

**Democracywatch**  
**Human Rights Monitoring Report**  
**August 2010**

The human rights cell of Democracywatch, a reputed Non Government Human Rights organization, has been regularly observing the reports regarding human rights published on the national dailies such as Prothom Alo, Kaler Kantha, Samakal, New Age and Daily Star since March 2010. The subjects or incidents those were taken under the observation are: Murder, rape, dowry, acid throwing, suicide, and violence against journalists. This report is a brief illustration of these occurrences that happened during August 2010.

**Murder:** In the month of August, total 74 people were killed for various reasons such as terrorist attack, robbery, clashes for land and properties, dowry etc in 68 incidents. Among these victims 19 women, 50 men and 5 were children.

**Violence against women:**

**1. Dowry:** In August, 5 women were killed for dowry. They are Arzina Khatun from Shirajong, Sharmin from Faridpur, Mahfuza Khatun from Mymensing, Shirin Akter from Pabna and Kohinur Akter from Dhaka.

**2. Acid Throwing:** During August 2010, 3 persons were victim of acid violence. Among them 2 women and 1 were men. The victims were witness of a rape case Md. Ibrahim from Kishorgong, Smrity Rani from Narail by husband for family feudal and Mithila Alam by husband for filing case in the court against him for torture for dowry, she is from Bagura.

**3. Rape:** In August, 3 women and 2 girl children were raped in 5 separate incidents. These incidents happened in Dhaka, Narail, Mymensing, Gouripur and Thakurgaon.

**Suicide:** In August 2010, total 11 incidents of suicide happened. Among them 5 were women, 2 were children and 4 were men. The main causes are dowry and family conflict. The victims were Maminul Islam of Naoga, Sergeant Wazir Mahmud, Rahim , Shahidur Rahman , Salma, Shima Khatun , Bilashi and her two kids Raihan and Rajani from Dhaka and Rabeya Begum from Bazitpur.

**Violence against the journalists:**

The snatchers tried to kill Majibur Rahman, the general secretary of Araihaajar thana Press Club of Narayangong and thana correspondent of Bangladesh Pratidin and snatched his money and mobile phone set on August 26, 2010.