

# Human Rights Support Centre (HRSC)

## Monthly Human Rights Observation Report

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According to Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. Human Rights Support Centre (HRSC) believes that human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, whatever our political and religious identity, place of residence, sex, national or ethnic origin, color, language, or any other status. All people are equally entitled to human rights without any kinds of discrimination. They are applicable everywhere and at every time in the sense of being universal, and they are inalienable. Human rights entail both rights and obligations. States assume obligations and duties under national and international law to respect, to protect and to fulfill human rights.

From the perspective of Bangladesh, HRSC is working for improving democratic values, culture of peace, security, good governance and justice. We support to ensure the rights of citizens and peoples of Bangladesh beyond its social, political, cultural, economic and religious positions. HRSC is one of the prominent human rights organizations which believe in equality and impartiality in all sphere of the human impediment in Bangladesh.

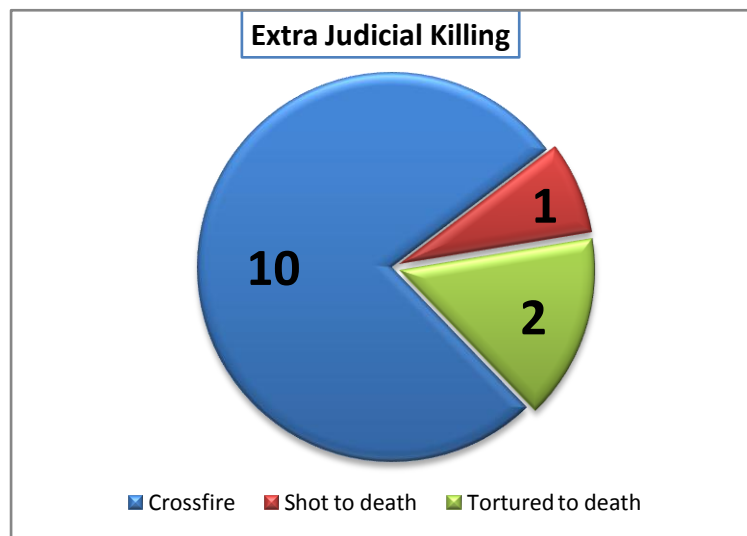
In April 2015, Human rights have been infringed and human rights activists as well as journalist have also been harassed to an unprecedented extent in Bangladesh. 13 people has been killed extra judicially, 4 person enforced disappeared, 13 journalist has been assaulted and 9 journalist seriously injured 32 girl raped and 21 girl sexually harassed. This report has been prepared on the basis of 12 daily newspaper of Bangladesh.

### [Extra Judicial Killing](#)

Extrajudicial killing is an arbitrary or unlawful deprivation of life and simply a murder. Bangladesh has earned notoriety in carrying out extrajudicial killings. The rights to life and personal liberty are under threat in Bangladesh, despite the fact that they are guaranteed by the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Article 32 says: "no person shall be deprived of life or personal liberty, save in accordance with law". Different terminologies

have been used by the law enforcement agencies to distract from extrajudicial killings; such as, deaths during ‘cross-fire’, ‘encounter’, ‘gunfight’ etc. According to UN General Comment No.35; “States parties have the duty to take the appropriate measures to protect the rights to liberty of persons against deprivations by third parties”. States parties must protect individuals against abduction or detention by individual criminals or irregular groups, including armed or terrorist groups, operating within their territory. They must also protect individuals against wrongful deprivation of liberty by lawful organizations, such as employers, schools and hospitals.

According to the source of HRSC, in April 2015, a total of 13 persons were allegedly killed extrajudicially. Ten were killed in alleged ‘crossfire/encounters/gun fights’. Of them, two were killed by RAB and eight were killed by the police. One person was reportedly shot dead by police. Furthermore, two were tortured to death by police.



On 06 April, 2015 an activist of Islami ChhatraShibir, student wing of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, was killed and another one injured with bullet in a clash with police at Cinema Hall Road in Maijdee area of Noakhali on Monday morning. The deceased was identified as Omar Faruq. A group of Jamaat-Shibir men brought out a procession in the area around 11:00am protesting the Supreme Court’s dismissal of death-row war crimes convict Kamaruzzaman’s review petition. Another injured Rakib was also admitted to the hospital under police custody.<sup>1</sup>

On 06 April 2015 an alleged ringleader of a forest robber gang was killed in a “shootout” between law enforcers and his aides in Panirkhola area near the Sundarbans early yesterday.

<sup>1</sup><http://www.daily-sun.com/online/politics/2015/04/06/9476#sthash.ijOulIEm.dpuf>

The deceased, Billal Farazi, 35, son of Khokon Farazi of North Saralia village in Morrelganj upazila, was the chief of notorious Billal Bahini, police said. Md Rezaul Karim, OC of Swarankhola Police Station, said acting on a tip-off a joint team of RAB and police conducted a drive at a garden of one Habib Hawlader around 2:30am.<sup>2</sup>

On April 25, 2015 an alleged youth was killed in a “gunfight” with police in Phultala upazila of Khulna. The dead is Sohel Rana, 25, son of Abdul Wahab Fakir of Abhaynagar upazila in Jessore. Till yesterday, at least 51 people, including Sohel, were killed in so-called gunfights with law enforcement agencies this year. Acting on a tip-off, a police team arrested Rana from PaigramKosba in Phultala upazila around 9:00pm on Friday, the DB official said.<sup>3</sup>

On March 2, 2015 Jamate Islami alleged that an activist of Islami ChattraShibir was tortured to death in the Gaibandha jail by law enforcement agencies. Shaharul Islam, an HSC examinee hailed from Gobindogonj upazila of Gaibandha district. On the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 police detained him on the suspicion of sabotage. He was seriously tortured by law enforcement agencies in name of interrogation. As a result he was seriously injured but he has not given any treatment. Finally Shaharul died due to beating in the remand.<sup>4</sup>

On April 20, 2015 a robber gang was killed in a “gunfight” with police in Mirpur upazila. The deceased was, Milon Ali alias “Data” Milon, 42, was the son of Abdus Sattar of Laxmidhardia village in the upazila. According to police, Milon stood accused in three cases, filed for arms recovery and robbery, lodged with Mirpur Police Station. Milon's family alleged that two officials of the police station -- Sub-Inspector Abdul Halim and Assistant Sub-Inspector Atiqur Rahman -- picked up Milon on Saturday night and cooked up the “gunfight” story.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/2-killed-shootouts-75965>

<sup>3</sup><http://dev.dailynayadiganta.com/detail/news/18249#sthash.gBvetoV5.dpuf>

<sup>4</sup><http://www.samakal.net/2015/04/03/128792>

<sup>5</sup><http://www.mzamin.com/details.php?mzamin=NzI0Mzg=&s=OQ>

## Enforced Disappearance

Article 3 & 9 of Universal declaration of human Rights declared 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. This right shall be protected by law. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life.

