

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

Murder: In November, total 227 people were killed for various reasons such as terrorist attack, robbery, clashes for land and properties, dowry, rape, eve teasing, acid throwing etc. Among these victims 154 men 37 women and 17 were children.

Violence against women:

- 1) **Dowry:** In November, 7 women were killed for dowry. In addition 6 women were severely tortured for this purpose. In Lakshmipur Ismail Hossen has sold his wife Rani Akhter as she was unable to give him dowry. These incidents happened in Cox's bazaar, Nilfamari, Naogaon, Mathbaria, Khulna, Manikganj and Narayanganj. The deceased are Rozina Begum, Firoza Begum, Mariam Bibi, Putul, Molina, Minu Begum and Bithi.
- 2) **Rape:** In November, 24 women were raped among them 7 were killed. The deceased are Rupa Akhter (14) from Faridpur, Chobi Akhter (15) from Bagerhat, Shumi Akhter(14) from Habiganj, an unidentified woman (25) at Narshingdi, Rozina Akhter (22) and Kajoli from Dhaka and a child of class one at Jessore.
- 3) **Eve Teasing:** In November, 165 incidents of eve teasing were happened in the country. Abdus Sobhan (75), grand father of a victim, was killed in the hand of the stalkers as he was trying to confront them. Shabnur (12) from Dinajpur and Rupali Rani Barati Tuni (14) committed suicide for continuous stalking. As a house wife of Comilla did not agree to the evil proposal of a stalker Jamal Hossen, he killed her only son Hridoy (1 and half years old). The stalkers kidnapped twin sisters (class 9) of Rupganj and a house wife at Faridpur. 39 people went through attacks as they protested the stalkers.

Suicide: In November, total 15 incidents of suicide happened. Among them 9 were women and 6 were men. Family feudal is the main cause behind these. The places where these incidents occurred are Dhaka, Mymensing, Gazipur, Comilla, Jessore, Barguna, Chuadanga and Bianibazar.

Violence against the journalists: In November, there was attack on 27 journalists in different 8 incidents. The photo journalist Nurun Nabi Rabi, The Daily Kaler Kantha, was injured by muggers in Dhaka. The Personal Secretary of Deputy Forest Minister Enaetur Rahim, terrorist Ismail and Kushum had beaten up the Rangunia correspondent of Daily Prothom Alo Ibrahim Khalil and his companion Ilias for publishing a report on destroying hills. Some terrorists take away the house of ex journalist Abdur Rahim. Some activists of Awami League had beaten up the Rajbari correspondent Sohel Mia of Amar Desh. At Barishal 19 journalists of different media were wounded by the attack of Police with other people when they were trying to enter in the press conference of BNP. Riaz Haider, the Chittagang correspondent of Ekushe TV filed a case against 8 persons for attempting to kill him. For counter the police while they were trying to have a requisition of a bus, Samiur Rahman, the sport reporter of Kaler Kantha, was beaten up by the cops in Dhaka. For publishing a report against an OC at Chittagang, a local journalist of Chittagang Raja Mia was physically assaulted by the local cops.