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Media Freedom Murdered By Dr Mohammad Yunus

Dr. Yunus 2024-2025	Attacks on Journalists	Sheikh Hasina 2023-2024
431	Acts of violence	348
195	Cases filed	35
167	Accreditation denial	0
107	Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit investigation	0
878	Total attacks	383



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1. Executive Summary – UK needs to review support to CA Press Wing Facts

Former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was infamous for suppressing media freedom in Bangladesh and international community rightly expressed serious concerns. The fall of her regime on 5th August 2024 was expected to usher a new era of press freedom in the country, especially when the Interim Government is led by Nobel Laureate, Dr Mohammad Yunus.

However, a comparative analysis of the data on the attacks on journalists and media houses from August 2023 to July 2024 under Shiekh Hasina (383 attacks) and from August 2024 to July 2025 (878) as collated by two prominent Bangladeshi human rights organizations, *Aio O Salish Kendra* and *Manabadhikar Shongskriti Foundation*, show that the attacks on the journalists under Dr Yunus increased by about 230%. This is despite the fact that media faced systematic attacks during the students' protests in July 2024 that led to the fall of Hasina's government while Dr Yunus faced no such major uprising.

The comparative data of the attacks on journalists and media houses from August 2023 to July 2024 under Shiekh Hasina and from August 2024 to July 2025 under Dr Yunus is given below:

Table 1: Number of journalists targeted under Dr Muhammad Yunus

Month/ Year	No of journalists against whom cases were filed ¹	Acts of violence & criminal intimidation against journalists ²	Denial of accreditation to journalists ³	Inquiry against journalists by the BFIU ⁴	Total number of attacks on journalists
Aug-24	39	37			76
Sep-24	73	17			90
Oct-24	25	19	20	28	92
Nov-24	27	27	147	10	211
Dec-24	14	13		12	39
Jan-25	2	21		35	58
Feb-25	1	38			39
Mar-25	1	34			35
April-25	4	62			66
May-25	6	101			107
June-25		32			32
July-25	3	30			33
Total	195	431	167	85	878

Table 2: Number of journalists targeted under Sheikh Hasina⁵

Month/ Year	Case filed against published news	Attacks on journalists				
		Attack by Law Enforcement Agency	Attack while performing duty	Attack by political partie	Others	Total number of attacks
August 2023	13	2		5	21	41
September 2023	4		9	1	18	32
October 2023	3	1	27	3	9	43
November 2023		6	2	4	4	16
December 2023		6	2	4	4	16
January 2024		1	31	1	5	38
February 2024			4	4	8	16
March 2024		1	17	2	7	27
April 2024	7	3	7	4	3	24
May 2024	2	4	17		6	29
June 2024			7	1	3	11
July 2024	6	3	75	2	4	90
Total	35	27	198	31	92	383

The above data show that under Dr Mohammad Yunus, a total of 878 journalists were targeted during the period August 2024 to July 2025 in comparison to targeting of 383 journalists under former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina from August 2023 to July 2024 i.e. an increase of attacks by 230% under Dr Yunus. While 35 cases were filed against journalists under Hasina, about 195 cases were filed under Dr Yunus i.e. an increase of 558% cases. While Hasina's regime was not known to have denied any accreditation to journalists, Dr Yunus used accreditation as an instrument to punish the journalists allegedly associated with the previous regime and denied accreditation to about 167

journalists. In 2023-2024, Hasina's regime was not known to have used the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), anti money laundering agency of the country against the journalists but Dr Yunus let loose the BFIU against the journalists and the DFIU issued notices to 107 journalists silencing the prime media houses and journalists. Finally, while 348 journalists faced acts of violence and criminal intimidation under Sheikh Hasina's regime, mostly during the July 2024 uprising, about 431 journalists faced acts of violence and criminal intimidation under Dr Yunus.

If reforms were meant to bring an end to persecution of the journalists in Bangladesh, Dr Yunus has failed abysmally. After 15 years, media feared Hasina while Dr Yunus created the same fear in the media in a systematic way within one year.

The situation of the media continues to deteriorate. On 25 June 2025, journalist Khandaker Shah Alam, a correspondent of *Daily Matrijagat*, was murdered at Nabinagar Upazila, in Dhaka's northeast, in a targeted retaliation by Babul Mia, known locally as 'Tiger Babul Dakat' after he was released from prison.⁶ On 27 July 2025, the Cyber Tribunal of Dhaka issued arrest warrants against three journalists, Bangladesh Pratidin Editor Naem Nizam, its publisher Moynal Hossain Chowdhury and news portal Bangla Insider's Chief Editor Syed Borhan Kabir under the Digital Security Act⁷ despite a declaration by Law Adviser Asif Nazrul on 27 June 2025 that all cases under the DSA had been withdrawn.⁸ On 21 April 2025, Kongkon Karmaker was dismissed by The Daily Star as Dinajpur correspondent after two decades for reporting the death of religious minority Bhabesh Chandra Roy which was picked up by multiple Indian media outlets and India's Ministry of External Affairs.⁹ While the family members of Roy alleged foul play, police claimed it as natural death.¹⁰

In order to silence the media, Chief Advisor of Bangladesh Dr Mohammed Yunus found a disingenuous way and established "*CA Press Wing Facts*". Across the world, Fact Checking Units of the governments have been declared as instruments to violate freedom of opinion and expression.

The CA Press Wing Facts has become the unit to manufacture government version of the truth and intimidate the media houses and NGOs including the Rights & Risks Analysis Group through certification. No media in Bangladesh can dare to be certified as false by the CA Press Wing Facts. It has become the defacto censorship authority of the Interim Government.

The apparent financing of the CA Press Wing Facts by the British Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) is therefore deeply concerning. The FCDO had approved £474,468 for Canadian firm, Alinea International Ltd¹¹, "*Support to the Office of the Chief Adviser aims to strengthen the Office of the Chief Adviser's (OCA) capacity on reform management and strategic communications*" under its "*Bangladesh-Collaborative, Accountable and Peaceful Politics (B-CAPP) Programme*"¹². "*Strategic communications*" has come to mean CA Press Wing Facts controlling the press freedom through acts of intimidation, vilification and censorship by other means including hurting the business.

International community including the United Nations and the United Kingdom needs to review support to the Interim Government and consider withdrawing bilateral cooperation programmes. In a year's time Dr Yunus's Interim Government has suppressed the freedom of opinion and expression including by using non-state actors to such an extent that that no critical reporting on the Interim Government, or activities of the Awami League can be reported. Dr Yunus's template is a risk to the free world.

2. Prosecution of the journalists

After the fall of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on 5th August 2024, the Interim Government, the Anti-Discrimination Students Movement and anyone who had a grudge unleashed attacks on the journalists including through the registration of false cases. The compliant police registered First Information Reports including for war crimes for merely reporting the events during the July-August uprising. Many journalists were arrested.

