangirnagar University (JU) unit activists of Bangladesh Chattra League (BCL) allegedly beat up a campus reporter while he was trying to rescue a young woman from an alleged abductor in front of the main entrance of the campus. The injured, Shafiqul Islam, is a JU correspondent of the online news portal 'www.bdnews24.com' and a fourth-year student of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, said campus sources, adding that he is also an Assistant General Secretary of JU Students Union.²⁵²

On August 7, 2016; RAB detained two journalists of banglamail24.com, an online Bangla news portal, to inquire about a report it published earlier. The battalion, however, did not mention the content of the report. The detainees were Maksud Haider Chowdhury, executive editor of the portal, and its reporter Pranta Polash. Senior assistant police super Abdul Karim of RAB-3 said a team of the battalion raided the office of the online portal at Kakrail in the city around 2:00 am. They detained the journalists to quiz over the report, he added.²⁵³

On August 18, 2016; a journalist was attacked by miscreants in Bibaria of Dhamrai after he went there to collect news of a child marriage. Babul Hoshen, the Dhamrai correspondent of daily Amader Shomoy, is undergoing treatment at Dhamrai Upazila Health Complex with head and shoulder injuries.²⁵⁴



On September 1, 2016; the Detective Branch of police arrested the award-winning reporter Siddiqur Rahman Khan for writing and publishing an article on his news portal Dainik Sikkha. The police arrested Siddiqur at Shiksha Bhaban in the afternoon, said Dhaka Metropolitan Police spokesperson Masudur Rahman. Siddiqur, the editor of education based news portal 'Dainik Sikkha', was arrested under section 57 of Information and Communications Technology Act, he said.²⁵⁵

On September 23, 2016; two journalists in Netrakona were injured during a commotion of the ruling Awami League activists demanding cancellation of a fresh committee of the local unit. The injured are Pallab Chakaraborty of Prothom Alo and Shamlendu Paul of The Daily Ittefaq. Pallab was admitted to a local hospital.²⁵⁶

On November 22, 2016; a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men of Jahangirnagar University assaulted a campus-based reporter for videotaping the beating of an outsider. Muhammad Musa is the JU correspondent of the Daily Kalbela and a third-year student of economics. He was rescued by general students and journalists, from the BCL group led by JU unit general secretary Razib Ahmed Rasel and organizing Secretary Murshidur Rahman Akanda. Musa was videotaping the beating of one Fazle Rabbi, an outsider who was allegedly extorting the drivers of BRTC buses on the highway in front of the university main gate.²⁵⁷

On December 02, 2016; a local journalist was injured in an attack by three youths in Satkhamair Bazar of Sreepur upazila in Gazipur. The victim, Shahin Akand, the local



correspondent of the daily Kaler Kantho, took treatment from a local doctor. Shahin said he was hit with a stick in the head and later in the back and neck while he was standing before his house. As locals rushed in, the gang fled the scene, he said. He recognised two of the three but could not the other who carried a cleaver in his hand, added Shahin, who could not say the reason behind the attack.²⁵⁸

On December 18, 2016; the photo journalist of daily Prothom Alo was assaulted by the mayor of Khagrachhari Municipality. The name of the victim is Nirob Chowdhury. Being informed, Nirob went to take picture of illegal sand lifting from the bank of the Chengi River in Khagrachhari, said, witnesses. At that time, a group of local youths resisted Nirob, picked up him from the spot and took him to the municipality office. Mayor of the municipality

Rafiqul Alam later beat the journalist bringing extortion charge against him.²⁵⁹

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- 253 <http://newagebd.net/245085/two-online-journalists-detained-city/>
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Attack on Minorities

According to the data collected HRSS, in 2016, it is found, in different corners of the country, a large number of atrocities were committed against the members of the minority communities. The violations against the Hindu minority have been left largely unreported. According to 'The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights' declaration, "In those States in which ethnic, religious or linguistic minorities exist, persons belonging to such minorities shall not be denied the right, in community with the other members of their group, to enjoy their own culture, to profess and practice their own religion, or to use their own language". It also states that "the States Parties to the present Covenant undertake to guarantee that the rights enunciated in the present Covenant will be exercised without discrimination of any kind as to race, color, sex, language, religion, political or another opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or another status."²⁶⁰

Figure 28: Attacks on Minority in 2016



The above graph provides information about the incidences of attacks on minority. It shows that at least 11 men were killed, 19 houses and 45 temples were partially or fully destroyed and 63 minority members were injured in 81 incidents.

Some significant cases are stated below:

A minority family (Hindu) in Sylhet was allegedly threatened of capturing a piece of land on 19th January 2016. The victim was Ronojit Das. This family alleged in a press conference that some miscreants in his area are trying to capture his land by creating a fake document.²⁶¹

On February 21, 2016; unidentified assailants hacked to death a Hindu priest in Panchagarh. Another person received bullet injury in the attack. Deceased Jagneshwar Roy, 50, was the head priest at the Santagourhiyo Temple at Sonapota village in the northern district's Debiganj Upazila. Injured Gopal Chandra Roy told that the assailants shot at him, saying, "Your guruji has been executed." Three people, who came on a motorcycle, took part in the attack.²⁶²

On March 22, 2016; assailants killed a Christian convert by slitting his throat during his morning jogging at Gariapara in Kurigram. The victim was identified as Hossain Ali, 68, a freedom fighter who converted to Christianity over a decade ago. Witnesses said the killing took place near his house on Kurigram-Mogholbasha road when he was jogging. Three assailants, who came in a motorbike, attacked the victim.²⁶³

On March 22, 2016; a group of activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) of Islamic University unit in Kushtia allegedly vandalized the glasses of a Hindu temple in the campus. Witnesses said some activists of Chhatra League, followers of Faysal Siddique Arafat, Assistant Secretary of University BCL Unit, vandalized the glasses of the temple adjacent to university central auditorium around 2:30 pm.²⁶⁴

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On March 28, 2016; a gang led by Akbar Ali swooped on the house of Ripon Deb around 9:00 pm to grab his land, at Barcoat village in Dhaka Dakkhin area of Gopalganj Upazila under Sylhet, said Kajal Das, Convener of Hindu-Bouddha-Christian Oikya Parishad in Golapganj Upazila. The gang also stabbed three members of the family when they tried to resist them from grabbing the land, the police quoted locals saying. They also vandalized, looted and torched the house.²⁶⁵

On April 24, 2016; a Hindu priest died, a day after he was stabbed by a local youth in Tungipara of Gopalganj. The dead, Paramananda Roy, 70, of DakkhinBashuria village under Kushali union, used to read out to people from religious books at different events in the area, family members said. He was returning home on Friday afternoon from a market near Gimadanga village. As he reached a bridge around 6:30 pm, Shariful stabbed him in the abdomen and the right hand with a knife, the victim told his family members before his death.²⁶⁶

On May 13, 2016; unidentified miscreants killed an elderly Buddhist monk by slitting his throat in Naikkhangchhari Upazila of Bandarban. The body of the victim, Mong Shwe U Chak, 75, was found near Baishari Bihar at Uppar Chak Para village in the Upazila, our Bandarban correspondent reports quoting Abul Khair, Officer-in-Charge of Naikkhangchhari Police Station. The victim's daughter-in-law found the body when she went to the bihar with some food for the monk around 5:00 am. Aung Sa Dhoai Chak, son of the victim, told that his father did not have any enmity with anyone in the area.²⁶⁷

On May 25, 2016; a Hindu businessman was hacked to death at his shoe store at Gobindaganj Upazila in Gaibandha while SITE Intelligence Group claimed that militant outfit Islamic State claimed the responsibility for the killing. The assailants hacked the businessman, Debesh Chandra Pramanik, in the right neck and later he was found in a pool of blood inside his shoe store adjacent to his house at Mahimaganj union. The victim family

alleged that some local drug addicts tried to extort money from Debesh a few days ago and his refusal caused an altercation at the shop.²⁶⁸

On June 05, 2016; a septuagenarian Christian grocer was hacked to death at his store, adjacent to his house at Baraigram Upazila headquarters in Natore. Hours after the hacking death of Sunil Gomez, the SITE Intel Group claimed 'Amaq Agency of ISIS reported that ISIS fighters killed a Christian named Sunil Gomes in Bonpara village in northwestern Bangladesh.' On being received information, the police went to the spot and recovered the body containing several stab marks. The police said they were yet to ascertain the motive behind the killing.²⁶⁹