According to information gathered by HRSC in April 2015, four persons have been disappeared.

On April 6, 2015, Jamat-e-islami claimed that four activist of Islami ChattraShibbir has been disappeared in Narayangonj after arrest. Acting secretary of Jamat-e-islami claimed in a statement that they didn't find the arrested Shibir activist anywhere in Narayangonj. Law enforcing agencies refused to arrest them. Dr. Shafikur Rahman said that the governments choose the policy to kill opposition party without facing political problem politically which consequence would not be good.<sup>6</sup>

On April 8, 2015, a student of scholars's, JahirulIslam, home has been disappeared when he was going to his private tuition. At the Sunday afternoon, he go out from the flat in 27-B Kazi Tula at the city for going to his tuition. His family member and friends searched him in every possibleplace after not getting him till night. After then, his brother in law sued a general diary at Kotawalithana. Dairy number 273<sup>7</sup>

April 22, 2015, A BNP leader of Nykhangchori along with three other people has been kidnapped by miscreants from Ramu at Coxbazar. In Wednesday morning, they have been kidnapped when they were going to Banderban from Baisari by motorcycle. The kidnapped persons are Faridul Alam (28) the organizing secretary of Baishari Union BNP, motorcycle diver and the habitant of RamuSaiful Islam(28) and Nurul Islam, the habitant of Eidgarh Union of Ramu. Anisur Rahman, the investigation in charge of Bairashi of Nykhangchori, has ensured this matter to the Bangla News that they have been kidnapped from Ramu of Coxbazar and investigation is going on.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>6</sup>[http://www.rtnn.net/bangla/newsdetail/detail/1/1/105983#.vsnkn\\_bwzok](http://www.rtnn.net/bangla/newsdetail/detail/1/1/105983#.vsnkn_bwzok)

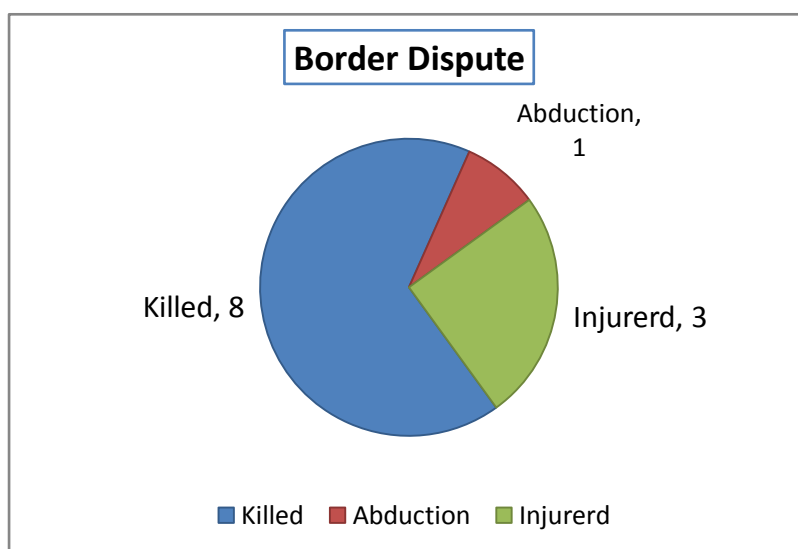
<sup>7</sup><http://www.mzamin.com/details.php?Mzamin=nza4mdu=&s=OQ>

<sup>8</sup><http://www.banglanews24.com/fullnews/bn/387385.html>

## Border Dispute

Human rights are also utterly violated in border area of Bangladesh by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF). Over the years, India has been repeatedly violating the treaties, shooting at or physically harming anyone seen near the border or anyone trying to cross the border; and illegally entering Bangladesh which is tremendously happened in this month. Such acts are clear violations of international law and human rights; and threats to the sovereignty of Bangladesh.

According to information collected by HRSC, in April 2015, eight Bangladeshi citizen was killed by the BSF. Three Bangladeshis were injured by them. Of the three, two were shot and one was tortured. One Bangladeshi was abducted, allegedly by the BSF, during this period.



On April 11, 2015 Two Bangladeshi nationals were shot to death and three others were injured by members of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) on Daulatpur border. The deceased were identified as--Shanto, 25, son of Abdus Sattar, and Aku, 35, son of Azizul Haque. Daulatpur BGB camp in-charge Amzad Hossain said, BSF members of Ghonarmath camp opened fire on a group of Bangladeshi cattle traders while they were returning home with cattle around 4:30 am, leaving five people injured.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>9</sup> [http://www.theindependentbd.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id](http://www.theindependentbd.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id)

On April 25, 2015 Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead a Bangladeshi cattle trader on Ghagra border of Panchagarh Sadarupazila early. The dead, Samiul Haque, 35, was the son of Somiz Uddin of Shyampara village of Panchagarh Sadar upazila. BSF troops of Singimari camp opened fire on some four to five Bangladeshi cattle traders. They were returning home through the border along with the cattle around 4:00am, said Lt Col Ariful Haque, commanding officer of 18 Battalion of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).<sup>10</sup>

On April 18, 2015 Indian Border Security Force (BSF) allegedly tortured two Bangladeshis to death at Fatehpur border in Shibganj upazila of Chapainawabganj on Wednesday. The victims were identified as Abdul Hakim, 35, of Thutapara village, and Sharif, 25, of Khorial village in Shibganj upazila. Locals and family members of the victims said Hakim and Sharif were going to the Indian Territory through the border to bring some cattle on Tuesday night. A patrol team of 20 BSF Battalion in West Bengal's Malda district detained the duo and tortured them, family members claimed. Later, the BSF Jawans left them inside Bangladesh territory at Fatehpur border point. Locals found Hakim's dead body and injured Sharif lying at the frontier, and informed the BGB of the matter on Wednesday evening.<sup>11</sup>