From August 2024 to July 2025, about 195 cases, mainly false, were filed against the journalists. The details of some of the cases filed are given below:

On 22 August 2024, a murder case was filed by Kamrul Islam, father of a student Nayeem Howlader who died during protests at Jatrabari in Dhaka against former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and 192 others including seven journalists. The accused journalists are Mozammel Haque Babu, Managing Director and Editor-in-Chief of *Ekattor TV*; Syed Ishtiaque Reza, former Chief News Editor (CNE) of *Ekattor TV*; Ahmed Jobaer, a Director of *Somoy TV*; Munni Saha, former CNE of *ATN News*; Farzana Rupa, former Principal Correspondent of *Ekattor TV*; Shakil Ahmed, former head of news at *Ekattor TV*; and Nayeemul Islam Khan, former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Press Secretary. Among them, journalist couple Shakil Ahmed and Farzana Rupa were sent for remand for four days in another murder case filed at Uttara East Police Station. They were arrested at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport¹³ and remain in jail as on date.¹⁴

Journalist Farzana Rupa under detention from 25.08.2024

On 16 April 2025, Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Minhazur Rahman approved the arrests of journalist couple Shakil Ahmed and Farzana Rupa in two separate murder cases related to the anti-discrimination protests in Jatrabari during August 2024. Mozammel Haque Babu was also shown arrested in one of the cases. The Court's decision came after a hearing on the investigating officer's petition. Shakil and Rupa were linked to the murders of Imran Hasan from Kutubkhali and Madrasa student Syed Muntasir Rahman from Dania, both shot dead during protests on 5 August 2024. Imran's mother, Kohinur Akter, filed a case on 6 September 2024, naming 297 people including former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Similarly, Muntasir's father, Syed Gaziur Rahman, filed another murder case on 11 September 2024, naming 157 people, including Hasina. Following their arrest, the couple has since been remanded multiple times in various cases.¹⁵

Case against 32 senior journalists before the International Crimes Tribunal:

On 29 August, lawyer MH Gazi Tamim filed a complaint with the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) against Sheikh Hasina and 52 people including 32 senior journalists on the charge of genocide during the students' agitation.¹⁶ The accused journalists include Mozammel Babu, Saiful Alam, Noyeem Nizam, Farida Yasmin, Shyamal Dutta, Abed Khan, Prabash Amin, Farzana Rupa, Shakil Ahmed, Mithila Farzana, Zayedul Ahsan Pintu, Nabanita Chowdhury, Subhash Singh Roy, Ahmed Zobair, Tushar Abdullah, Monjurul Islam, Ashish Saikat, Manash Ghosh, Pranab Saha, Masuda Bhatti, Munni Saha, J.E. Mamun, Swadesh Roy, Soma Islam, Shyamal Sarkar and Ajay Das.¹⁷ According to the complaint, lodged by Abdur Razzak, father of Nasib Hasan Riyan, a student killed during the protests, the accused journalists were "sycophants" of the Awami League government and published false news to instigate the genocide and crimes against humanity committed by the then government and law enforcers, thereby giving legitimacy to those crimes.¹⁸ Out of these journalists, Farzana Rupa, Shakil

Ahmed, Mozammel Babu and Shyamal Dutta were already in jail in connection with two murder cases during mass protests.¹⁹

The complaint is currently progressing through the investigative phase. On 19 April 2025, Chief Prosecutor of the ICT, Muhammad Tajul Islam announced that the probe report in the crimes against humanity case against former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and others is nearly complete and expected to be filed within a week or two. During a hearing, he requested a two-month extension to finalize the report. The ICT tribunal granted the plea and set 24 June 2025 as the deadline for submitting the report. The prosecution cited the need to incorporate findings from a recent UN OHCHR fact-finding report on the July-August 2024 mass uprising.²⁰

Journalist Shahriar Kabir under detention since 16.09.2024

On 16 September 2024, Shahriar Kabir, a prominent Bangladeshi journalist, human rights activist and former President of the *Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee*, was arrested at his residence in Dhaka's Banani area by the Detective Branch of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police.²¹ Following his arrest, Kabir was placed on a seven-day remand in connection with the death of housemaid Liza Akter, a case filed with Ramna Model Police Station.²² Subsequently, he was shown arrested in two additional murder cases related to the deaths of Rafiqul Islam, a trader, and a madrasa student during the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement in Dhaka's Jatrabari area in July 2024.²³ Kabir was also named in a complaint filed with the International Crimes Tribunal, accusing him along with former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and others, of committing crimes against humanity and genocide during the 2024 student protests.²⁴ He remained in detention.

Other cases:

On 11 September 2024, a murder case was filed against former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, 25 journalists and 139 others over the death of a 31-year-old man at Bhasantek in Dhaka during the mass uprising.²⁵ The case currently remains under investigation.

On 18 October 2024, journalist Raihan of daily *Samakal* was sent to jail after being arrested in a murder case related to the Anti Discrimination Student Movement in Habiganj.²⁶

On 22 October 2024, journalist Pranab Barua Arnab was arrested in four cases filed with Patia Police Station in Chittagong. Police claimed that Pranab Barua was trying to flee to India through Akhaura.²⁷

On 25 October 2024, Pradip Chowdhury, the President of the Khagrachari Journalist Union and a district correspondent for the daily *Samakal*, was arrested by police in Khagrachari. After the fall of Sheikh Hasina government five separate cases were filed against him at Khagrachari Sadar, Manikchhari, Panchhari and Dighinala police stations by the BNP leaders and activists, accusing him of various offenses including attacks on BNP leaders and vandalism of BNP offices. He was also named in a case related to a clash with anti-discrimination student protesters on 4 August. Apart from Pradip Chowdhury, six other journalists from Khagrachari were also implicated in these cases.²⁸

On 9 October 2024, a case was filed against Sajjad Hossain, Mirzapur upazila correspondent of *Dainik Jugantar* newspaper before the Tangail Additional District Magistrate Court No-168/2018 in connection with the case against about 100 people including the then OC of Mirzapur police station, Awami League leaders and 500 persons regarding one Himel losing his eye during the anti-discrimination student movement in Tangail's Mirzapur. Thereafter, in October 2024, another fresh case was filed against journalist Sajjad Hossain. It is alleged that Sajjad Hossain had filed a case before the Tangail Additional District Magistrate Court No-168/2018 seeking 25 percent of a land which is

continuing. In order to prevent Sajjad Hossain from appearing in the court in the hearing of this case, lawyer Abdur Rauf, without the knowledge of the plaintiff, filed a case against Sajjad Hossain.²⁹

On 13 November 2024, a criminal case was registered against *The Daily Post* reporter Al Ehsan by the Uttarra West Police on 13 November 2024, two months after publishing tax evasion reports within ‘Dhaka Cotton’ and sister cotton companies in September 2024. The case was registered without issuing any prior written notice; a case was filed in secret under Sections 500/501 of the Penal Code 1860 in the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court. Journalist Eshan published an article titled “Dhaka Cotton evades tax despite collecting from staff” on 18 September 2024 alleging staff of ‘Dhaka Cotton’ were declined income tax invoices from the Dhaka Cotton Authority. Ehsan noted receiving thirty staff member salary documents worth more than BDT 79 lakh (approximately USD 64,250), revealing the company had provided no compensation to its employees or suppliers. Managing Director of Dhaka Cotton, Sheikh Muhammad Samiul Islam, had reportedly threatened Ehsan and staff members of a legal notice for fake allegations.³⁰