On June 07, 2016; three assailants on a motorcycle hacked to death a sexagenarian Hindu priest on his way to a local temple at remote village Karatipara in Jhenaidah apparently in a sequel of recent killings. Few hours after the murder, US-based SITE Intel Group claimed, 'Amaq Agency of ISIS reported that ISIS fighters killed a Hindu priest in Jhenaidah district of western Bangladesh.' Anado's nephew Dinbandhu Ganguly said that being informed over the mobile phone they found his uncle in a pool of blood on the rural road that connected Karatipara with other villages at about 9:15 am. 'The assailants slit his throat,' he said. Quoting witnesses, Dinbandhu said that the priest was found killed by three unidentified assailants on a motorcycle, who were waiting near the village, left the area. Dinbandhu said his uncle was going to attend scheduled rituals by a bicycle from his village home. He said, 'We have no enmity with anyone and we are clueless about why my uncle got killed.'²⁷⁰

On June 09, 2016; an attendant of a Hindu monastery was hacked to death by unknown assailants at HeJuneetpur in Pabna Sadar apparently in a sequel of recent killings. The fresh victim Nityaranjan Pandey, 62, was the attendant of Sri Sri Anukul Chandra Monastery. He had been serving there for 40 years. Pabna Sadar police Officer-in-Charge Abdullah Al Hasan said that the victim was walking beside



the monastery around 5:00 am when assailants swooped on him. They hacked his nape of the neck and head indiscriminately, leaving him dead on the spot. US-based SITE Intelligence claimed that Islamic State group and 'Bangladesh branch of Al-Qaeda' had claimed responsibility for the killings and attacks.²⁷¹

On June 13, 2016; a 55-year-old Hindu priest of Jessore had gone missing since the night of June 3. Pradip Mallick, the priest of Kathaltala Bhaskar Ananda Math under Dumuria Upazila in the district, was heading to his Gourighona village home under Keshabpur Upazila in Jessore when the family lost contact with him, around 9:30 pm. The priest's brother, Biddut Mallick, filed a general diary with the Keshabpur police in Jessore on June 11, eight days later into the incident.²⁷²

On June 15, 2016; a Hindu college teacher was hacked inside his rented house near the college campus in Madaripur afternoon in a manner that matches the recent targeted killings and attacks. The attack on Government Nazimuddin College mathematics department lecturer Ripon Chakrabarty took place within a span of less than a week after the killing of

Nitya Ranjan Pandey, 62, a monastery worker of Sri Sri Thakur Anukul Chandra Satsanga in Pabna. Ripon was under treatment at Madaripur district hospital and later moved to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in Barisal for better treatment, said Madaripur hospital's resident medical officer Shashangka Chandra Ghosh. The physician said the victim sustained cuts in the head from a sharp weapon.²⁷³

On July 3, 2016; two Hindu priests came under attack in Satkhira and Kishoreganj by unidentified assailants amid a spate of attacks on religious minorities. In Satkhira, Bhabasindhu Bar, 50, priest of Brahmarajpur Sri Sri Radha Gobinda Temple, was hacked with a machete by assailants at Brahmarajpur. In Kishoreganj, priest Palash Chakrabarty was assaulted by machete-wielding masked men at Nagua in the district town about 1:00 am. He was slightly injured as he managed to escape, police said. Satkhira sadar police officer-in-charge Emdadul Haq Sheikh said a gang of five to six miscreants hacked Bhabasindhu Bar around 3:30 am inside the temple. He was sent to Satkhira Sadar Hospital from where he was taken to Dhaka's National Institute of Diseases of the Chest and Hospital with an injury in the

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lung. 'He received stab injuries in the lung... bleeding occurred inside the lung', said Satkhira Sadar Hospital medical officer Md Hasanuzzaman. Brahmarajpur union parishad chairman Md Shahidul Islam said the priest used to live in a room inside the temple along with her wife and their five-year-old son Jagannath Bar. He was hacked in front of them, Shahidul said. Assistant sub-inspector Shawkat Ali, in-charge of Brahmarajpur police camp, said some of the assailants wore shorts and vests. The priest received injury marks in the head, back, and chest. Kishoreganj headquarters police officer-in-charge Mir Mosharrif Hossain said Palash Chakrabarty, priest of Vibekanda Temple, was assaulted after he opened the door hearing knock on it in the wee hours. 'Three machete-carrying masked men swooped on him after he opened the door', the OC said.²⁷⁴

On August 06, 2016; a gang of unknown criminals allegedly tried to kill a Buddhist

monk in Bandarban. At around 8:20 pm, a gang of four to five masked men carrying knives tried to enter the room of Tain Dima Bikkhu, 62 said the victim's assistant Aung Ching Marma. Tain Dima is the chief monk of Dabonkhali Marma Para Buddhist Temple at remote Baishari union of Bandarban's Naikkhongchhari upazilla. The miscreants broke down the door of the temple but fled the scene when the monk used a loudspeaker calling locals for help, said Mong HlaWai Marma, a resident of the area. "We are worried about our security as one after another brutal incident have been occurring in our area," said Mong Mrau Marma, chief (Karbari) of Dabonkhali Marma Para.²⁷⁵

On October 31, 2016; a group of religious zealots carried out a synchronized attack on the Hindus in Brahmanbaria's Nasirnagar Upazila vandalizing around 100 homes and at least five temples and looting valuables over a Facebook post "hurting Muslims' sentiment,"

A woman of the victim Hindu family weeps on the yard of her house in Sylhet, on March 29, 2016.



victims and police said. The attackers also beat up over 100 people of the minority community. Around eight Hindu localities were run amok by around 200 local attackers. There, the attackers vandalized a Kali idol when devotees were worshipping at the temple for Dewali. On information, local UP Chairman Ali Ahmed rushed to the spot and called the police. Police detained six people from the spot and were trying to arrest the other attackers.²⁷⁶

On October, 29, 2016; a local youth identified as Anwarul Islam, 28, vandalized a Kali idol at Ishwardi in Mymensing. In the morning while feeling less presence of devotees in a temple the accused invaded in the temple. People caught him red handed while taking ornaments from the body of the idol and informed the police. The accused confessed to police. He was a poor van puller of the Charpubail District in Sadar Upazila Police said.²⁷⁷



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A hindu monastery was Hacked to death by unknown assailants at hejuneetpur on 09 June, 2016. The deceased nityaranjan pandey, 62, on 09 june, 2016



Almost 10 Hindu houses set on fire in Dinajpur on 03 December'2016

On October 22, 2016; an Idol of Jagannathdev Monday has broken at Shaorishabari in Jamalpur. After that, all worship has stopped here. The temple committee and police said that on Thursday night some miscreants broke the head of "Laxmi devil" at Shimla Bajar Jogonnath Monday. Caretaker Anil Thakur of temple finds out it when he went to worship at morning 8 am. They call the police and immersed that Idol in the pond behind the temple in the presence of Police. Sectary Devdas Saha lodged a case and the police is investigating this incident.²⁷⁸

On Nov 04, 2016; a Hindu temple was torched partially at Satpai in Netrakona. Police detained one Sumon Islam in connection with the incident. Sadar police officer-in-charge Abu Taher Dewan said the fire was burnt at Ekata Sangha Kali Mandir and they detained the person for interrogation. The fresh incident

took place amid a religious tension at Nasirnagar in Brahmanbaria where a good number of houses, business establishments and temples as well were damaged and robbed in attacks on Hindus on November 30.²⁷⁹

On 5th November 2016; unidentified miscreants set fire to Nasirnagar Upazila Vice-chairman Anjan Kumar Deb's sadar house. Anjan Kumar Deb said, family members found smoke was emerging from his jute sticks store around 7 pm which were preserved in varanda of his house. Family members extinguished the fire, he added. He was not present at the time but he rushed home upon being informed of the incident, the vice chairman said. Nobody saw who set the fire, he said.²⁸⁰

On Nov 05, 2016; in fresh attacks on the temple, miscreants have damaged two idols at Kali temples at Phulkocho Kundupara in

Sirajganj and Ponabalia of Jhalakati. Adhir Chandra Kundu, president of Sharbajanin Kalimatamandir, said miscreants severed the heads of the idols of Kali and Shitla and took them away any time. Hindu devotees noticed the incident and informed me, he added. Ponabalia Sarbajanin Kali Mandir committee general secretary Liton Chandra Shil said devotees found the idol of Kali totally damaged in the morning. He said devotees worshipped there on Saturday night.²⁸¹