Two Bangladeshi cattle traders were shot dead and three others injured by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) on Daulatpur border in Jessore. The deceased were identified as Shanto, 25, and Aku, 35. Amzad Hossain, in-charge of Daulatpur Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) camp, said the BSF members opened fire around 4:30 am as the victims were coming back home with cattle.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>10</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/bsf-kills-bangladeshi-cattle-trader-79317>

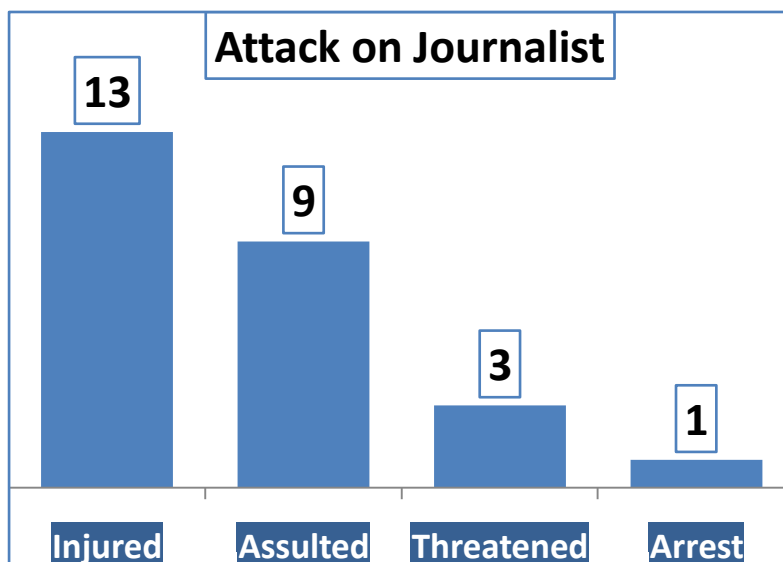
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<sup>12</sup>[http://www.daily-sun.com/online/foreign affairs/2015/04/11/9778#sthash.SIblcAYi.dpuf](http://www.daily-sun.com/online/foreign%20affairs/2015/04/11/9778#sthash.SIblcAYi.dpuf)

## Attack on Journalist

Right to freedom of opinion and expression is an important pillar of democracy. Yet in Bangladesh, attacks on journalist are very frequent incidents. Moreover assaulting, threatening and killing has been general matter. Even Journalists are often pressured and mugged by government and law enforcement agency.

According to the HRSC report, in April 2015, nine journalists assaulted by ruling party and law enforces agency. Journalists were injured, thirteen journalists were injured and three were threatened.



On April 28, 2015 Supporters of mayor candidate Nasir Uddin assaulted a photojournalist and broke his camera at Agrabad Talebia Govt Primary School during polling in Chittagong City Corporation elections. At least 10 journalists were assaulted by ruling party men during the city corporation elections on the day. Some reporters were robbed of their mobile phones, handbags and cash. Polling officers, law enforcers and ruling party men allegedly prevented reporters, photographers and cameramen from entering polling centers, journalists and eyewitnesses said.<sup>13</sup>

Two reporters of The Daily Star -- Porimol Palma and Mahbubur Rahman Khan -- were beaten by Bangladesh Chhatra League men when the journalists were performing their duty at a polling centre at the Science Annex Building of Dhaka University. Porimol's mobile phone, identity card and personal bag were snatched. The attackers also slapped Mahbub in the face and asked him to leave.

Amitosh Paul, a senior reporter of the Samakal, a Bangla daily, was beaten at 12:30pm when he identified two fake agents of the ruling party-backed mayoral candidate, Annisul Huq, at the Uttara Girls' High School and College polling centre.

<sup>13</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/journalists-come-under-attack-79659>

At the Bodhir School centre at Purana Paltan, some youths held Ashish Ur Rahman Shuvo, a special correspondent of the daily Prothom Alo, at knife point as he was entering the polling centre. Mostaq Ahmed and Sujoy Mohajon, two senior reporters of the leading Bangla daily, were attacked by ruling party men at Narinda and Shahjahanpur polling centers. Their diaries, phones and cash were looted. However, Mohajon got back his phone with the help of some policemen.

Awami League men also attacked two journalists of Ekattor TV and one of Rtv in Chittagong, according to the private TV stations. There were many more cases of intimidation. Photos and videos taken by many journalists were deleted and they were asked to leave the polling centers.

Tuhin Shubhra Adhikary, a reporter of The Daily Star, found a polling agent illegally stuffing ballot boxes in presence of an assistant presiding officer at a polling booth at Dhanmondi Government Girls High School at 12:40pm. The reporter took some snaps of the act and when he was coming out of the booth a man in plain clothes, identifying him as a policeman, asked him to delete the photos and go away.

Sohel Parvez, a senior reporter of the English daily, was forced to delete pictures of vote rigging by ruling party activists at the Kabi Nazrul Government College polling centre.

Anisur Rahman, a photographer of The Daily Star, witnessed a number of acts of intimidation. At 8:45 am, when he was taking pictures of thin presence of voters at the Siddheswari Boys' High School polling centre, some youths popped up and prodded him, asking why he was taking pictures.

The camera of Palash Khan, a photojournalist of The Daily Star, was taken away by a policeman in plain clothes at a centre in Kafrul under Dhaka North City Corporation. The policeman deleted the pictures of an assault on journalists.

Another reporter of The Daily Star, Rafiul Islam, witnessed fake vote casting at a polling centre at Kamalapur Sher-e Bangla Railway High School at 11am. When he attempted to take videos of the incident, ruling party men warned him of dire consequences.

Shamim Noor, a photographer of the daily Jugantor, was harassed by some youths at a polling centre in Segunbagicha at around 9:30am. The youths took away his camera, but when other journalists stepped in, they returned his camera after deleting the pictures of a polling agent being pushed out of the polling centre.