On 18 January 2025, BNP supporter Belal Hossain filed a case against 189 people, including the former State Minister for Primary and Mass Education and three journalists, in Roumari, Kurigram, for obstructing, beating, and robbing the 2018 parliamentary election campaign.³¹

On 22 January 2025, two journalists from Gobindaganj, Raihan Mohammad Mostafa Kamal and Nur Mohammad Raihan Farhad were denied anticipatory bail regarding a case filed under the Explosives Act and the attempt to murder Jamaat leader Taharat Tanvir Pradhan in 2014 and the case filed in November 2024 i.e. about 11 years after the 2014 incident. The journalists appeared before the court and applied for bail. The court rejected their bail and sent them to prison.³²

On 22 January 2025, Social Welfare Officer Arifur Rahman filed a case with Kotwali Police Station against 19 journalists, including Rangpur Press Club President Monabbar Hossain Mona and General Secretary Merina Lovely. After the fall of the Awami League government, the expelled members of the club, along with some named journalists, complained to the social service against the Press Club in the name of the anti-discrimination journalist movement against the Press Club. The Social Service Officer thereafter sent a show-cause notice to the press club alleging that the registration was not renewed for nearly 32 years.³³

On 13 February 2025, poet Sohel Galib was arrested from Fatullah, Narayanganj by the Detective Branch (DB) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (Lalbagh Division) under Section 54 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Sohel Hasan Galib had written a book titled “Amar Khutba Guli” containing poems the authorities alleged to be “offensive to religious sentiments”. He was sent to judicial custody.³⁴ Human rights defender Rakhal Raha faced an investigation over a Facebook post questioning free speech restrictions in Galib’s case.³⁵

3. Cases of acts of violence and criminal intimidation against journalists

The non-State actors especially the political parties i.e. Anti Discrimination Students Movement and the Bangladesh National Party continued attacks on the journalists. At least 431 journalists faced acts of violence in the first eight months of Dr Yunus's Interim government.

On 29 September 2024, journalist Sayedul Islam Farhad of *Dhakapost.com* was assaulted and had his phone stolen by unknown assailants outside the Deputy Commissioner's office in Cox Bazar. Sayedul stated "I went there for some information for my professional reasons. Suddenly, some men attacked me and snatched my phone".³⁶

On 9 October 2024, Hossain Shahid, a journalist with *Jamuna Television* and cameraperson Delwar Hossain were assaulted and sustained severe injuries after they were attacked with an iron rod by a man identified as Alif Imran at Patgodam Railway Crossing in Mymensingh city. They were on their way to Bangladesh Agricultural University to cover a story when the attack occurred. Shahid received first aid, while Delwar sustained a fracture in the right hand.³⁷

In November 2024, Shahidul Islam, staff reporter for *Khulna Gazette* and District Correspondent for *News21 Bangla TV*, was attacked twice in Khulna district. Islam was first assaulted by a mob of about 30 unidentified persons armed with locally made weapons in Rupsa upazila in Khulna district on 8 November. He sustained serious injuries in the assault. Islam had reported on environmental matters, including the coal-making processes of Goalbari Poramanik Bari temple in Rupsa upazila. During his coverage, Islam had identified and reported individuals illegally burning wood and making coal stoves nearby the temple. On 15 November 2024, Shahidul Islam was again attacked at Pogaldigha College/ while covering a Student Union conference. Despite identifying himself as a journalist, the group of assailants assaulted him with sticks.³⁸

On 17 November 2024, journalist Mohammad Junayed Sheikh of *Kaler Kantho* was assaulted by members of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at Jagannath University campus in Dhaka while he was recording a clash between students. Sheikh alleged that a number of people associated with the JCD attempted to snatch his phone and assaulted him, despite identifying himself as a journalist.³⁹

On 22 December 2024, Sohel Talukdar, the Tangail correspondent of *DBC Television*, was attacked during a live broadcast by a group of protesters after he referred to them as "Pro-Zubair", supporters of Maulana Zubair Ahmad. The protest was held to demand the arrest and ban of followers of Maulana Saad Kandhalvi from the Tablighi Jamaat faction. Other journalists who tried to intervene were also assaulted.⁴⁰

On 24 December 2024, a gang of Bangladesh student protesters led by Hasnat Abdullah, Convener of the Anti Discrimination Students Movement, entered the offices of the City Group, who invest in *Somoy Television* and accused it of "spreading propaganda, twisting my comments, and accommodating the views of a fallen political party". Immediately, five journalists including one Omar Faroque, a senior editor, were terminated from job without any reason because of the intimidation from the students led by Hasnat Abdullah.⁴¹

On 25 December 2024, four journalists of *The Janabani* newspaper, including Editor Shafiqul Islam, Managing Editor Raju Ahmed Shah, Special Correspondent Bashir Hossain Khan and Online Editor Ataur Hossain were attacked by 20–22 unidentified assailants in Dhaka's Bangla Motor area. The attack appeared to be pre-planned, as the assailants asked for their names before launching the assault. A man named Ramzan had allegedly threatened the Janabani staff earlier. The injured journalists were treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital and later discharged. A case was filed at Shahbagh Police Station.⁴²

On 16 January 2025, police attacked Sheikh Ferdous, a photojournalist for the daily *Shomor Alor*, during a protest by ethnic minority students in the capital, Dhaka.⁴³

On 27 January 2025, Education Board Chairman Professor Rezaul Karim insulted *CVOICE24* reporter Sharmin Rima while performing her professional duties at the Chittagong Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board. A general complaint was filed with Pantlaish Police Station in this incident.⁴⁴

On 28 January 2025, *Prothom Alo*'s Narail correspondent Raju Sheikh filed a complaint against threatening her for publishing news in Lohagara, Narail. On the morning of 25 January, a memorial monument located at Narail Government Victoria College and a mural next to the east gate of the college was vandalized. Raju Sheikh sent the news with statements from everyone involved in the incident. The news was published in the online version of *Prothom Alo* at around 10:30 pm. Then, at 11:25 pm, an unknown person from an unknown mobile phone number abused Raju Sheikh in foul language for publishing news of the vandalism and threatened to implicate him in a false case.⁴⁵

On 3 February 2025, Shohag Khan Sujon, a correspondent for the daily *Samakal*, was attacked with a hammer and stabbed in the back after reporting on medical negligence at a clinic in Shariatpur district. According to Sujon, the clinic owner restrained him while a group of men struck his ear with a hammer before stabbing him. Three other journalists - Nayon Das (*Bangla TV*), Bidhan Mojumder Oni (*News 24*), and Saiful Islam Akash (*Desh TV*) - were also injured when they attempted to intervene.⁴⁶ The journalists were attacked in front of the Shariatpur District's Deputy Commissioner's Office in Dhaka.⁴⁷

On 3 February 2025, masked attackers armed with bamboo sticks and firearms assaulted four newspaper correspondents in Laxmipur district i.e. Md Rafiqul Islam (*Khoborer Kagoj*), Abdul Malak Nirob (*Amar Barta*), Md Alauddin (*Daily Amar Somoy*), and Md Foysal Mahmud (*Daily Alokito Sakal*). The journalists had gone to cover a land dispute.⁴⁸