On Nov 10, 2016; the minority Santals in Gaibandha were victims of a planned attack, alleged members of Sahebganj Baghda Farm Bhumi Uddhar Sanghati Committee, a civic solidarity platform. 'What happened there was police accompanied influential people in the arson of the property of minority people,' said independent researcher Swapan Adnan. The MP's follower, the local UP chairman, and his musclemen, backed by police and the sugar mill's manager, launched the attack to coerce the Santals and the Bengalis into vacating the properties, claimed the activist. 'The circumstances under which police opened fire need to be probed,' he added. According to that statement, about 2,500 inhabitants were displaced after the assailants set the entire establishments, including 600 houses, on fire on November 8; two days after police had opened fire on Santals, killing an ethnic youth. The body of another Santal man was found dumped in a rice field on November 7. At least 20 others were injured.²⁸²

On November 30, about 200 houses and business establishments and 22 temples of the religious minority group were vandalised and robbed during the attacks on Hindus at Nasirnagar upazila town and Haripur union.²⁸³

On November 22, 2016; Miscreants set fire to the house of a Hindu potter at Palapara in Lohagara upazila of Narail district, escalating tension in the area. Officer-in-Charge of Lohagara police Md Jahangir Alam said: "Some unidentified miscreants torched the cattle shed, haystack and a warehouse of Nirod Paul at Palapara around 2 am." Locals and fire fighters doused the flame. Two cows were

burnt in the fire, said the OC.²⁸⁴

On December 03, 2016; miscreants torched houses of 10 Hindu families in Bochaganj upazila allegedly in the fallout from an altercation between a youth and members of the community during the Durga Puja. However, no-one was hurt in the fire that burnt down the houses, locals said. The locals caught one Jewel Rana, 23, who is allegedly responsible for the fire, and turned him into police.²⁸⁵

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Recovery of Dead Body

Security of life is the most important right of all human beings. In Bangladesh, due to different reasons including worsening of law and order situation, unidentified dead body (ies) is found at different places of the country.

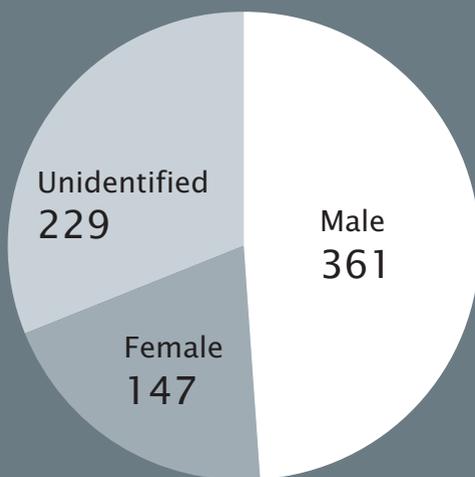


Figure 25: Categorization of Recovery of Dead Body

The given pie chart provided information according to Human Rights Support Center (HRSS), in the year 2016, a total of 737 dead bodies were found in different areas of the country, among them 361 bodies were male and 147 bodies were female and 229 bodies were unidentified. The pie chart presented below illustrates information about the recovery of dead bodies.

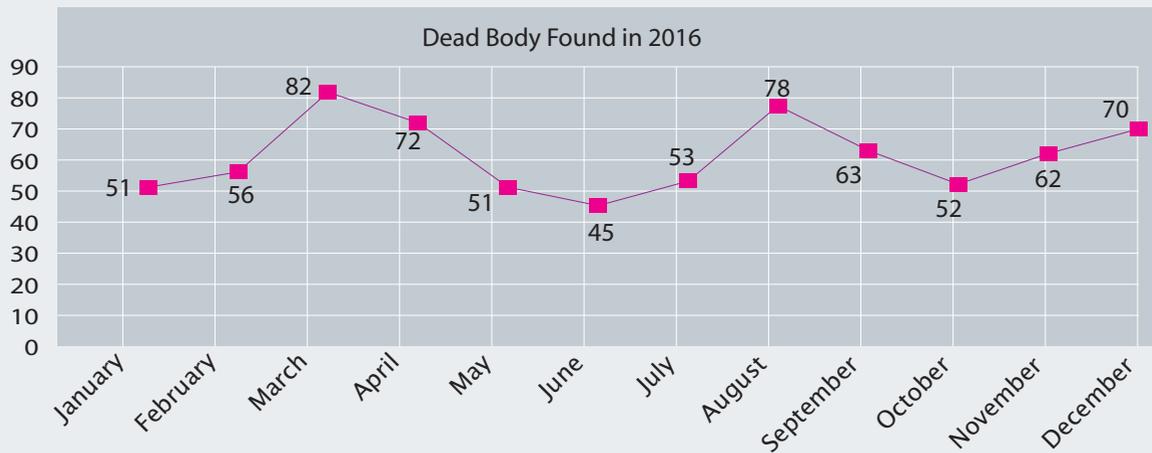


Figure 29: Monthly Statistics of the Number of Dead Bodies Found in 2016

Selected cases are as follows:

On January 01, 2016; two members of an alleged criminal gang were found dead near Thanchi-Alikadom road in the district's Alikadom Upazila. One of the dead is Singlok Mro, 21, of Thanchi's Aung Goaing Para. The name of another victim, aged around 23, who belongs to Tripura community, could not be known. On information, army personnel went to Tero mile area around 6:00 am and recovered the two bullet-hit bodies.²⁸⁶

On January 27, 2016; a college student was found dead near a students' mess in Bezpara area of Jessore town. He was identified as Kamolesh Roy, 20; a first month honours student of Jessore Government MM College and son of Gobinda Roy of Bayerkhola village under Monirampur Upazila of the district. Palash Roy, the cousin of Kamolesh, said the body was found hanging from a tree near the mess at about 7:00 am.²⁸⁷

On February 6, 2016; the police recovered the throat-slit body of an unidentified man from the jungle of sadar union of Guimara in

Khagrachhari. The police said they recovered the body being informed by local people. The body was sent to Khagrachhari Modern Sadar Hospital for post-mortem examinations.²⁸⁸

On February 23, 2016; the police recovered the body of a newborn child in Sylhet. The Jalalabad police officer-in-charge Akhter Hossain said they recovered the body, which was wrapped in a towel, near a private school at Pathantula in the city, being informed by local people. The body was sent to Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital morgue for post-mortem examinations.²⁸⁹

On March 5, 2016; the police recovered the beheaded body of a young man from Ashoktala rail crossing in the city. Being informed by locals, the railway police recovered the body of the unidentified youth; wear a yellow striped shirt and pants, from the southern side of the rail crossing about 11:00 am and sent it to sadar hospital morgue for an autopsy, said police.²⁹⁰

On March 06, 2016; a schoolgirl was found dead in Akkelpur Upazila of Joypurhat. The



deceased Mithun Akhter, 13, daughter of Rezaul Mondal of Khapura village under Akkelpur Upazila, was a Class IX student of Tilakpur Girl High School in the Upazila. Family members found her hanging from the ceiling of her room.²⁹¹

On April 06, 2016; the police recovered the body of a newborn from village Bara Hamkuria of Sirajganj Sadar Upazila. Sirajganj sadar police

sub inspector Hafiz Rayhan said they recovered the body from a canal of the village being informed by local people. The body was buried with the help of local people, he added.²⁹²

On April 02, 2016; a housewife was found dead in her house at Parbatipurupazila of the district. The deceased was Jahanara Begum, 40, wife of Ansar Ali of Mostafapur village under the upazila. She was a mother of two children.



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2:00 am from the bathroom of Ananna residential hotel they recovered the body. The woman had frequent old wound marks on her body and also had a recent injury to her right eye, the police said.²⁹⁴

On May 02, 2016, an activist of Juba League, the youth wing of ruling Awami League activist was found dead in Yasinpur Rail Station area of Natore. The deceased was identified as Abdur Razzak, an activist of the ward 8 unit of Juba League of Natore municipality. Mizanur Rahman, Officer-in-Charge of Sadar Police Station, said locals spotted his body in the area around 8 am and informed police.²⁹⁵

On June 01, 2016; the police found a man dead with his throat slit in his Modhubagh residence in Dhaka's Dakhinkhan. Abdul Barek, 37, a loader of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, used to live in the house with his first wife. He was home alone, said the police. They found no clue to the murder, said the police. No case was filed.²⁹⁶

On June 01, 2016; the police recovered the body of a newborn baby from a drain in Shibganj of Sylhet city. Shahjalal Munshi, officer-in-charge of Shahporan Police Station, said locals first saw the body and informed them. On information, the police recovered the body and sent it to Sylhet M.A.G. Osmani Medical College Hospital.²⁹⁷

On July 24, 2016; a teenage boy was found dead wrapped up with polythene in a jute sack in the district town. The deceased was Md. Labu Ahmed, son of Rafiqul Islam of Golapbagh area in the town. The body was sent to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.²⁹⁸

