

Democracywatch

Human Rights Monitoring Report

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Democracywatch, a reputed Non Government Human Rights organization, has been regularly observing the reports regarding human rights published on the national dailies since March 2010. The subjects or incidents those were taken under the observation are: Murder, rape, dowry, acid throwing, suicide, abduction and missing, social clash, eve teasing, and violence against journalists. This report is a brief illustration of these occurrences that happened during October 2010.

Murder: In the month of October, total 159 people were killed for various reasons such as terrorist attack, robbery, clashes for land and properties, dowry etc. Among these victims 38 women, 112 men and 9 were children.

Violence against women:

1. Dowry: In October, 5 women were killed and 3 women were injured for dowry in 8 different incidents. The deceased are Himu Akter (25) and Rubina Akter (20) from Narayanganj, Nasima Begum (30) from Sunamganj, Runa Akter (22) from Tangail and Nurtaz Begum (22) from Feni. The wounded are Kulsum Begum from Chandpur, Shimu Begum (22) from Dhaka, Salma Akter (22) from Tangail.

2. Acid Throwing: During October, 5 women were acid attacked for different 3 incidents. The victims are Reba Begum (25) from Barishal, she was burnt with acid by her in laws for family feud. A garment worker named Salma (24) was burnt by her ex husband in Dhaka. On the other hand, two sisters Muntaha Karina (20) and Salsabin Tasnim (17) at Chittagong were acid attacked by their cousin Sharmin Farzana (21), Farzana was also injured at that time.

3. Rape: In October, 8 women were raped in 8 separate incidents. Among these victims Brishty (class five) from Kushtia and a housewife named Sajeda were killed after rape. On the other hand, a housewife at Mymensing by the OC of Nandail Thana, a 7 years and another 15 years girl at Narayanganj, a 5 years girl at Kushtia, a woman at Gaibandha and a class 8 girl at Brahmanbaria by a Juboleague leader were raped in October.

4. Eve Teasing: In October 28 incidents of Eve Teasing happened all over the country. Among these for confronting eve teasing, a college teacher named Mizanur Rahman at Nator and a mother named Chapa Rani Bhaumik at Faridpur were killed in two different incidents by the stalkers. Beside this, 4 members of a family were physically assaulted by stalkers. 9 girls stopped going school for stalking.

Suicide: In October 2010, total 14 people committed suicide for various reasons. Among them 6 were women, 8 were men. The main causes are dowry, rape, sickness and family conflict. The incidents happened at Dhaka, Bogra, Mymensing and Bagerhat.

Violence against the journalists:

In October, 4 journalists were harassed in 2 different incidents. Police assaulted the senior reporter of the Daily Jaijaidin Nikhil Bhadra and the senior reporter of The Daily Kaler kantha Amitosh Pal without any reason. Nikhil Bhadra was admitted to a hospital. On the other hand, Journalist Tofazzal Hossen and cameraman of ATN Bangla were physically assaulted by Awami League activists while performing duty at Banpara, Nator at the time of the killing of Sanaullah Babu.

Kidnapping and Missing:

In October, 15 people were kidnapped in 5 incidents and none of them could be rescued. The kidnappers claimed 3 lakh taka for 10 fishermen and 4 lakh taka for 2 boys.