On 5 February 2025, several journalists including Zabed Akhter, reporter with *ATN News*, were allegedly attacked by members of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party on the premises of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh in Dhaka while they gathered for a press release concerning a High Court verdict acquitting previously convicted individuals in a 1994 alleged assassination attempt against then-opposition leader and ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. When BNP activists began causing a disturbance, *ATN News* reporter Zabed Akhter protested. In response, BNP activists began beating him. When some journalists tried to rescue him, they were also attacked. At least ten journalists were injured in the attack, while Zabed Akhter was seriously injured and admitted to Islami Bank Central Hospital in Kakrail.⁴⁹ On 6 February 2025, another group of protesters assaulted Mohammad Omar Farok (*Independent24 TV*) and Syed Mainul Ahasan Maruf (*Ekattor TV*) while they covered the destruction of a museum linked to Hasina's family. The police did not intervene.⁵⁰

On 5 February 2025, Zahirul Islam Miron, a correspondent of *Banglavisian*, Kuakata and former General Secretary of Kuakata Press Club, was attacked and severely injured by a group of unidentified people outside his house in Kuakata town in Kalapara upazila. Police stated that Miron got off a bus near his home in Tulatali around 12:30am when the attackers, who were lying in wait, launched a sudden attack with sharp weapons, leaving him seriously injured. Miron was admitted for treatment of the injuries at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in Barishal.⁵¹

On 9 February 2025, six journalists covering a student protest in Dhaka were beaten, punched, and kicked by the Bangladesh Police. The victims—Kawser Ahmed Ripon (*The Report Live*), Asif Uz Zaman and Muhammad Mahadi (*Kaler Kantho*), Azhar Rakib (*Bangladesh Pratidin*), Mohammad Redwan (*Jaago News*), and Shimul Khan (*Breaking News*)—were targeted despite showing press credentials.⁵² They were attacked while performing professional duties during the protests of the students.⁵³

On 20 February 2025, the BNP activists attacked journalist Abdullah Al Mahmud, a representative of Nasirnagar Upazila of *NTV Online*, after a video of a banned Chhatra League activist on the Shaheed Minar in Nasirnagar upazila of Brahmanbaria. The attackers broke the camera of the journalist and took away his cellphone.⁵⁴

On 3 March 2025, editor-in-chief of the daily *Bhola Times*, Mohammad Ali Jinnah, alias Rajib, and editor of the online news portal *Bhola Prakash*, Bijoy Bain, were attacked while covering clashes on Khalpar Road adjacent to Sheeshmahal Gali in Bhola city around 9 am.⁵⁵

On 19 March 2025, journalist Abdus Salam Biswas captured an altercation of the police officers in front of Badarganj police station in Rangpur. ASI Rabiul Alam, constables Al Amin Hossain, and Mojibur Rahman snatched the mobile phone, pushed him to the ground, and punched him.⁵⁶

On 21 March 2025, intern doctors and medical students beat up journalists while collecting news about the death of a woman due to wrong treatment. The four journalists beaten up were *Jamuna Television*'s Comilla bureau chief, Rafiqul Islam and camera person Jihadul Islam, and Channel 20's Comilla staff reporter Zahidur Rahman and camera person Belayet Hossain.⁵⁷

On 27 March 2025, two journalists N Amin Russell and Monirul Islam were assaulted near Barishal Court on March 27, whilst three employees of Dhaka Reporter's Unity were left with serious injuries during an armed attack in Dhaka on March 28.⁵⁸ They were hospitalised at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College.⁵⁹ According to the journalists, the attack was allegedly led by Sohel Rari, Organising Secretary of the Barishal District Chhatra Dal, along with a group of his associates who ambushed the journalists near the main gate of the District and Sessions Judge Court, set Russell's motorcycle on fire, and accused the journalists of affiliation with the Awami League.

On 28 March 2025, three journalists identified as Zakir Hossain Babul, Zahidul Islam and Robidul Islam of the Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) were injured during two attacks led by local assailants and employees of the Karatoa Courier Service near DRU premises in Dhaka.⁶⁰

On 2 April 2025, a woman journalist identified as Rafia Tamanna working with *New Age* and her brother were attacked after they protested against some youths who were stalking her near their house in Rampura area, Dhaka. According to the journalist, three to four youths came out from a shop, stalked and stood beside her, and when her brother protested against them, they attacked him and started beating him. She was also attacked and beaten up by the group when she tried to save her brother from them. Further, she alleged that local people in the area just enjoyed the incident like

audience and no one came forward to save them, and the perpetrators even called more people to create a mob.⁶¹

The Detective Branch of the Bangladesh Police under Bogura district arrested six members of a teen gang in connection with an attack on three people i.e. Khorshed Alam, northern bureau chief of *The Business Standard*, Asafudoula Neon, staff correspondent at online portal *Bogura Live*, and Taufiqul Islam Nirab in the district's Jailkhana intersection area on 5 April 2025.⁶²

On 6 April 2025, Sajedul Islam Selim, Editor of *Daily Prantojon* and a Lecturer at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib College in Chandrakala, sustained multiple injuries during an armed attack in Chandrakala Bazar while he was returning home after work. A group of unidentified men affiliated with the Bangladesh National Party intercepted Selim near Chandrakala Bazar, forcibly taking him to a nearby tea stall where they robbed him of his mobile phone and beat him with cricket stumps and bamboo sticks. The attackers also vandalised his motorcycle and threatened him “not to return to the college” before fleeing the scene. Selim was rushed to Sadar Hospital, sustaining multiple fractures to his arms and hands.⁶³

On 6 April 2025, editor of *Daily Prantojon* Sajedul Islam Selim sustained multiple injuries after an armed attack in Chandrakala Bazar.⁶⁴

On 15 April 2025, two journalists in Chattogram have alleged that they were attacked while covering a story related to graft allegations against former foreign minister and Awami League leader Hasan Mahmud in the Dewan Bazar area of Chattogram near his residence. Hossain Abbas, a staff reporter at the Chattogram-based IP television channel *CPlus*, and cameraman Md Sharif, who also claimed their camera equipment was targeted during the incident.⁶⁵

On 25 June 2025, journalist Khandaker Shah Alam, a correspondent of *Daily Matrijagat* was violently attacked and killed in Nabinagar Upazila, in Dhaka's northeast, in a targeted retaliation for his reporting against Babul Mia, known locally as ‘Tiger Babul Dakat’ which led to Mia's arrest. Mia, who is implicated in multiple robbery cases, was released from prison on 25 June. Following a public confrontation between the two, Mia repeatedly punched and kicked the journalist in the chest, leaving him unconscious and finally dead. Mia was apprehended by local residents and handed over to the police.⁶⁶

4. Financial Inquiry Against 85 Senior Journalists

The Interim Government of Dr Muhammad Yunus had adopted a number of tactics to intimidate and silence the journalists such as launching financial inquiry against at least 85 journalists.

The Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), anti-terror investigating agency initiated inquiries against 85 senior journalists, sending a chilling message to the journalists to remain silent from August 2024 to March 2025 as given below.