On July 29, 2016; the body of an Ansar member was recovered in Sylhet. The deceased was identified as Zikir Ali, 32, a member of Natural Gas Fertilizer Factory Ansar camp at Fenchuganj and son of Alai Miah of village Karimpur at Rajnagar upazila in Moulvibazar, police said. Local sources said that Zikir Ali came at his working station Jetty Ghat at Fenchuganj around 2:00 pm.²⁹⁹

According to family members, she went to her room on Friday night for sleeping, but they found her dead in the kitchen next morning.²⁹³

On May 01, 2016; the police recovered the body of a woman from a hotel room at Adabar of Shamoly in the city. The deceased is identified as Beauty, 20, wife of Monir of Jaldanga in Bagerhat. Sub-inspector of Adabar Police Station Md Mamun Hasan said around

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On August 04, 2016; a man was found dead at Bongram village in Nagarkanda Upazila of the Faridpur district. The deceased was identified as Pannu Munshi, 45, son of late Jahurul Haque Munshi of the village. Sub-Inspector Sukanto Dutta of Nagarkanda Police Station said locals spotted Pannu lying unconscious on Nagarkanda-Purapara road around 7:00 pm. They later took him to Nagarkanda Upazila Health Complex where the doctors declared him dead, the SI said.³⁰⁰

On August 15, 2016; a local BNP leader was found dead in Bhaluka upazila of the Mymensingh district. The deceased, Mehedi Hasan Pappu, 24, son of Ayub Ali Sarker, was president of Bharaduba union unit of BNP. Pappu, a resident of Bhaluka municipality area, went out of his house around 1:00 am on Sunday and did not return home.³⁰¹

On September 2, 2016; a shop employee was found dead in a shop in Dhaka University market at Kataban in the city. The deceased is

identified as Imran Reza, 22, son of Atahar Uddin of Patuakhali and an employee of 'Maria International Crest Shop' in the market. Harichand Hajra, sub-inspector of Shahbagh police station, said other employees of the shop found Imran's body hanging inside the shop when they opened it in the morning and informed the police.³⁰²

On September 8, 2016; an associate professor of Rajshahi University, Akhtar Jahan, was found dead afternoon inside her flat at university quarters. Police recovered the unconscious body of the 45-year old teacher of mass communication and journalism department around 5:00pm after breaking her flat's door, said officer-in-charge of Motihar police station Humaun Kabir. When police entered the flat the teacher was found lying on her bed and with her bed encircled by a mosquito net, he said.³⁰³

On October 05, 2016; Police recovered the bullet-hit body of a Juba League activist from

Turag River at Ghasirdia in Kaundia area of Savar, on the outskirts of the capital. The deceased was identified as Al Arafat Sajal, 22, an activist of Birulia union unit Juba League and son of Ummat Ali of Birulia area.³⁰⁴

On October 13, 2016; a female garment worker was found slaughtered in Bypail area of Ashulia here. The deceased was identified as Fatema Akhter, 18, wife of Majnu Miah. Mohasinul Kadir, officer-in-charge of Ashulia Police Station, said Fatema along with her husband had been living in a rented house owned by Monir Hossain in Paschimpara of the area for the last one month. Neighbours went to the room and found its door open. Later, they entered the room only to see her lying slaughtered on the floor.³⁰⁵

On November 01, 2016; a BNP activist was found dead in a bamboo cluster in Dodapara village under Thakurgaon Sadar. The deceased was Mokbul Hossain alias Mantu, 55, son of late Kalim Uddin of Daulatpur Sacarpara village under the Upazila. Mokbul's wife Bachhai Akhter said she and her husband, a supporter of BNP-nominated chairman candidate Poygum Ali, were returning home after declaration of the result of the UP election when a group of AL activists attacked them. When Mokbul tried to run away, the AL activists chased him.³⁰⁶

On Nov 20, 2016; Police recovered hanging body of a central leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League, the ruling Awami League-backed student organization, from his rented house on Chittagong University campus. The deceased was identified as Diaz Irfan Chowdhury, 28, assistant secretary of central Chhatra League and former joint secretary of Chittagong University unit.³⁰⁷

On December 06, 2016; a missing former local Awami League (AL) leader was found dead with his throat slit in Bhuapur upazila of the Tangail. The deceased was former Bhuapur AL organising secretary Rokibul Islam Farid, 50, son of Abdul Mazid Master of Bharoi village in the upazila.³⁰⁸

On December 11, 2016; a youth's body was

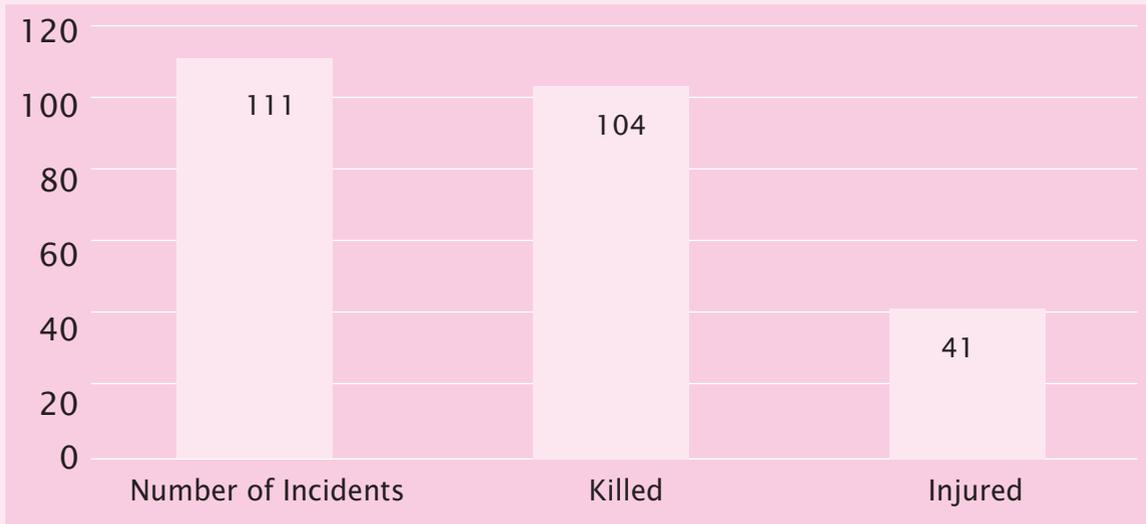
found in front of a cremation ground in the capital's Lalbagh area. The body of Anwar Hossain Sumon, 28, a C&F broker at Dhaka airport, bore several stab marks, said Moniruzzaman, officer-in-charge of Lalbagh Police Station. After an autopsy the body was handed over to his family.³⁰⁹

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Public Lynching

Lynching is the practice of murder by extrajudicial action. It is an unlawful punishment by an informal group. It is most often used to characterize informal public executions by a mob, often by hanging, in order to punish an alleged transgressor or to intimidate a minority group. It is an extreme form of informal group. In Bangladesh, due to lack of respect for law, distrust on the the police force and instability in the country, people are taking law into their own hands, fearing that they will not get justice any other way. As a result, the incident of public lynching became a common matter. HRSS believes that everyone has right to be considered as innocent until proven guilty by the court.

Figure 30: Statistics of Public Lynching in 2016



The supplied chart describes information about the public lynching cases from January to December 2016. According to the Human Rights Support Society (HRSS) data, about 41 people were injured and nearly 104 people were killed in a total 111 incidents of the public lynching.