The activists of Awami League and its associations reportedly shot a journalist and physically assaulted at least 10 others. They also purportedly threatened and terrorized dozen others while discharging their duties at various polling stations. The bullet-hit journalist was identified as Yeasin Rabbi, a reporter of news portal risingbd.com. He was shot at a polling station in Basabo area.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>14</sup><http://unb.com.bd/journo-attack#sthash.gpbUBpmQ.dpuf>



## Political Violence:

According to information gathered by Human Rights Support Centre in the month of April 2015, 5 people killed and 218 people injured in political violence. 982 people arrested

On April 21, 2015 BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's motorcade came under attack by pro-ruling Awami League activists during her election campaign at the capital's KarwanBazar. Around 150 activists of Jubo League, Swechchhasebak League, Shramik League and Chhatra League showered the vehicles with brick chips and hit those with wooden sticks for around 15 minutes from 5:45pm. Khaleda's bullet-proof car was damaged but she was unhurt. Some 15 people, including her personal secretary, got injured. Four of them were admitted to United Hospital. Six vehicles, including four from the motorcade, were damaged. On Sunday, over 100 ruling party men carrying sticks with black flags in separate groups chased Khaleda's motorcade and blocked roads during her campaign at Uttara.<sup>15</sup>

On April 29, 2015, At least ten people were injured in a clash between the activists of Awami League (AL) and Jubo League in the town on Monday night. Locals said two groups--one led by AL leader Anis of AkuaMorolpara area and the other by Jubo League leader Shahinoor of adjacent Ramkrishna Mission Road area--locked in a clash at around 11:00pm over control of Ramkrishna Mission Road area, leaving at least ten people from both sides injured. They used sharp weapons and blasted crude bombs during the clash that continued for an hour. Of the injured, two were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital while the rest given first aid.<sup>16</sup>

Two activists of Chhatra Union of Government Ananda Mohan College (AMC) unit were injured when a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men allegedly attacked them on the campus yesterday morning. Sumi Akhtar, president of Chhatra Union AMC unit alleged that when they brought out a procession on the college campus marking the 63rd founding anniversary of the organization, a group of BCL men, led by Sabuj, BCL organizing secretary of AMC unit, reached the spot and threatened to stop the rally. This resulted in an altercation with the union activists, he added. "At one stage, the BCL men attacked us with sticks when the rally reached the college gate at around 11.30 am, leaving two activists injured. The slogan demanding punishment to those who sexually assaulted women on the Dhaka

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<sup>15</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/khaledas-motorcade-comes-under-attack-78383>

<sup>16</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/10-injured-al-jubo-league-men-clash-79631>

University campus during Pahela Boishakh celebrations might have angered the BCL men,” alleged Sumi. Chhatra Union brought out a procession in protest, which paraded the main thoroughfares of the town demanding immediate arrest of the attackers. Later, they also formed a human chain in front of the Mymensingh Press Club. Chhatra union district unit president Sheikh Sadnur Opi, its secretary Anik Sarker Udhay, Sadib Rahman, Priyanta Paul and Nazmul Ahsan, Mahmudul Hasan Akanda addressed the rally, among others. When contacted, Abdullah Al Mamun Arif, president of BCL Mymensingh city unit said he did not know about the incident.<sup>17</sup>

At least 28 people were injured, eight of them bullet-hit, in a clash between two factions of Jubo League over establishing supremacy at Jamshing in Savar on the outskirts of the capital. Five shops and houses in the area were also vandalised by the activists of the youth front of the ruling Awami League during the clash. Police arrested six activists in connection with their alleged involvement in the incident.<sup>18</sup>

At least 10 people were injured and five shops vandalised during a clash between the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL and Jubo League in Habiganj town. Locals said the BCL men, led by Habiganj Municipality unit president Obaidur Rahman, and the Jubo League activists, led by Ruhul Amin, locked in the clash in the staff quarters area at around 9:00pm over establishing their supremacy in the area. The supporters of the two, equipped with iron rods, hockey sticks and sharp weapons swooped on each, leaving at least 10 people from both sides injured. Five shops were also vandalised in the area during the clash that continued for half an hour. Being informed, police rushed to the spot fired tear gas shells rubber bullets to disperse the clashing groups.<sup>19</sup>

April 01, 2015 At least 20 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups of Awami League near Sharif Khan Bazar in Sadar upazila. Six of the injured—Md Khokon Hawlader, 55, Md Nasir, 50, MdAltaf, 45, Md Mokbul Hossain, 60, Md Ibrahim, 30 and Md Yousuf, 30--were admitted to Bholu Sadar Hospital while the rest given first aid at the upazila health complex.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> [http://www.theindependentbd.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=256163](http://www.theindependentbd.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=256163):

<sup>18</sup> <http://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/28-injured-savar-78218>

<sup>19</sup> <http://www.thedailystar.net/country/10-hurt-jubo-league-bcl-men-clash-77967>

<sup>20</sup> <http://www.thedailystar.net/country/20-injured-al-infighting-bhola-75071>

## Campus Violence

Violence free environment of campus is an important factor for ensuring right to education. Campus violence has been a regular incident in public universities. Ruling parties students wing always attack, bite or torture the general student or opposite mentality students for silly matter.

According to information gathered by Human Rights Support Centre in the month of April 2015, total 2students died and 58 students seriously injured.

On April 17, 2015 Two Chhatra League men were killed and over 30 other people injured last night in a factional clash on Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University campus in Dinajpur. The victims are Mahmudul Hasan Milton, 26, a master's final-year student, and Md Zakaria, 22, a BBA second-year student of the university. The two were activists of the university BCL unit, said Asaduzzaman Jeni, assistant secretary of the unit. Proctor ATM Shafiqul Islam blamed Arun and his group for the attack. Arun's phone was found switched off.<sup>21</sup>

On April 5, 2015 Activists of Chattraleage have tortured a student of History Department of Jahangirnagar University all night long. Injured student is Gazi Mozharul Islam who is 40<sup>th</sup> batch student of martyr. Rafique –Jabber Hall. Witness said that, Mazhar was seriously beaten up by the iron rods and pipes with leadership of Sultan Likhon a, student of Philosophy department in the 418 No room. At one point he lost sense after seriously hitting on the head and legs of him. He was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.<sup>22</sup>