On 30 October 2024, the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) directed various banks of the country seeking information about 28 journalists seeking details such as bank lockers, savings cards, credit cards and other financial instruments in their name or whether money has been transacted or not. The journalists whose information has been sought are Naeem Nizam, editor of *Bangladesh Pratidin*; Farida Yasmin, former president of *Jatiya Press Club*; Zayedul Hasan Pintu, head of news, *DBC News*; Subhash Singh Roy, editor-in-chief of *abnews24.com*; Haider Ali, executive editor of *Kaler Kantha*; J.I Mamun of *ATN*; Syed Borhan Kabir of *Bangla Insider Editor*; Shaban Mahmud former Press Minister of Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi; Mirza Mehdi Tamal, City Editor of *Bangladesh Protidin*; Zulkarnain Rono, Chief Reporter; Alamgir Hossain, Editor of *Samakal*; Madhusudan Mandal of *BSS*; Masud Ayub Curzon of *DBC*; Mainul Islam, Executive Editor of *Amader Somoy*; Journalist Faraji Ajmal Hossain; Ashok Chowdhury of *Baisakhi TV*; Rahul Raha, Executive Editor; Rezaul Karim Lotus, Editor of *Daily Sun*; Ashikur Rahman Shrabon, Deputy Chief News Editor of *News 24*; Abdullah Al Mamun, Special Correspondent of *Jugantor*; Rafiqul Islam Ratan, Former Editor of *Swadesh Pratidin*; Sheikh Jamal Hossain, Editor of *Dainik Mukhopatro*; Aditya Arafat, Special Correspondent of *DBC News*; Tauhidul Islam Sourav, *ATN News* Special Correspondent; Sheikh Mamunur Rashid, Special Correspondent of *Jugantor*; journalist Shyamal Sarkar; Abul Khair, City Editor of *Ittefaq* and Santosh Sharma, Editor and Administrator of *Daily Kalbela*.⁶⁷

On 24 November 2024, the BFIU once again directed various banks to provide the accounts details of 10 journalists, including two chief editors and the immediate past president of National Press Club Shafiqur Rahman. These include Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, editor-in-chief of *TV Today*; Abdul Gaffar Khan, chief in editor of *Dainik Amar Somoy*; Chowdhury Jafarullah Sharafat, acting editor of *Dainik Bangla*; Ashish Gosh Saikat, chief news editor at *independent24.tv*; Naznin Nahar Munni, assignment editor of *DBC News*; Anjan Roy, editor for research of *GTV*; and Komol Dey, bureau chief of Chattogram at *somoynews.tv*; AZM Sajjad Hossain, former minister (press) at the Bangladesh Embassy in Washington DC; and Raju Ahmed, former Narayangaj correspondent of *The Daily Jugantor*.⁶⁸

On 31 December 2024, the BFIU further sought information about the banks regarding the bank accounts of 12 journalists and their privately owned organisations. The journalists were Subhash Chandra Badal, former managing director of the Journalists' Welfare Trust; Arifur Rahman Dolan, editor of *Dhaka Times*; Nurul Islam Hasib, special correspondent of *Bangladesh Post*; Dwip Azad, chief news editor of *Nagorik TV*; Abul Kalam Azad, former chief news editor of *Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha* (BSS); Md Omar Faruque, deputy chief news editor of BSS; Zafar Wazed, former director general of the Press Institute, Bangladesh; Hosne Ara Mamata Islam Soma, special correspondent of

Channel I; Obaidul Kabir Molla, deputy editor of *Daily Janakantha*; Abed Khan, editor of *Daily Jagoran*; Ajay Das Gupta, freelance journalist; and Syed Ishtiaque Reza, editor-in-chief of *Global TV*.⁶⁹

On 5 January 2025, the BFIU also directed various banks to provide details regarding 21 journalists including Saiful Alam, editor of the *Daily Jugantor*; Hasan Zahid Tushar, former deputy press secretary to the prime minister; Pranab Saha, head of news at *DBC News*; M. Shamsur Rahman, editor-in-chief and CEO of *Independent TV*; Mamun Abdullah, head of news at *Independent TV*; Animesh Kar, special correspondent of *Independent TV*; Md. Ruhul Amin Russell, Managing Editor of *Bangladesh Pratidin*; senior reporter of *Daily Kholā Kagoj* Zafar Ahmed; editor of the *Daily Jatiya Orthoniti* MG Kibria Chowdhury, Chief Reporter of *Amader Somoy* and *Amader Orthoniti* Deepak Chowdhury, Head of Input at *Ekushey TV* Akhil Kumar Poddar, journalist Jhumur Bari of *Ekattor TV*, Ziadur Rahman, Editor of the *Ekushey Sangbad*, Angur Nahar Monti, special correspondent of *Daily Kalbela* and Nasir Uddin Sathi of Chairman of *My TV*.⁷⁰

On 15 January 2025, the BFIU targeted another set of 14 journalists from various media outlets across the country. The letter specified that information, including account opening forms, KYC (Know Your Customer) documents, transaction histories, and related data of the 14 journalists, as well as their spouses, children, and related businesses. Among the journalists whose bank account details have been requested are Julhas Alam, Farid Hossain, Shahjahan Sardar, Ali Asif Shawon, Nadim Quader, Rajib Ghosh, Tahmida Sadeque Jesy, Azizul Haque Bhuiyan, Swapan Basu, Niladri Shekhar Kundu, Nazrul Kabir, Iqbal Karim Nishan, Saju Rahman and Aminur Rashid.⁷¹

5. Cancellation of accreditation of 167 journalists

The Interim Government has been using press accreditation as a weapon to target journalists for their work. Press accreditation cards are required for access to the Secretariat.⁷² The government revoked press accreditation of at least 167 journalists for their alleged links with the previous government including revocation of accreditation of 20 journalists on 29 October 2024,⁷³ 29 journalists on 3 November 2024,⁷⁴ and 118 journalists on 7 November 2024⁷⁵ thereby crippling press freedom.

The Interim government altogether suspended journalists' access to the Secretariat on 29 December 2024 following a fire accident at the Secretariat, a move condemned by the Editors Council of Bangladesh.⁷⁶

6. Sacking of the journalists for performing their tasks

Any journalist reporting against the Anti Discrimination Students Movement or the government can be sacked instantly without any explanation as the owners of the media succumb to the pressure. This has led to massive self censorship.