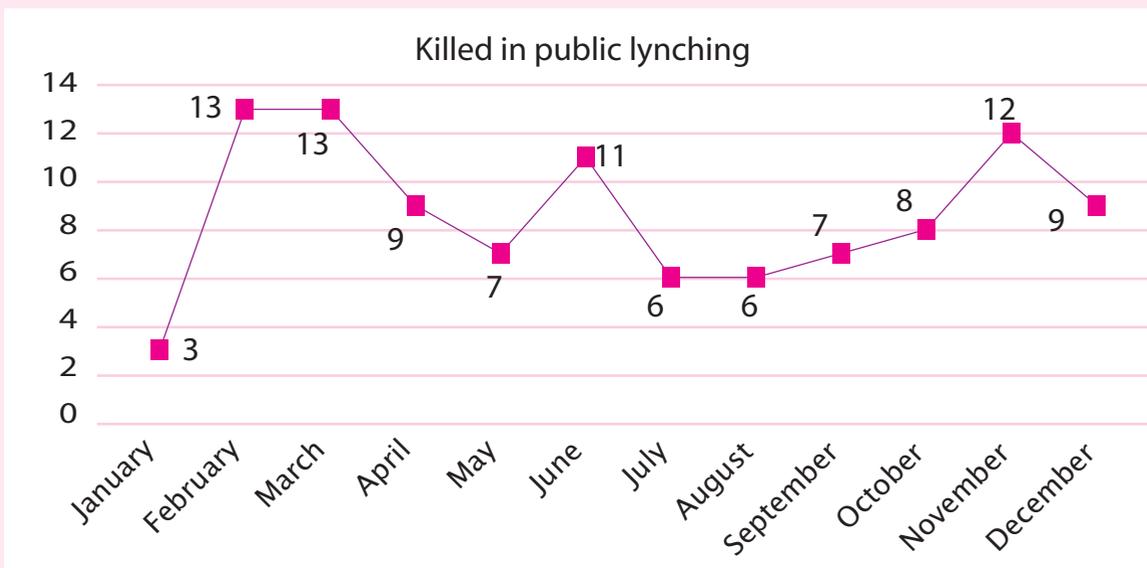


Figure 31: Monthly Comparison of Public Lynching 2016

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Some important cases are given below:

A suspected cow lifter was beaten to death by a mob at Nilakchandi village in Gangachara Upazila of Rangpur on 6th January 2016. The deceased was Abdus Salam (35), son of Aminul Islam of Sadullapur Upazila in Gaibandha. The mob also injured two suspected cow lifters. They are Abdul Malek (40), son of Abir Ali of Gangachara, and Moshir Rahman (35), son of Alam Mia of Kishoreganj Upazila in Nilphamari district.³¹⁰

A cow lifter was beaten to death by a mob at Ramgonj in Lokhipur on 6th January 2016. The rest of four were beaten and handover to police. This incidence occurred at late night in immigrant Bachu Dawan house. The dead person was identified as Muslim (30), son of late Sikander Ali of this village. Local said that when a group of thieves entered the home of Bachu, then the dweller of surrounding area rushed to this place and beating them severely and left them injured.³¹¹

On February 15, 2016; a suspected robber was beaten to death by a mob in Narayanganj. Locals, the incident took place on Arahazar-Narshingdi road near Bagha Bridge around 1:00 pm am when about eight persons were allegedly trying to rob a motorcycle rider at gunpoint. As he screamed, locals rushed to the spot and caught one of the robbers, and beat him up.³¹²

On February 17, 2016; a motorbike lifter was beaten to death by an angry mob in Kanhor area on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Mymensingh's Trishal Upazila. The victim was identified as Hafizur Rahman, 30, son of Nurul Islam Munshi of Vollah village in Kalihati Upazila of Tangail district.³¹³

An alleged thief was killed in a mob beating in Dakkhin Rajanagar area of Rangunia Upazila in Chittagong 15th March 2016. The deceased was Jahir, 30. Jahir was caught red handed while he went to a house to conduct theft around 12:30am. Later, locals gave him a good beating, said Officer-in-Charge of Rangunia Police Station Humyun Kabir. He was rushed to

Chittagong Medical College Hospital where he died.³¹⁴

On April 11, 2016; an alleged robber was killed in a mob beating at Jangail village under Sadar upazila. The dead were identified as Joynal, 38. The police said locals chased a gang of robbers, caught Joynal and beat him up mercilessly. The remaining gang members managed to flee.³¹⁵

On April 20, 2016; an alleged cattle-lifter was beaten to death at Gaurinathpur village in Moheshpur Upazila of the district. The deceased is Nur Islam, 50, son of Fazer Ali of Alampur village in the upazila. Said, Nur Islam entered one Rabiul Islam's house for lifting cattle around 4:00am. The family members sensed his presence and caught him red handed. They along with a mob gave him a good beating, leaving him dead on the spot.³¹⁶

On May 10, 2016; a criminal was killed and three others injured in a mob beating at Simuliya village in Jhikargachha Upazila of Jessore district. The deceased was identified as Lalu Miah, 43, of Meherpur district town.³¹⁷

On May 29, 2016; an alleged thief was beaten to death by a mob at Badarpur village in Patuakhali Sadar upazila. The deceased is Jamal Hossain, 40, son of Nazim Hawladar of the village.³¹⁸

On June 15, 2016; three unidentified 'robbers' were lynched at Krishnanagar under Jhikargachha Upazila in Jessore the district. Mollah Khabir Ahmed, Officer-in-Charge, Jhikargachha Police Station, that three unidentified 'robbers' were 'lynched' while they were committing robbery in a residence at Wapda Road of Krishnanagar around 1:30 am.³¹⁹

On July 01, 2016; a man was beaten to death on the campus of Dinajpur Medical College, triggering protest. Police said the man was suspected to have been a thief but his family and neighbours said he was mentally ill and innocent. The dead Sohel Rana, of Dinajpur Satellite Town area, was a father of two children.³²⁰



On July 22, 2016; a matchmaker was beaten to death at Bhabanipur village in Mohammadpur upazila. The victim is Rashid Biswas, 45, of the village. Police and locals said Rashid arranged a marriage between one Feroz Mandol's daughter-in-law and Abdul Wahab's son two months ago. Feroz wanted to pay Tk 2,000.00 after the marriage. Rashid pressured Feroz for the money several times but in vain. On Monday night, Feroz and his men beat up Rashid following an altercation over the issue. Seriously injured Rashid later died at a hospital.³²¹

On August 26, 2016; a mob beat a charge-sheeted accused in a robbery case to death at Raozan upazila in Chittagong, said police. Md Hashem, 42, of Raozan Municipality was preparing to commit robbery along with his cohorts when residents of Yasin Nagar village managed to catch him. Hashem was declared dead at Chittagong Medical College Hospital, said police who recovered a locally made gun and four machetes from the spot.³²²

On September 6, 2016; two Marma people were killed as their associates beat them to



death at Ankapara of Roansori in Bandarban. The victims were identified as Ukhera Marma, 30, and A Pru Marma, 25, both were residents of Lama Upazila.³²³

On October 07, 2016; an alleged robber was beaten to death by villagers in Laxmipur district. In Laxmipur, six to seven suspected robbers attacked the house of one Siraj Uddin, 55, in Char Kadira village of the district's

Kamalnagar upazila around 4:00am. Hearing the screams of Siraj and his family members, locals went to the spot and caught one of the robbers Abul Hossain, 35, of Noakhali.³²⁴

On November 02, 2016; two alleged kidnapers were beaten to death and four hostages were freed from them by a mob of villagers in Lama Upazila of the Bandarban. The incident took place near Hargaja



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Charbongshi village in the upazila. Quoting locals, police said a gang of 7-8 robbers swooped on the house of a local Sharif Hossain in the early hours and looted valuables from the house. Sensing Locals caught Ruhul while he was fleeing and others managed to flee.³²⁶

On December 04, 2016; a youth died after a mob suspecting him as a cell phone thief beat him at Badarpur in second Kalikapur union of Chaudagram in Comilla. Monir, 30, of Narayanpur, was wandering in the area when locals beat him, said police. On information, police took him to Upazilla Health Complex where doctors declared him dead.³²⁷

Fakirakhola area under Fashiakhali union. The freed hostages, day labourers by profession, were identified as Manur Alam, 55, Kalaputu, 38, JahirAlam, 40, and Jaber Ahmed, 48 all residents of Hargaja area.³²⁵

On Dec 28, 2016; a suspected robber was stabbed to death at Charbix in Raipur upazila of Lakshmipur. The deceased was identified as Ruhul Amin, son of Arshad Ullah of

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Election Violence & Vote Rigging

In a democratic process, election is the most common and acceptable way of transformation of power from one person to another and one party to another party. The Union Parishad Election was held in different areas of the country between March and June 2016. But regrettably, the members of the civil society of Bangladesh, as well as, the non-state actors, termed these elections as 'incredible' with the interference of the government. It has well been reported that this election was greatly influenced by the activists, leaders, and workers as well as the representatives of the ruling party. The civil society predicts that this type of election in future would destroy the democratic atmosphere of the country.

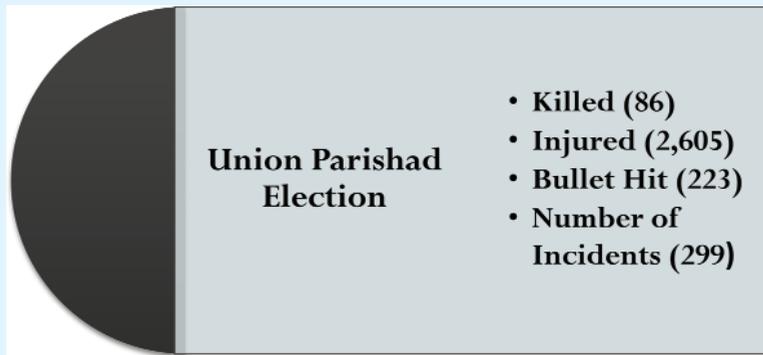


Figure 32: Violence in Union Parishad Election 2016

The given chart provides information about the turbulent figure of UP election between March and June 2016. HRSS tracked the election-related violence reported in media. A total of 2605 people were seriously injured. Around 86 were killed in UP election-related violence, and a total 232 people were bullet-hit during the election.