On April 26, 2015, two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) clashed on Jessore Government City College campus over capture of the lone dormitory of the college. The groups--one led by Maruf Hossain Iqbal, president of the college unit of BCL, and the other by Mohiuddin Rimon, general secretary of the unit--locked in a clash around 1:00pm, over capturing Muktijoddha Ziaur Rahman Hall of the institution. Shikdar Akkas Ali, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said both sides exploded several crude bombs and traded 4/5 gunshots during the clash.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>21</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/two-killed-hajee-danesh-campus-77765>

<sup>22</sup><http://www.mzamin.com/details.php?mzamin=NzA0NjM=&s=OQ>

<sup>23</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/bcl-factions-clash-over-capturing-college-hostel-78964>

On April 16, 2015 Rangpur Medical College was closed for indefinite period hours after 10 people were injured in a Chhatra League factional clash on the campus. Shahiduzzaman Shahid, president of the RMC BCL unit, was among the injured in the infighting that took place over establishing supremacy. The decision to shut down the college was taken in an emergency meeting of the academic council. Four rooms of the dormitory were vandalized.<sup>24</sup>

Two factions of the Bangladesh Chhatra League traded gun shots and crude bombs on Jessore Government City College Campus over controlling of the only hostel of the institute. One group led by Maruf Hossain Iqbal, President, Govt City College unit of BCL and the other group led by Mohiuddin Rimon, college unit general secretary of the student wing suddenly locked in clashes firing gun shots and hurling crude bombs to take control of Muktijoddha Ziaur Rahman Hall at around 1pm on Thursday. Confirming the information, SikderAkkas Ali, Officer in-Charge, Kotwali Police Station told that two groups of Bangladesh Chhatra League locked in clashes on Government City College campus to establish supremacy. 'One bomb was hurled during the clashes but no bullet was fired', he added. The students of the college told that the BCL men fired 4-5 rounds of gun shots and exploded same number of crude bombs. College unit BCL president Maruf Hossain told that terrors loyal to district unit BCL president Ariful Islam Riyad fired gunshots and hurled bombs at general students as they rushed to the hostel to free it from terrorists. Mohiuddin Rimon, college unit general secretary of BCL said that general students resisted terrorists loyal to Anwar Hossain Bipul, general secretary, Jessore district unit of BCL as they reached the hall to occupy it at noon. A group of BCL men grabbed the only student Hall of Government MM College on April 15 ousting the inmates of Shahid Asad Hall.<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>24</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/10-hurt-bcl-men-clash-rangpur-77514>

<sup>25</sup><http://thedailynewnation.com/news/50830/bcl-factions-traded-gun-shots-in-jessore-college-campus.html>

## Public Lynching

HRSC believes that everyone has right to be considered as innocent until proven guilty by the court. In Bangladesh due to lack of respect for law, distrust of the police and instability in the country people are taking the law into their own hands, fearing that they will not get justice any other way. As result public lynching continues.

According to HRSC report, In April 2015, twelve people were reportedly killed due to public lynching.

On April 18, 2015, two suspected robbers were beaten to death in Savar, while the chief of an inter-district robber gang was killed in a “gunfight” with police in Magura. Locals beat the two “robbers” to death while they were fleeing after committing a robbery at Vakurta village in Savar on the outskirts of Dhaka. The villagers said at least five robbery incidents took place at Hindupara in the village last week. They also alleged that police did not take any step even after the law enforcers were informed about the matter. Some 12-15 “robbers” attacked the house of Liton Chandra Das around 2:30am yesterday. The gang then committed the robbery, holding the family members at gunpoint, said Abdul Motaleb Miah, officer-in-charge of Savar Model Police station, quoting locals.<sup>26</sup>

On April 25, 2005 a dacoit was killed by mob beating at Paschlm-Badoikot village & Badoicoat union under Chatkhiiupada of the Jested last night. The deceased was identified as Babil Mia, 45, son of Sultan Mia of Porkot village under Dashghorla union of the upada. Local people beat Babul to death on the spot as he came out in the locality, said officer-In-Charge of Chatkhllthana Maim Udcln. On Information, police recovered the body and sent it to Noakhali Abdel MalekUldI Metal College Hospital morgue.<sup>27</sup>

On April 24, A youth was beaten to death after he hacked his parents-in-law to death following an altercation over divorce in Rampur union of Chandpur Sadar upazila. Police and locals said Sumon Sheikh, 30, killed his father-in-law Iqbal Hossain, 48, a farmer, and mother-in-law Mamtaj Begum, 43 in the early hours. He also attacked his wife Sharmin Akter, leaving her critically injured. Locals caught Sumon from a paddy field in the afternoon and beat him to death on the spot.<sup>28</sup>

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<sup>26</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/mob-kills-2-robbers-78008>

<sup>27</sup> <http://thefinancialexpress-bd.com/2015/04/26/90259/print>

<sup>28</sup> <http://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/mob-beats-man-death-after-he-kills-two-78414>

## Criminal Attack

According to Human Rights Support Centre report in the month of April 2015, total 52 were killed by criminal attack and 41 were seriously injured.

On April 03, 2015 A local Jubo League activist was shot dead by criminal at Motabi union under Sadar Upazila in Feni district. The deceased was identified as Saiful Islam, 28, son of Bachhu Miah and an activist of local Jubo League unit, youth wing of ruling Awami League. Ashim Kumar Saha, medical officer of the hospital said that the body bore the marks of bullet wounds.<sup>29</sup>

On April 07, 2015 unidentified criminals shot a man to death at Bahimali village in Baraigram upazila of the district on Monday night. The deceased was identified as Motaleb Sheikh, 52, of the village. Habibur Rahman, in-charge at Bonpara police investigation centre, said a gang of 3/4 unidentified youths called Motaleb out of his home around 1:00am.<sup>30</sup>

On April 20, 2015 a local leader of Jamaat-e-Islami was hacked and shot dead by criminals in Charbalorampur area of the district town on Sunday night. The deceased is Md Shariful Islam, 45, a member of Bharara union unit of Jamaat, and former member of the union parishad. He was also a teacher of Charbalorampur Dakhil Madrasa. Police and locals said a masked gang of 4/5 attacked Shariful when he was watching television at a shop in the area at around 9:30pm.<sup>31</sup>