On 24 December 2024, a gang of Bangladesh student protesters led by Hasnat Abdullah, Convener of the Anti Discrimination Students Movement, entered the offices of the City Group, who invest in *Somoy Television* and accused it of “spreading propaganda, twisting his comments, and accommodating the views of a fallen political party”. Immediately, five journalists including one Omar Faroque, a senior editor, were terminated from job without any reason because of the intimidation from the students led by Hasnat Abdullah.⁷⁷

On 28 April 2025, where celebrated filmmaker and newly appointed Cultural Adviser Mostofa Sarwar Farooki organized a press conference at the Secretariat in Dhaka regarding Bangladesh's participation at the Cannes Film Festival. A few journalists posed critical queries surrounding political violence, national unity, and public accountability and about the number of people killed during the July-August political unrest. Thereafter, because of the government pressure Rahman Mizan of *Deepto TV* and Fazle Rabbi of *ATN Bangla* were summarily terminated from their positions while Rafiqul Bashar of *Channel I*, who had questioned the motif behind the use of Sheikh Hasina's image in the Pahela Baishakh parade, was relieved of his duties pending an internal investigation. *Deepto TV's* Head of News, S.M. Akash, confirmed the suspension of the channel's entire news coverage “until further notice,” citing intimidation and reputational threats”.⁷⁸

On 21 April 2025, Kongkon Karmaker, who had served as The Daily Star's Dinajpur correspondent since 2006, was dismissed via email and WhatsApp for reporting the death of Bhabesh Chandra Roy, a 55-year-old local leader affiliated with the Puja Udjapan Parishad, after reportedly abducted

from his home in Biral upazila. The news story published by The Daily Star on 18 April and was cited by multiple Indian media outlets and India's Ministry of External Affairs reacted sharply on 19 April 2025, leading to his dismissal.⁷⁹

7. Chief Advisor's Press Wing Facts: A dangerous precedent to suppress press freedom

Across the world, Fact Checking by the Government has been considered as a threat to freedom of opinion and expression. In India, the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules of 2023⁸⁰ which established "Fact Checking Units" of the government has been held as *"violative of the provisions of Article 14, Article 19(1)(a) and Article 19(1)(g) of the Constitution (relating to freedom of opinion and expression) and the Act of 2000"*.⁸¹

Chief Advisor of Bangladesh and Noble Laureate Dr Mohammed Yunus has established "CA Press Wing Facts" and this unit has become a sort of an instrument to manufacture government version of the truth and intimidate the media houses and NGOs including the Rights & Risks Analysis Group (RRAG) through certification.

Apparently, the CA Press Wing Facts is apparently being financed by the British Foreign, Commonwealth Development Office which approved £474,468 for Canadian firm, Alinea International Ltd⁸² under its *"Support to the Office of the Chief Adviser aims to strengthen the Office of the Chief Adviser's (OCA) capacity on reform management and strategic communications"* under its *"Bangladesh-Collaborative, Accountable and Peaceful Politics (B-CAPP) Programme"*.⁸³ Effectively British Government is financing the Fact Checking Unit, a dangerous precedent for restricting freedom of opinion and expression in the world through acts of intimidation and vilification.

The RRAG itself has been a victim of disinformation campaign by the CA Press Wing Facts.

On 3 May 2025, the Rights and Risks Analysis Group (RRAG) published a report, titled *"Bangladesh: Press Freedom Throttled Under Dr Muhammad Yunus"*⁸⁴. The report had stated that 640 journalists were attacked under the Interim Government from August 2024 to March 2025. The figure of 640 journalists was based on (i) 182 journalists against whom criminal cases were filed as per the "Annual Human Rights Monitoring Report December 2024" and monthly data for January-March 2025 published by Manabadhikar Shongskriti Foundation; (ii) 206 journalists who faced acts of violence and criminal intimidation as per the MSF data; (iii) 85 senior journalists regarding whom notices were issued by the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), the Bangladesh Government's central agency to fight against money laundering and terrorist financing seeking financial details and whose names were provided by the RRAG; and (iv) 167 journalists whose press accreditation were revoked for their alleged links with the previous Sheikh Hasina government as confirmed by the media reports.

On 3 May 2025, the RRAG's report was among others reported in *The Hindu*⁸⁵, one of the national dailies of India. On 6 May 2025, the CA Press Wing's Facts dismissed the report published in The Hindu as "wildly misleading piece of disinformation".

While these are matters of contentions and the RRAG stands by these facts, the CA Press Wing Facts went on to allege that “RRAG simultaneously launched attacks on fact-checkers, undermining those who challenged its narratives”.⁸⁶

RRAG had not launched any attacks on any fact-checker. The RRAG only urged the DismisLab, one of the Fact Checking NGOs, to correctly reflect the truth in its report, “*From four to a hundred: The politics of disinformation in the Hill Tracts conflict*”⁸⁷, regarding violations of the rights of indigenous peoples in the Chittagong Hill Tracts region of Bangladesh in September 2024. The DismisLab was forced to concede and publish a corrected version. There were internal email communications between the RRAG and the DismisLab which were never made public.⁸⁸

While the statement of the CA Press Wing Facts establishes beyond any reasonable doubt that the DismisLab is one of its outfits that shared internal communications of the RRAG, violating the privacy of the RRAG, the questions remains whether the FCDO or any other government organisation can provide support to the “*Office of the Chief Adviser aims to strengthen the Office of the Chief Adviser’s (OCA) capacity on reform management and strategic communications*” to target the NGOs.

In the name of Fact Checking, the British Government funding is helping to silence the media freedom. The support to the “*Office of the Chief Adviser aims to strengthen the Office of the Chief Adviser’s (OCA) capacity on reform management and strategic communications*” ought to be independently reviewed by the FCDO.

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ANNEX -1: Data from *Manabadhikar Shongskriti Foundation* about the number of journalists targeted under Dr Muhammad Yunus from August 2024 to July 2025

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- Incidents of torture of journalists and filing of cases under the Digital/Cyber Security Act continue.
- Unidentified body recovery continues.
- Incidents of taking the law into their own hands, such as lynchings, are on the rise.
- Incidents of violence against women, children, and minorities continue to increase.
- Attacks, vandalism, and casualties have occurred at shrines in a new form this year.

January-December 2024 Statistical data

Types of human rights violations		January- December 2024												Total
		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
EC Members <i>Advocate Sultana Kamal</i> <i>Founder President</i> <i>Advocate Saidur Rahman</i> <i>Secretary</i> <i>Advocate Sanaïyya Faheem Ansari</i> <i>Treasurer</i> <i>Advocate Dalia Afroz</i> <i>EC Member</i> <i>Advocate Tanvia Roselin Sultana</i> <i>EC Member</i> <i>Advocate Sadia Tasneem</i> <i>EC Member</i> <i>Advocate Toufiq Al Mannan</i> <i>EC Member</i> <i>Sayed Ahmed</i> <i>EC Member</i> <i>Md. Mesbaul Haque</i> <i>EC Member</i>	Gunfight	-	-	-	4	4	5	1	-	1	-	1	-	16
	Extrajudicial killings	Joint operations led by Army	-	-	2	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	8
		Army	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	3	-	3	-	11
		BGB	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
		Police	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
		RAB	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Death in Custody	Police	1	-	-	2	3	1	1	-	-	1	-	9
		During the joint operation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	2	8
		Death in Custody	19	19	12	10	11	7	2	7	5	5	6	108
	Death to avoid arrest	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	3	8
	Kidnapping in the identity of law enforcers	-	4	3	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	1	1	13
	Political Violence	Killed	14	5	3	9	12	11	4 ¹	9 ²	5	7	7	89
		Injured	830	301	179	168	606	683	32	195	619	412	407	4830
	Lodge Case	Arrest	6	1	-	-	1	789	268	238	102	74	32	1520
		Arrest	106	59	144	147	79	7	10372	16	90	1760	433	13468
		Arrest	106	59	144	147	79	7	10372	16	90	1760	433	13468
	Border situation	Shot dead	2	4	4	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	31
		Killed by Khasia	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	4
		Killed under torture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
		Shot wounds	-	-	-	5	1	5	3	3	4	-	4	25
		Injured by torture	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2
		Killed	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	5