Some important cases are given below:

A Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leader was killed allegedly by members of the ruling Awami League over a feud centring on the upcoming union parishad polls in Pirojpur on 09th March 2016. The victim, Shamsul Haque Chhotto, 28, was Organizing Secretary of the Nazirpur Upazila unit of pro-BNP student body Chhatra Dal, reports our correspondent. With several stab injuries to the lower part of the body, he was rushed to a local hospital where he died four hours later, said the police and family members. Pirojpur Superintendent of Police Walid Hossain said the incident had resulted from a conflict over the polls.³²⁸

An activist of ruling Awami League was killed and six others injured in a clash with the activists of Bangladesh Nationalist Party at Shibganj in Bogra on 14th March 2016. The victim Mahatab Ali, 55, of village Khadail, was the nephew of the Awami League-backed chairman candidate of Buriganj union parishad, Abdul Gafur. Mahatab was also the

director of Shibganj Upazila Palli Bidyut Samiti. Among the injured, two Awami League men Amirul Islam, 22, and Mozaffar Hossain, 30, of the village were admitted to the Upazila health complex. Shibganj police officer-in-charge Ahsan Habib said the police detained 10 people in this connection.³²⁹

A man was killed and 12 others were injured in a clash between the supporters of two chairman candidates in the election of Bhasanchar Union Parishad (UP) at Mehendiganj Upazila in Barisal District on 16th March 2016. The deceased was identified as Samir Howlader, 35, son of Razzak Howlader of Madarbunia village in the upazila. The clash ensued at around 7:00 am when the supporters of chairman candidate Mujibor Rahaman led by Feroj Member swooped on the campaigners of AL nominated candidate Nazrul Islam Chunnu near Boroia Madrasha at Madarbunia village. The clash left Samir Howlader, one of the campaigners of Nazrul Islam, dead and 12 other from both sides injured.³³⁰



Widespread violence left at least 10 people dead and around a thousand others wounded in the first phase of union parishads elections on 22 March 2016. The festive mood of the polls to the lowest tier of local government was largely marred by electoral irregularities and incidents of clashes between supporters of rival candidates. Mathbaria Upazila of Pirojpur saw the deadliest violence in which at least five people were killed and several others injured in firing by law enforcers. Apart from this, two people were killed in Cox's Bazar and one each in Jhalakathi, Netrakona and Sirajganj in polls-related violence.³³¹

On May 7, 2016; at least four people were killed and scores were injured in violence, rigging, ballot stuffing and intimidation, mostly carried out by ruling Awami League activists, marked the fourth phase of partisan elections to union parishads like the previous phases. Three AL were killed in Narsingdi and Comilla as supporters of AL-nominated candidates and AL rebels clashed while a

higher secondary certificate examinee was shot dead as the police fired bullets to disperse supporters of two member candidates in Thakurgaon who were clashing.

In Narsingdi, AL rebel's supporter Sumon Mia, 26, was hacked to death and five others were injured as supporters of AL-nominated chairman candidate Reaz Morshed Khan Russell and AL rebel Azan Chowdhury for Srinagar union parishad of Raipur upazila clashed at Rangpur village. Another AL activist, Hossain Ali, was killed as supporters of AL candidate Masudur Rahman and AL rebel Jakir Hossain clashed near a polling station at Madhya Nagar village of Paratali union of Raipur Upazila. Hossain was hit with a spear and died on the way to the hospital, Narsingdi Additional Superintendent of Police Zakir Hossain said.

In Thakurgaon, HSC examinee Mahbub Alam was killed as the police fired a bullet to stop clashes between supporters of two member

candidates at Saldanga Madrassah centre under Paria union of Baliadangi Upazila. Presiding Officer Mujibur Rahman said the police opened fire when supporters of two member candidates clashed over an attempt to capture the polling stations and Mahbub died on the spot falling in the line of firing.

In Comilla, Taposh Chandra Das, 38, was stabbed to death and five others were injured as supporters of two member candidates, both activists of ruling AL, clashed at Chandla union of Brahmanpara Upazila in Comilla. Brahmanpara Police Station Officer-in-Charge Badiuzzaman said that supporters of two member candidates – Sultan Ahmed and Rezaul Karim – for Chandla union clashed in front of Chandla Primary School centre at about 11:00 am. During the clash, supporters of Rezaul stabbed Taposh of Chandla village to death, Badiuzzaman said. Kamladanga police Officer-in-Charge Mahbub Alam said Martin died of cardiac arrest. Border Guard Bangladesh

soldier Mahmudul Hasan, who was on election duty, died in an ‘accidental fire’ from his own rifle at Madarganj Upazila auditorium in Jamalpur.³³²

On May 5, 2016; local Awami League leaders and supporters have allegedly beaten and assaulted Parshuram Upazila Nirbahi Officer HM Rokib Haidar over a trivial matter in Feni District. Witnesses said, AL Vice President of Feni district unit Kairul Basar Majumdar Tapan and his supporters beat up and assaulted the UNO. Feni District Administrator Amin-ul-Ahsan said local Awami League leaders were preparing to welcome shipping minister Shahjahan Khan at Dhakunda area in the morning as he was scheduled to attend a rally at Parsuram. During the arrangement Upazila Nirbahi Officer Rakib got into an argument with Tapan over a trivial matter, he said. At one stage Tapan and his men started beating the UNO and left him seriously injured.³³³





From left, supporters of two member candidates clash during the union parishad elections at Tumchar Government Primary School at Lakshmpur sadar and a lawman walks across a polling centre, empty of voters, at Nababganj in Dhaka during the 4th phase UP election.

On May 6, 2016; at least two people were killed while 30 others injured as the police opened fire to disperse Awami League activists, who locked into an hour-long clash over union parishad election at Baghmara in Rajshahi. Additional members of law enforcing agencies were deployed in the area to avert any unwarranted situation, said Matiar Rahman, Officer-in-Charge of Baghmara Police Station. The supporters of Awami League chairman candidate of Auchpara union, Jan Mohammad, attacked the house of party rebel candidate Shahiduzzaman at village Hatgangapara around 4:30p m, he said. Locals said four people received bullet injuries during the clash. Of them, Siddiquir Rahman, 30, and Jahidul Islam Bulu, 35, of the village, died on the spot.³³⁴

On May 28, 2016; at least eight people including a schoolboy were killed and dozens injured in voting of the fifth phase 720 Union Parishad Election across the country and ended

amid sporadic violence and stuffing. In Jamalpur, four people including a schoolboy were killed and more than 30 others injured in a tripartite clash in a polling centre at Bahadurabad union in Dewanganj. The deceased were identified as Ziaur Rahman, 35, son of Nurul Islam; and Nabirul Islam of village Kutuber Char; Class VIII student Mazed, 15, son of Afzal Sheikh, and Nurul Islam, 55, residents of village Sheikhpara in the upazila. The supporters of Awami League-backed chairman candidate Sakiruzzaman and AL rebel candidate Md Shajahan Ali locked in the clash at Khutir Char Ibtedayi Madrasah centre around 10:00 am with local weapons. The Bangladesh Nationalist Party men also joined with the rebel candidate during the chaos. The clash left Ziaur, Nabirul and Nurul dead on the spot. The police fired 100 rounds of bullets to disperse the groups. Mazed received a bullet and died on the spot.

In Noakhali, two people were killed in electoral



violence at Begumganj Upazila. A voter died after being chased by law enforcers at Rajganj Senior Dakhil Madrasah center of Rajganj union. The deceased, Syed Ahmed, 55, suffered head injuries as he fell down on the ground being chased by the law enforcers at about 10:30 am. He was taken to Noakhali General Hospital where physicians declared him dead. A teenager, Sakil, son of Md Milan of Jirtali village, was hit by bullet hit in a clash at KB Union High School center at Jirtali union around noon. He died on the way to hospital.