On April 1, 2015 A local leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) was hacked to death by criminals at Char Goalgram village in Gangniupazila of Meherpu. The deceased was Haser Ali, 25, a resident of the same village and joint secretary of the Gangni upazila unit of JCD, student wing of BNP. Officer-in-charge of Gangni police station Akram Hossain said a gang of criminals hacked Haser Ali indiscriminately and slit his throat on his way to crop land in the area around 6am, leaving him dead on the spot. On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Meherpur General Hospital morgue for autopsy.<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>29</sup><http://www.daily-sun.com/online/crime/2015/04/04/9372#sthash.KlewRyEn.dpuf>

<sup>30</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/man-shot-dead-natore-76135>

<sup>31</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/jamaat-leader-shot-dead-pabna-78356>

<sup>32</sup>[http://www.theindependentbd.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view](http://www.theindependentbd.com/index.php?option=com_content&view)

On April 11, 2015, A local Jubo Dal leader was shot dead allegedly by his intra-party rival over previous enmity in Laxmipur Sadar upazila. The deceased is Md Saddam Hossain, 25, vice president of Hamsadai union unit of Jubo Dal, and son of Amanat Ullah of Bhuyan Bari in the upazila. A witness, Sohel, younger brother of the victim, said a gang of 10/12, led by Md Farid, president of the unit, opened fire on Saddam, leaving him dead on the spot when he was gossiping at a tea stall near Bijoy Nagar Konabari Saw Mill around 9:00pm.<sup>33</sup>

April 09, 2015, Criminals shot a local Bastuhara League leader dead on Khaldhar Road in Jessore district town. The dead is Manjur Hossain, 40, vice president of Fatepur union unit of Bastuhara League, landless people's wing of the ruling Awami League (AL) party, and son of Yusuf Ali Biswas of Hamidpur on the outskirts of the town, said Jasim Uddin, president of Fatepur union unit of AL. Shikder Akkas Ali, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said a gang of three riding a motorbike opened fire on Manjur in the area at 3:45pm, leaving him critically injured when he was going home by an easy bike.<sup>34</sup>

April 07, 2015, A Jubo League man was shot dead by unidentified criminals in the capital's Khilgaon. The deceased Mohammad Arif, 30, was the general secretary of ward no 2 of Khilgaon area unit of Jubo League, and a resident of North Goran area. Four armed criminals riding on two motorbikes fired several shots at Arif when he was returning home around 8:00pm, said police and witnesses.<sup>35</sup>

April 08, 2015 An alleged ringleader of a local criminal gang was shot dead by his rivals at Gonashympur village in Sadar upazila of Laxmipur district. The deceased is Md Hanif Momo, 30, son of Abdus Salam of the village. Sub-inspector Jamal Hossain, in-charge of Chandraganj Police Outpost, said a gang, led by Jasim, leader of 'Jasim Bahini' picked up Hanif while he was going to a local marker around 9:30pm. They took him to a betel-nut garden and shot him from a close distance, leaving him dead on the spot around 11:00pm. On information, police went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Laxmipur Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.<sup>36</sup>

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<sup>33</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/jubo-dal-man-murdered-another-hacked-75956>

<sup>34</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/ruling-party-man-shot-dead-76133>

<sup>35</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/jubo-league-man-shot-dead-city-76466>

<sup>36</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/ringleader-shot-dead-rivals-76349>

April 14, 2015, unidentified criminals shot a sand trader to death and injured another at Jamaidharani in Moheshkhali upazila of the district. The deceased, Mizanur Rahman, 30, son of late Mohammad Hossain, was a resident of Lohagara upazila of Chittagong district. Ferdous Didar, inspector (investigation) of Moheshkhali Police Station, said Mizanur along with two others was travelling on a truck from Shaplapur area to the upazila headquarters around 12:30pm. At Jamaidharani, a gang opened several gunshots targeting the truck, leaving Mizanur and NurulHaq, 32, bullet-hit. Mizanur died on the spot.<sup>37</sup>

April 16, 2015 A local Jubo League leader was shot by unidentified criminals in Sadar upazila of Laxmipur district. Bullet-hit Ibrahim Hossain Babul, 37, assistant press secretary of Charshahi Union unit of Jubo League, was admitted to Sadar Hospital. Family members said a gang spread bullets on Babul and left the scene immediately. They said Babul along with his wife came out of their house at around 1:30am as dogs started barking at the garden beside their house.<sup>38</sup>

April 20, 2015 a local leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) was hacked to death by criminals at Dangi village in Goalundo upazila of Rajbari district. The deceased is Sharifuzzaman Palash, former general secretary of Ujanchar union unit of BCL, and a resident of Sardarpara area in the upazila town. Nasir Ullah, officer-in-charge of Goalundo Ghat Police Station, said a gang attacked Palash while he came out of his house at around 11:00am. The gang hit him with sharp weapons and left the scene.<sup>39</sup>

April 21, 2015 a gang severed the left hand and left leg of a madrasa teacher of Chalitabunia village in Amtali upazila under the district. The victim, Shahidul Islam, 40, son of Abdul Khaleque Mia of Chalitabunia village, is senior assistant teacher of Gazipur Alim Madrasa in Amtali upazila. Shahidul was crossing Chalitabunia road on his way to Amtali upazila town at about 10:00am when a five-member gang led by Eakub attacked him, police and locals said. They hacked him with sharp weapons, severing his left hand and left leg. Hearing screams, locals rushed to the spot and brought him to Amtali Upazila Health Complex where the on-duty doctor referred him to Barisal Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital.<sup>40</sup>

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<sup>37</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/sand-trader-shot-dead-77075>

<sup>38</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/jubo-league-leader-shot-laxmipur-77449>

<sup>39</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/bcl-leader-hacked-death-78560>

<sup>40</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/criminals-sever-hand-leg-madrasa-teacher-patuakhali-78562>



## Attack on Minorities

Article 27 of The **International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights** state that

*“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”.*

The **International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights** mentions explicitly in article 2 (2) 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, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.”