¹ This figure does not include the killing of July-August 2024

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Torture of journalists	Assault and injury	9	10	13	28	26	8	260	35	13	17	19	10	440
	Bullying and threats	5	4	18	15	8	6	6	2	4	2	8	3	81
	Legal harassment Legal harassment	-	-	1	11	1	9	6	39	73	25	27	14	192
Cyber Security Act	Lodge Case	3	3	-	2	6	8	4	2	6	3	-	1	38
	Arrest	1	2	-	-	2	7	-	1	3	7	-	1	24
Unidentified body found		26	34	43	58	51	52	35	29	49	53	44	30	504
Rape	Child	29	32	37	31	31	28	30	12	25	32	22	22	331
	Women	18	31	14	25	35	24	25	17	23	35	18	16	281
Attempt to Rape		13	11	14	14	23	27	15	9	14	16	14	15	185
Sexual Harassment		16	32	22	15	38	26	21	13	15	12	18	8	236
Physical Torture		24	31	37	38	39	41	22	14	25	29	99	49	448
Suicide		59	63	53	67	78	61	52	22	35	49	53	58	610
Murder		86	76	62	76	68	76	67	41	62	84	82	71	851
Acid throw		-	3	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	1	10
Illegal Arbitration		-	4	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	14
Newborn Rescue	Alive	3	3	3	2	3	2	7	-	5	-	2	1	30
	Dead	7	7	5	8	6	3	5	2	7	4	4	6	64
death by Mass Beating/ Lynching		10	5	9	9	5	3	7	20	24	23	14	17	146
Incidents of Minority Violence		14	4	4	3	8	4	2	159	10	23	21	12	264

Casualties in political violence

The political scenario before and after the 12th National Parliament elections in early 2024 was completely different. BNP and like-minded parties announced a boycott of the polls. To ensure the government-backed parties' election from thwarted, the Government took several steps through law enforcement agencies, including filing cases against opposition leaders and activists and arbitrarily detaining them. In this case, the main campaign of the Government was 'sabotage' and anti-election activities. In this case, the main campaign by the Government was 'sabotage' and anti-election activities. As a result, the opposition party BNP and its affiliate organizations carried out peaceful activities. Various forms of violence emerged centered on the internal conflicts between the ruling party, Awami League and Chhatra League. The leaders and activists of BNP and its affiliated organizations were mainly affected. The ruling party and the Government had created an atmosphere of fear by harassing, attacking, filing cases, filing cases for disappearances, arrests, and mass arrests against opposition political party leaders and activists. According to information published in the media and collected by the msf, 4,919 people became victims in 701 incidents of political violence in 2024. Of them, 89 were killed and 4,830 were injured. Of the wounded, 198 were shot. Among the dead, 53 were Awami League members, 23 were BNP members, and 13 were ordinary citizens of different classes, professions, and ages with no political affiliation. In addition, 23 leaders and activists of various political parties were killed later due to miscreants and previous political enmity. Of the dead, 16 were Awami League

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Subject	Type	Total Event	December 2024	Total Event	January 2024
Anti-Discrimination Student Movement-Related Incidents	Arrested		120		-
	Injured		-		24
	Died while undergoing treatment		1		2
Ex-government sued over killings and violence after government collapse	Case		17		72
	Accused		1209		5856
	Accused t (unknown)		2100		5517
Political violence	Injured	54	312	58	594
Operation of law enforcement or joint forces	Killed		9		10
	Death	2	2	2	2
Gunfights with law enforcement	Injured		1		1
	Killed		2		2
	Shot	1	1	2	-
Law enforcement agencies	Detention		2		-
	Death by torture		-		-
	Injured by torture	1	-	-	-
Jail custody	Death while fleeing in fear		1		-
	Death		7		8
Violence against journalists	Torture, Assault, Injury, Threats and harassment	17	17	13	21
	Arrest in case		-		2
Use and Misuse of Digital/Cyber Security Act	Case		2		-
	Arrested	2	1		-
	Accused		4		-
Unidentified body	Recovery		37		49
Border Situation	Killed		4		3
	Shot		1		2
	Torture	6	2	8	3
	Bodies recovered from the border.		-		2
	Idol vandalism		4		4
Minority oppression	Houses vandalized		2		1
	Assault/Fire/Property Related	12	4	9	2
	Killed		-		-
	Injured		3		2
	Rape		31		42
Violence against women and children	Gang rape		7		15
	Rape and murder		5		2
	Attempt to rape		15		16
	Sexual Harassment		8		19
	Physical torture		43		37
	Acid throw		1		1
	Suicide		435		46
	murder		74		62
	Kidnapping and Missing		13		15
	Illegal Arbitration		2		2
	Newborn Rescue		7		10
	killed	24	19	21	12
	injured		19		18

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Subject	Type	Total Event	January 2025	Total Event	February 2025
Anti-Discrimination Student Movement-Related Programs	Arrested		-		172
	injured		24		-
	died while undergoing treatment		2		-
Ex-government sued over killings and violence after government collapse	Case		72		4
	Defendant (named)		5856		360
	Defendant (unknown)		5517		200
Political violence	injured	58	594	31	319
	killed		10		3
Operation of law enforcement or joint forces	Death	2	1		-
	Injured		2		-
Gunfights with law enforcement	killed	2	2	2	3
	shot		-		-
	detention		-		5
Torture by law enforcement agencies	Death in custody	-	-		1
	Death by torture		-		-
	Injured by torture		-		-
	Death while fleeing in fear		-		1
Jail custody	Death		8		14
Violence against journalists	Torture, Assault, Injury, Threats and harassment	13	21	21	38
	Arrest in case		2		1
Use and Misuse of Digital/Cyber Security Act	Case		-	1	1
	Arrested		-		-
	Accused		-		1
Unidentified body	Recovery		49		46
Border Situation	Killed	8	3	8	1
	Shot		2		-
	Torture		-		6
	Catch and take to the border.		-		8
	Throwing/mine blast		3		1
	Bodies recovered from the border.		2		2
Minority oppression	Idol vandalism	9	4	5	2
	Houses vandalized		1		2
	Assault/Fire/Property Related		2		1
	Killed		-		-
	Injured		2		-
Violence against women and children	Rape	271	42	295	57
	Gang rape		15		17
	Rape and murder		2		2
	Attempt to rape		16		19
	Sexual Harassment		19		26
	Physical torture		37		36
	Acid throw		1		-
	Suicide		46		48
	murder		62		65
	Kidnapping and Missing		15		18
	Illegal Arbitration		2		2
	Newborn Rescue		10		5
Mass Beating	killed	21	12	18	8
	injured		18		19