In Comilla, a Bangladesh Nationalist Party rebel candidate was hacked to death in a clash at Balarampur union of Titas Upazila. The victim was Kamal Uddin, also the incumbent Chairman of the Union Parishad. In another incident, at least 10 people including a policeman were injured in UP polls violence at Char Swarshwati Government Primary School center in Kalakandi union of Titas. The clash took place among the supporters of Awami

League-nominated chairman Habibur Rahman and AL rebel candidate Md Ibrahim Sarkar around 9:30 am. Both the groups blasted about eight crude bombs.³³⁵

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Inhuman Torture and Shooting by Law Enforcement Agencies

The term "torture" means any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental is inflicted intentionally on a person for the purposes of obtaining from him or a third person information or a confession, punishing him for an act he or a third person has committed or is suspected of having committed, or intimidating or coercing him or a third person, or for any reason based on discrimination of any kind, when such pain or suffering is inflicted by or at the instigation of or with the consent or acquiescence of a public official or other person acting in an official capacity. It does not include pain or suffering arising only from, inherent in or incidental to lawful sanctions.³³⁶ According to Article 5 of the UDHR, no one shall be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Article 14 (2) of the ICCPR provides that everyone charged with a criminal offence shall have the right

to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law. International Convention against Torture (CAT) has also been declared torture as the punishable offence. As a signatory to this convention, Bangladesh is supposed to comply with its provisions. Bangladesh constitution prohibits torture at any level in custody or interrogation cell. Local and international human rights organizations and the media always report that security forces, especially RAB and police, inflict severe torture, physical and psychological abuses after arrests and during interrogations.

Violating all rules and regulations, security forces used cruel method, indiscriminate beatings, pouring boil water, removing nail and electric shock and more severe tools. The new and barbaric method is to make someone cripple forever by shooting from the blank point. The scenarios of inhuman torture in Bangladesh over the period of 2016 are detailed below:



Figure 33: Inhuman Torture and Shooting by LEA in 2016

According to HRSS, in 2016, a total of 23 people was reportedly injured, almost 12 shot and about 11 victims of torture by the law enforcement agency.



Figure Cleaning inspector of Dhaka South City Corporation Bikash Chandra receives treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on January 16, 2016 after he was beaten up by policemen in the capital.

Some cases are as follows:

On January 01, 2016; a union level BNP leader was shot in leg during after arrest in Feni. Ali Ahmad, 45, General Secretary of Matigonj union BNP in Sonagazi Upazila, is under treatment at Feni Sadar Hospital. Relatives and locals, who claimed to have witnessed the incident, said police shot Ali while he was fleeing from them. Following the incident, people gathered in the area and locked in a clash with the law enforcers. Police then fired several blanks to bring the situation under control, they said.³³⁷

On January 9, 2016; Sub-inspector Masud Shikder picked up Golam Rabby from Tajmahal Road in Mohammadpur and tortured him demanding Tk 5 lakh threatening to kill him in crossfire. Masud also took Tk 10,000.00 and a debit card from Rabby and told him to call relatives for the money, he alleged. Rabby also

filed a complaint with Mohammadpur police on January 10 and Masud was withdrawn from the police station. Later she was suspended.³³⁸

On January 16, 2016; cops allegedly beat up a Dhaka South City Corporation cleaning inspector in the city's Jatrabari area in the capital. The victim, Bikash Chandra Das, 40, was admitted to Labaid Hospital with severe injuries to the nose, face, neck, back and thighs. Bikash's brother Liton Chandra Das told that Bikash still remained unconscious. The physicians at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where Bikash was admitted in the morning, said his condition was critical and nothing could be said within 24 hours.³³⁹

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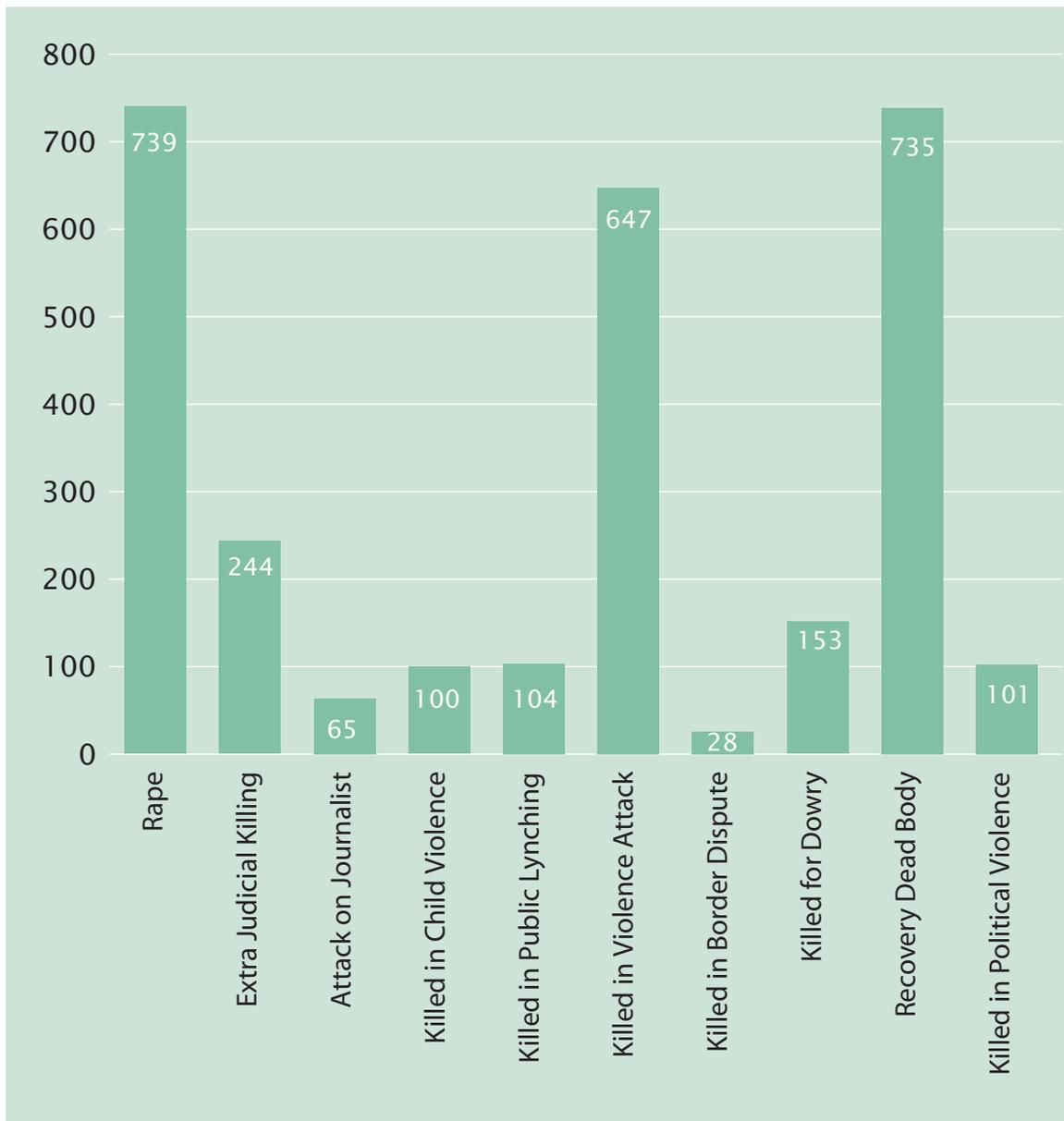


