

Monthly Human Rights Monitoring Report by Democracywatch Murder 150, Eve Teasing 32, Dowry 18 and Rape 19 in February

Dhaka, March 1, 2011.... Democracywatch, a non government Human Rights organization, has been regularly observing the reports of human rights violation published on the national dailies since March 2010. The reports of incidents those were taken under the observation are murder, social clash, rape, dowry, acid throwing, suicide, eve teasing and attack on journalists. This report is a brief illustration of these incidents that happened during February 2011.

Murder: In February, a total number of 150 people were killed for various reasons such as terrorist attack, robbery, clashes for land and properties, dowry, rape, eve teasing, etc. Among these victims 97 men 38 women and 15 were children.

Violence against women:

Dowry: In February, 11 women and 1 child were killed and 7 women were severely tortured for dowry in 18 different incidents. The deceased are Shantana Rani (20, Rangpur), Naima (21), Nazma Begum (22) and her 1 and half month son Raju, Sabina from Rajshahi, Malina Begum (25, Faridpur), Kohinur Begum (25, Rajshahi), Sabina Iasmin from Sherpur, Sekela Begum (23, Narail), Parul Begum (22, Barishal), Selina Begum (27, Comilla) and Hamida Begum from Jamalpur.

Rape: In February, 19 women were raped among them 1 was killed. The deceased is Rasheda from Sherpur. The other victims are from Narayanganj, Dhaka, Rajshahi, Nilphamari, Jaypurhat, Rupganj, Faridpur, Noakhali, Narail, Natore, Gazipur, Kishorgonj, Brahmanbaria and Lakshmipur.

Fve Teasing: In February, 34 incidents of Eve Teasing occurred in the whole country.

Suicide: In February, total 32 people committed suicide for various reasons such as mental pressure, eve teasing, rape, dowry and family feudal. Among them 25 were women and 7 were men. The places where these incidents occurred are Dhaka, Kishorgonj, Tangail, Patuakhali, Gazipur, Barishal, Rajshahi, Shariatpur, Chapainababganj, Sylhet, Bogra, Khulna and Kushtia. Bifola Akhter (13, Kishorgonj), Shirafina Maradi (14, Rajshahi), Rikta Khatun (14, Khulna), Jannatunnesa shima (18, Rajshahi) and Ismat Ara (13, Kurigram) for rape, Ayesha Khatun ((35), Sharmin Sultana Iti (class 8, Gazipur) for Eve Teasing and Asma Begum (25, Barishal) for dowry committed suicide.

Violence against the journalists:

In February, there was attack on 4 journalists in different 4 incidents. In Genda at Savar, Dhaka, the special correspondent of Ekushe TV Harun Or Rashid was assaulted physically by the police as he protested the illegal activities of a local police officer. The News Editor of Desh TV, Giash Ahmed wanted to know the cause of a long time traffic signal at Sonargaon Crossing to a Constable, this time an argument had been created and Giash Ahmed was taken to the Police Station. On the other hand, the Narayanganj Staff Reporter Billal Hossain Robin was physically assaulted by some terrorists for publishing a report. Beside this, a case has been filed in the court against Jahangir Hossain, the Rajbari District Correspondent of The Daily Kaler Kantha for publishing a report.

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