According to information gathered by HRSC in the month of April 2015, there have been 6 attacks on minority community, their home and temple. 11 people has been seriously injured

Some home of the Hindu community and the temple was attacked and looted Sri Srisudhanya kripamayi Kali temple and nearby home in Banagram area of Gazipur City Corporation by terrorists. Local said At least seven people seriously wounded in this attack. Hindu family and police sources said , on Sunday night in Banagram are terrorist with 10-12 microbus led Rafiqul Islam were blank firing to create panic . Some of them were wearing the police uniform.<sup>41</sup>

On April 17, 2015 about 10 to 10 masked youths attacked malipara Kali Temple near Taigarapas of Chittagong city in the evening. When the news of attacking on the house spread then local people chased them. Mob beat one of the fleeing attackers. The deceased were identified Saddam after unmasked. Local said. Saddam (35) was a BCL activist.<sup>42</sup>

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<sup>41</sup><http://www.prothom-alo.com/bangladesh/article/508585>

<sup>42</sup><http://www.mzamin.com/details.php?mzamin=NzE4Njk=&s=MQ>

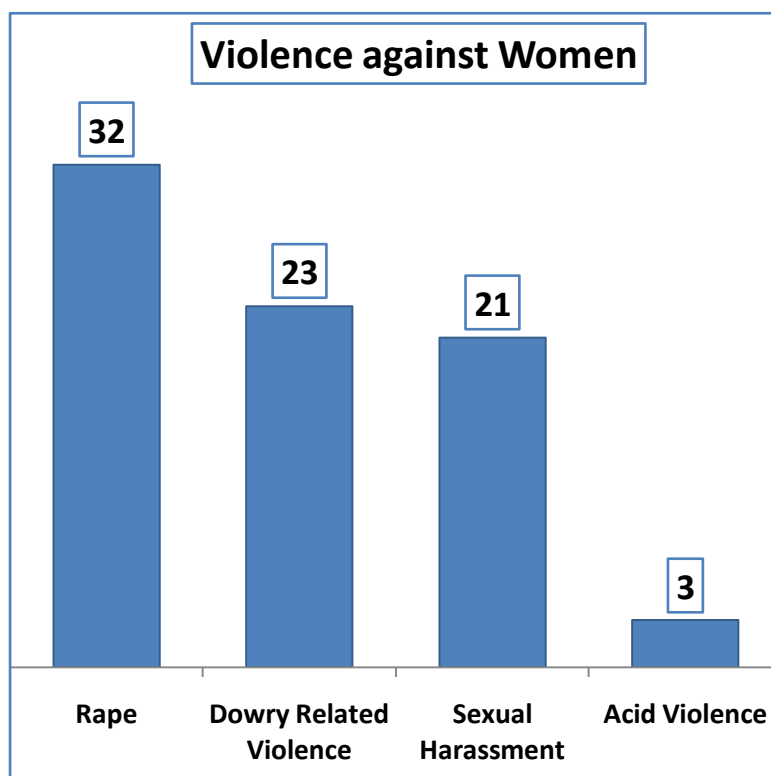
## Vilence Against Women:

Though government is supposed to take tp protective messures to stop violence against women it has been continued and increasindg day by day. Rape, sexual harrassment, acid violenc are increasing on a greater extent because of corrupted judiciay and administrative system. Most of perpetrators of vilence are out of punishment with taking ruling parties shelter.

According to source of HRSC in April 2015, incident of violence against women are-

**Sexual Harassment:**a total of 21 girls and women were victims of sexual harassment. Of them 14 were assaulted and 7 were stalked.

**Dowry Related Violence:**23 women were subjected to dowry violence. 14 were killed because of dowry and nine were physically abused over dowry demands.



**Rape:**total number of 32 females who were raped. Among them, 18 were women, 14 were children below the age of 16 and the age of one person could not be determined. Of the women, 3 were killed after being raped; 15 were victims of gang rape. Out of the child victims, 4 were killed after being raped; 10 were victims of gang rape

**Acid Violence:**three persons became victims of acid violence. Of them 2 were women and 1 was a child girl.

On April 2, 20015, A housewife was killed by her husband allegedly for dowry at Halimpur village in Baniarchang upazila of Habiganj district on.The victim is Jamila Khatun, 22, wife

of Sadi Mia, 26, of the village. Sadi married Jamila, daughter of Abdul Alim of the village, a year ago. Alim said Sadi had been putting pressure on his daughter for dowry since their marriage. Neighbours said Sadi and Jamila locked in an altercation over the issue at around 7:00pm. At one stage, he stabbed Jamila and fled the scene. Jamila died on the spot.<sup>43</sup>

April 05, 2015 A schoolgirl was killed after rape at Borokarimpur-Majhipara village in Pirganjupazila of the district. The victim was identified as Shyamoli Rani, 10, a Class IV student of Dariyapur Government Primary School in the upazila. Following a case filed by Shyamoli's father Shyamol Chandra Das with Pirganj Police Station on Friday afternoon, police arrested an accused name Suresh Chandra Das, 45, son of Lalmohan Chandra Das of the village. Police and locals said a gang of criminals entered the house of Shyamol Chandra Das when he and his wife Dulu Rani went to attend a 'Lila Kirtan' (a religious function) in the area, leaving their daughter Shyamoli alone at their house on Thursday night. They raped Shyamoli and later strangled her. After returning home around 1:00am, Shyamol and Dulu found their daughter's body lying on the floor.<sup>44</sup>

April 10, 2015, A seven-year-old girl was raped by a neighbouring youth at Hamlapara village in Melandah upazila on Wednesday. The victim, also a Class I student at a local government primary school, is now undergoing treatment at Jamalpur General Hospital. Police arrested Nazmul Islam, 25, son of Ashraf Ali of the village. Police said Nazmul lured the girl, saying to have an evening walk and took her to a nearby bamboo cluster around 5:45pm. He raped the girl there when her parents, both day labourers at a local construction site, were not present at home. Hearing screams, locals rushed to the spot and rescued the girl. They caught Nazmul and handed him over to the police.<sup>45</sup>

April 13, 2015, An elderly woman was burnt alive and two other women of the family were injured at Kachasara village in Sadarupazila of the district. The deceased is Anwara Begum, 65, wife of late SohrabUddin of the village. Police quoted locals as saying that a portion of Anwara's sari caught fire while she was cooking with dried bamboo leaves in the yard at around 10:00am. As the fire engulfed Anwara's entire body, her daughters-in-law, Bilkis Begum, 28, and Marzina Begum, 35, rushed in to save her and also sustained burn injuries.<sup>46</sup>

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<sup>43</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/housewife-murdered-dowry-habiganj-75319>

<sup>44</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/schoolgirl-killed-after-rape-one-arrested-75647>