Figure 35: Human Right Situation of Bangladesh in 2016



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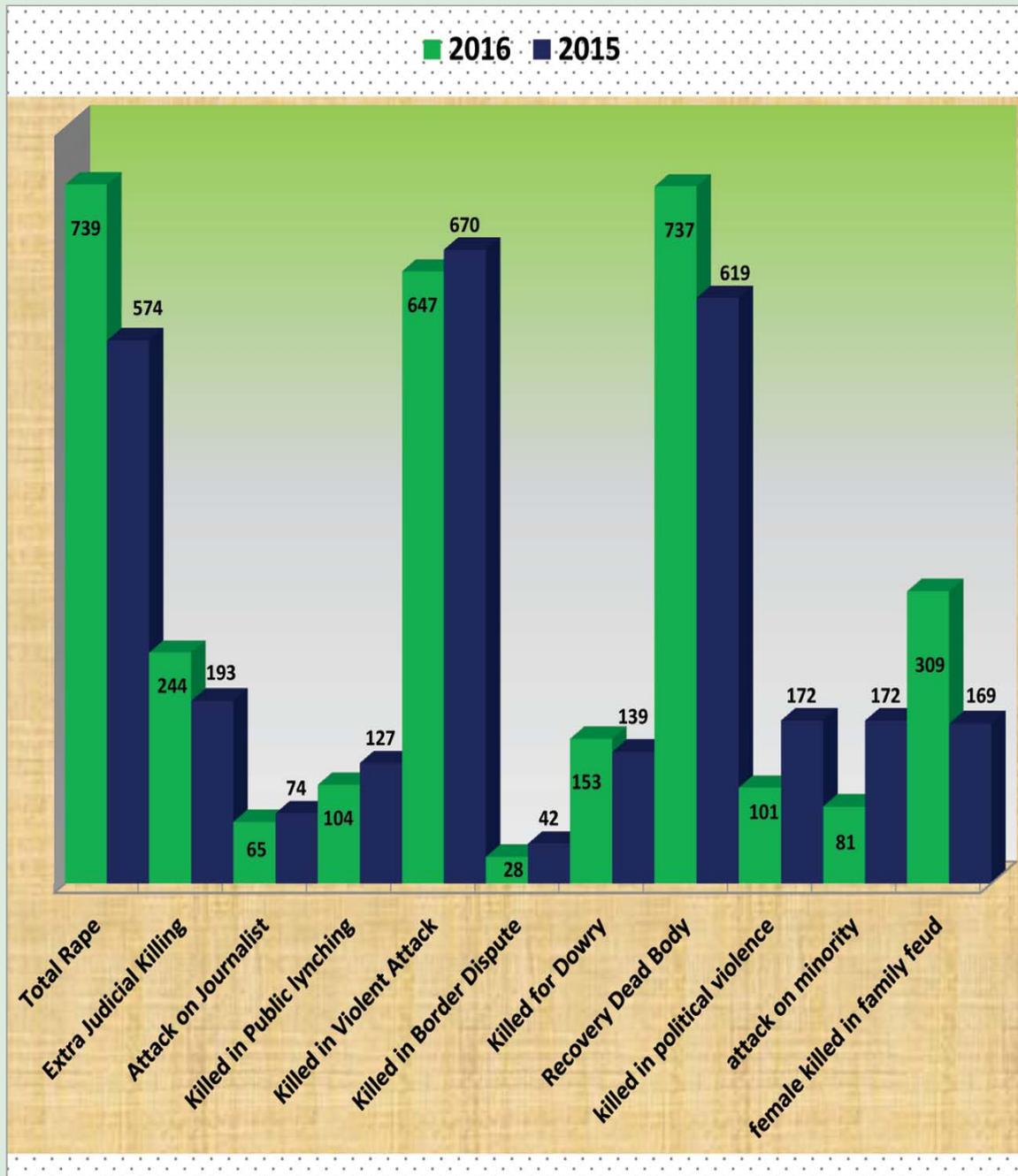


Figure 36: Comparison between Annual Bulletin of 2016 and 2015.

Conclusion

It is keenly observed that the human rights situation in Bangladesh was shocking in 2016. This is because of the failure of the public administration to show respect to the life and property of the citizens. The political turmoil in Bangladesh threatens the existence of freedom of expression, assembly and association. Moreover, huge numbers of human rights violations are regularly taking places, such as enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings, torture, targeted killings, and arbitrary arrests. Election violence including vote rigging has been widely reported. Domestic violence, rape and child abuse have been frequent in 2016. Although UDHR obliges all signatory states and the Constitution of Bangladesh specifically guaranteed the fundamental rights of the citizens, it's a matter of deep concern that they have been denied by the incumbent governments.

The members of the opposition political parties specifically Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami have been reported as victims of political persecution sponsored by the government. The existing government assumed power through uncontested and controversial general elections in 2014 which lead to serious political violence. The government, in order to continue its regime, undertook repressive measures against the oppositions. The rule of law has been compromised. These situation leads to political vacuum and created enabling environment for extremism. Surprisingly, the government has been trying to cast responsibility on the leaders and activists of oppositions and undertook unprecedented repressive measures against them and also termed them as 'extremists'. Consequently, the government initiated drastic unlawful actions against the leaders and activists of the oppositions.

HRSS observes that the state authority should be more responsive in protecting the life and property of the citizen and thereby fulfill their constitutional obligations. It further appeals to every conscious citizen to raise their voice against flagrant human rights violations. In order to fight against all sorts of repressive measures, HRSS is committed to gather all relevant information and publish reports in various forms (i.e. monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, and annually). HRSS further expresses its commitment to bring back democracy, right to vote, freedom of assembly, establishing rule of law, ensuring transparency and accountability in all sphere of life. Certainly, this mission is challenging but achievable. We believe relentless effort would ensure improvement of over all human rights situation in Bangladesh. We hope for a happy, prosperous and civilized nation.

Recommendation

-  The Judiciary and the Administrative Authorities must ensure justice to all minorities' communities. Restructure all damaged temples and places for worship that were subjected to attack and end all potential attacks on places of worships irrespective of race, sex, color, religion and any other social standings. And ensure fundamental rights of all citizens guaranteed by the Constitution of Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh.
-  The government must ensure the accountability and transparency of the members of law enforcement agencies. Further, constitute judicial inquiry committee to investigate each incident of extra-judicial killing, enforced disappearance and abduction; and ensure speedy and fair trial of all culprits by a lawfully constituted tribunal.
-  Actions should be taken to end structural and cultural violence against women from all spheres of life. Moreover, in order to ensure safety and security of women, children and members of minority communities, immediate appropriate measures should be taken by the concerned authorities. Proper environment should be ensured so that the victims can come up with appropriate complaints against the perpetrators.
-  The state should take necessary steps to identify the victims of forced disappearance and hand them over to their families. HRSS urges the government to comply with the provisions of the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance adopted by the United Nations.
-  The government should be respectful to the freedom of expression of all citizens. Print, Electronic and online media should be allowed to work freely even though it goes against the government. The government must be tolerant to the democratic rights of the oppositions.
-  Arbitrary arrests of citizens including opposition leaders and activists must be immediately stopped. The government must comply with the directives given by the Supreme Court of the land. It should immediately repeal the Special Powers Act, 1974 and the Information and Communication Technology Act, 2006 (Amended 2013).
-  Freedom of assembly and association should be respected. The government must allow oppositions, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders to express their opinions by way of public gatherings, processions, seminars, and symposium and so on.
-  The Bangladesh government should establish a judicial inquiry commission to look into all violations of international human rights law by the Border Security Force. The government should invite both Indian and Bangladeshi nationals to come up with complaints and credible evidences to the lawfully constituted inquiry commission. The inquiry should be transparent and time bound. Specifically, the committee should have statutory power to ensure privacy and protection of the witnesses.

>>> Annexure : Annual Statistics-2016

Type of Human Rights Violation		Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Violence Against Women	Sexual Harassment	14	20	28	30	22	20	17	25	15	28	31	16	266
	Rape	51	36	70	74	60	71	53	59	71	77	67	50	739
	Killed for Dowry	10	7	11	19	16	13	14	18	17	12	8	8	153
	Killed for Family Feud	17	28	29	27	35	25	27	30	20	31	22	18	309
	Acid Violence	7	2	4	6	5	5	2	1	2	0	3	2	39
Violence Against Children	Killed	4	7	12	4	9	8	14	9	11	7	8	7	100
Extra judicial Killing	Crossfire	5	11	10	7	4	20	19	23	8	22	17	15	161
	Shot to death	3	0	0	6	2	4	9	3	3	12	3	0	45
	Torture to death	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	3	11
	Custodial death	3	0	2	3	6	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	27
	Total	12	12	12	17	12	27	31	30	14	35	22	20	244
Abduction		24	27	48	24	61	43	40	20	33	29	34	14	397
Total Enforces Disappearance		0	2	2	6	2	0	3	12	4	3	0	0	34
Total Incidents of Minority Attacks		4	4	8	5	10	7	3	6	5	6	18	5	81
Border Disputes	Killed	3	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	5	0	3	1	28
	Injured	4	5	0	2	1	3	1	1	3	4	2	9	35
	Arrested	8	7	1	3	0	9	0	0	1	3	6	12	50
Attack on Journalists	Injured	7	3	4	6	14	5	1	8	2	0	3	7	60
	Threatened	1	0	2		3	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	11
	Assaulted	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	10
	Arrested	0	2	0	1	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	10
Political Violence	Killed	5	0	9	8	4	21	21	7	12	3	7	4	101
	Injured	378	363	161	143	93	613	577	230	229	189	340	297	3613
Election Violence	Killed			31	17	38								86
	Injured			1501	425	679								2605
Violent Attack	Killed	57	30	71	57	71	64	89	50	39	44	44	31	647
	Injured	61	78	68	26	56	74	117	32	47	50	28	36	673
Killed in Public Lynching		3	13	13	9	7	11	6	6	7	8	12	9	104
Recovery Dead Body		51	56	82	72	51	45	53	78	65	52	62	70	737