<sup>45</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/minor-girl-raped-neighbour-youth-held-76612>

<sup>46</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/woman-burnt-alive-two-others-injured-77277>

April 16, 2015 A housewife was murdered allegedly by her husband and in-laws for dowry in Phulbariupazila of the district. The deceased is Mallika Rani Roy, 20, wife of Sudhangsu Roy of Rajampur village in the upazila. Victim's father Jagadish Chandra Roy of Dakkhinnagar village in Sadarupazila said Sudhangsu married his daughter two months ago. He and his family members had been putting pressure on Mallika for dowry since the marriage, he alleged. Neighbour said the couple had an altercation over the issue on Monday night. At one stage, Sudhangsu strangled his wife. Being informed, police went to the spot Tuesday morning, recovered the body and sent it to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital for autopsy, said ABM Rezaul Islam, officer-in-charge of Phulbari Police Station.<sup>47</sup>

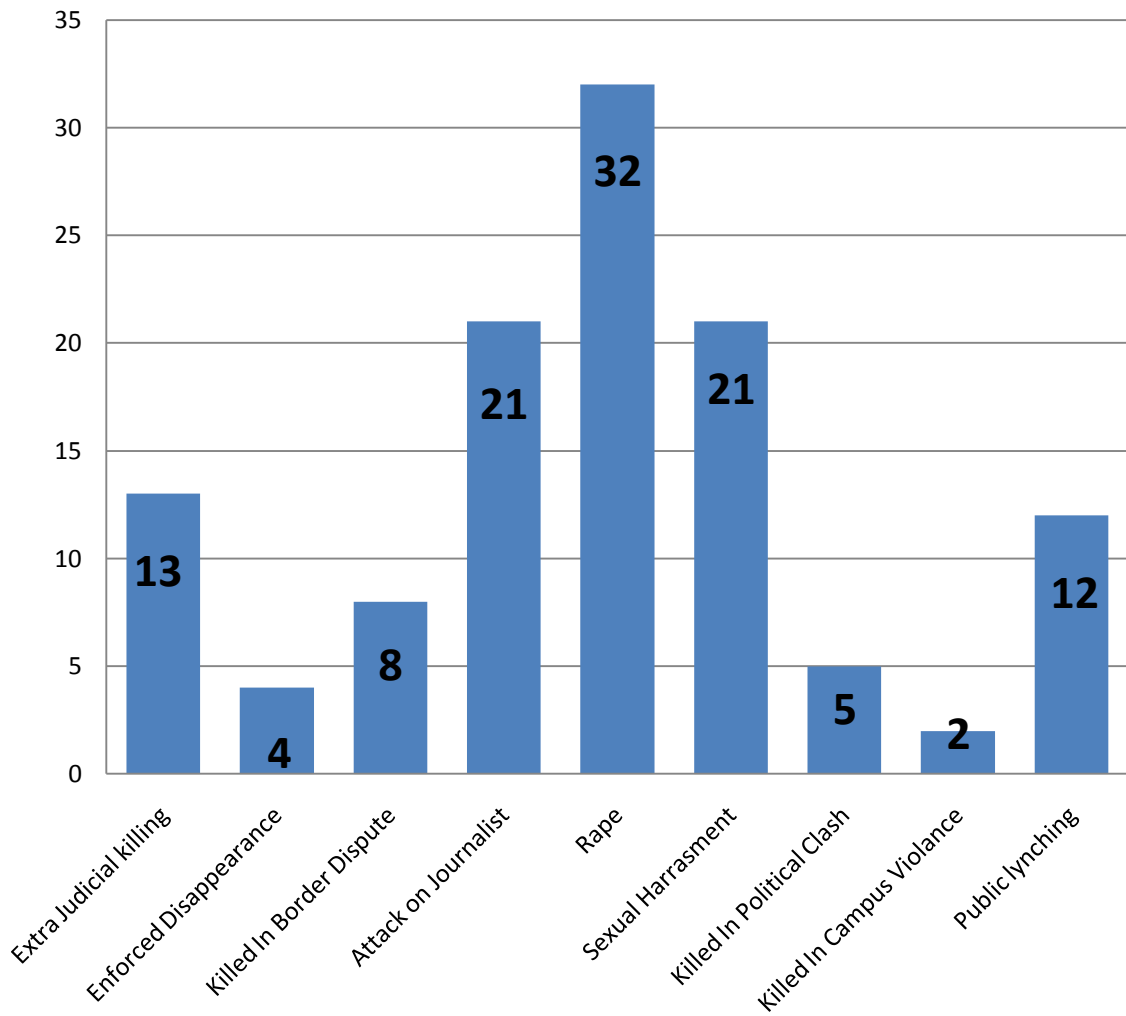
On April 28, 2015 a woman was killed allegedly by her drug addict husband in KhorkiKolabagan area of Jessore town on Sunday night. The deceased is Rikta Begum, 23, wife of Babur Rahman of the area. Police said Babur strangled Rikta as she refused to give him money for buying drugs. Babur went into hiding soon after the incident.<sup>48</sup>

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<sup>47</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/housewife-murdered-dowry-77459>

<sup>48</sup><http://www.thedailystar.net/country/housewife-strangled-79486>

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## Recommendation

Incidents of extrajudicial killings and torture by law enforcement agencies must be investigated and the perpetrators be brought to effective justice

Political violence must be stopped with discussion of all political parties. The Government should take unbiased and effective legal action against criminal acts.

arbitrary arrests of persons who have alternative beliefs must be stopped. The Government should immediately repeal the repressive Special Powers Act of 1974 and the Information and Communication Technology Act 2006 (Amended 2013).

The Government should explain all incidents of enforced disappearance, killings, torture, abduction which are allegedly perpetrated by law enforcement agencies. We believe that victims of disappearance should be handed back to their families. HRSC urges the government to accede to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, adopted by the UN on December 20, 2006.

The Government should take all measures to protect the rights of the citizens belonging to their political and religious rights to ensure their security.

Meetings and assemblies should not be obstructed. The government should refrain from attacking peaceful programmes and carrying out repressive unconstitutional activities.

Government must ensure the accountability of all members of law enforcement agencies and should take effective measures to end impunity.

State should respect all national and international human rights rules, regulations and treaties to protect human rights.

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