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Subject	Type	Total Event	February 2025	Total Event	March 2025
Anti-Discrimination Student Movement-Related Programs	Arrested		172		404
	Injured		-		-
	died while undergoing treatment		-		1
Ex-government sued over killings and violence after government collapse	Case		4		9
	Defendant (named)		360		1914
	Defendant (unknown)		200		1840
Political violence	Injured	31	319	52	447
	Killed		3		12
Custodial Death/ Operation of law enforcement or joint forces	Death		-	1	1
	Injured		-		-
Gunfights with law enforcement	Killed	2	3		-
	shot		-		-
	detention		5		-
Torture by law enforcement agencies	Death in custody		1	2	-
	Death by torture		-		-
	Injured by torture		-		1
	Death while fleeing in fear		1		1
Jail custody	Death		14		6
Violence against journalists	Torture, Assault, Injury, Threats and harassment	21	38	18	34
	Arrest in case		1		1
Use and Misuse of Digital/Cyber Security Act	Case	1	1	2	2
	Arrested		-		1
	Accused		1		2
Unidentified body	Recovery		46		49
Border Situation	Killed	8	1	9	3
	Shot		-		2
	Torture		6		1
	Catch and take to the border.		8		-
	Throwing/mine blast		1		3
	Bodies recovered from the border.		2		-
Minority oppression	Idol vandalism	5	2	8	3
	Houses vandalized		2		1
	Assault/Fire/Property Related		1		1
	rape		-		2
	Attempt to rape		-		1
Violence against women and children	Rape	296	57	428	132
	Gang rape		17		25
	Rape and murder		2		3
	Attempt to rape		19		61
	Sexual Harassment		26		34
	Physical torture		36		38
	Acid throw		-		-
	Suicide		48		41
	murder		65		65
	Kidnapping and Missing		18		16
	Illegal Arbitration		2		5
	Newborn Rescue		5		8
	killed	18	8	39	13
	injured		19		56

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The table below shows the comparative statistics of human rights violations in the last two months.

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Subject	Type	March 2025	April 2025
Anti-Discrimination Student Movement	Arrested	404	-
	Injured	-	-
	Died while undergoing treatment	1	1
Cases Against Former Government (Post-Collapse Violence)	Cases Filed	9	3
	Defendants (Named)	1,914	715
	Defendants (Unnamed)	1,840	700
Political Violence	Injured	447	322
	Killed	12	7
Attacks by Miscreants	Killed	4	4
	Injured	2	10
Law Enforcement Operations / Custodial Deaths	Deaths	1	1
	Injured	-	-
Gunfights with Law Enforcement	Killed	-	1
	Shot	-	1
Torture by Law Enforcement	Death in Custody	2	-
	Death by Torture	-	-
	Injured by Torture	1	-
	Death While Fleeing in Fear	1	-
Jail Custody	Deaths	6	8
Violence Against Journalists	Assault/Threats/Harassment	34	62
	Arrests	1	4
Use of Digital Security Act	Cases Filed	2	4
	Arrested	1	5
	Accused	2	10
Unidentified Bodies	Bodies Recovered	49	46
Border Violence	Killed	3	5
	Shot	2	1
	Tortured	1	5
	Detained/Abducted	-	16
	Mine Blasts/Thrown	3	1

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Subject	Type	March 2025	April 2025
	Bodies Recovered at Border	-	2
Attacks on Religious Minorities	Idol Vandalism	3	6
	Houses Vandalized	1	-
	Assault/Property Damage	1	-
	Rape	2	-
	Attempted Rape	1	-
Violence Against Women & Children	Rape	132	93
	Gang Rape	25	25
	Rape & Murder	3	4
	Attempted Rape	61	33
	Sexual Harassment	34	26
	Physical Torture	38	47
	Acid Attack	-	1
	Suicide	41	35
	Murder	65	69
	Kidnapping/Missing	16	16
	Illegal Arbitration	5	3
	Newborns Rescued	8	10
Mob Violence / Mass Beating	Killed	13	10
	Injured	56	28

Key Comparative Trends: March vs April 2025

1. Anti-Discrimination Student Movement

- **Arrests** in March: 404 — **Dropped to 0** in April.
- **Deaths under treatment:** 1 each month — suggests ongoing impact despite fewer arrests.

2. Political Violence

- **Injured** dropped from **447 to 322**.
- **Killed** declined from **12 to 7**.
- Indicates a moderate decrease in direct political violence.

3. Cases Against Former Government

- A significant drop in:

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• The number of cases and defendants under the Cybersecurity Act has increased. The table below presents comparative statistics on human rights violations over the last two months.

Summary of Human Rights Incidents: April & May 2025

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Subject	Type	April 2025	May 2025
Anti-Discrimination Student Movement Related Cases against Awami League Occurred in July-August 2024	Arrested	-	141
	Injured	-	-
	Died while undergoing treatment	1	1
Cases Against Former Government (Post-Collapse Violence)	Cases Filed	3	16
	Defendants (Named)	715	1072
	Defendants (Unnamed)	700	2400
Political Violence	Injured	322	351
	Killed	7	8
Attacks by Miscreants	Killed	4	5
	Injured	10	16
Law Enforcement Operations / Custodial Deaths	Deaths	1	-
	Injured	-	-
Gunfights with Law Enforcement	Killed	1	1
	Shot	1	1
	Arrest	-	2
Torture by Law Enforcement	Death in Custody	-	-
	Death by Torture	-	-
	Injured by Torture	-	-
	Death While Fleeing in Fear	-	2
Jail Custody	Deaths	8	8
Violence Against Journalists	Assault/Threats/Harassment	62	101
	Cases Filed	4	6
	Arrests	-	4
Use of Digital Security Act	Cases Filed	4	4
	Arrested	5	1
	Accused	10	7
Unidentified Bodies	Bodies Recovered	46	55
Border Violence	Killed	5	2
	Shot	1	4
	Tortured	5	4
	Detained/Abducted	16	11

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Subject	Type	April 2025	May 2025
	Mine Blasts/Thrown	1	1
	Push-in by the Border Security Force at the border	-	1289
	Bodies Recovered at Border	2	-
Attacks on Religious Minorities	Idol Vandalism	6	3
	Houses Vandalized	-	18
	Assault/Property Damage	-	3
	Rape	-	1
	Others	-	8
Violence Against Women & Children	Rape	93	59
	Gang Rape	25	16
	Rape & Murder	4	5
	Attempted Rape	33	31
	Sexual Harassment	26	47
	Physical Torture	47	42
	Acid Attack	1	-
	Suicide	35	42
	Murder	69	86
	Kidnapping/Missing	16	11
	Illegal Arbitration	3	3
Mob Violence / Mass Beating	Newborns Rescued	10	8
	Killed	10	9
	Injured	28	38

Comparative Analysis of Human Rights Violations: April & May 2025

The following analysis presents key trends and developments in human rights violations in April and May 2025 based on reported data across multiple categories.

1. Anti-Discrimination Student Movement-Related Cases Against AL

- **Arrests:** Increased sharply from 0 in April to 141 in May (AL Activists)
- **Deaths while undergoing treatment:** 1 in both months.

Interpretation: The May crackdown represents a significant escalation in repression despite the persistence of life-threatening consequences across both months.

2. Political Violence

- **Injured:** 322 → 351
- **Killed:** 7 → 8

Interpretation: There is a modest increase in politically motivated violence, with both injuries and fatalities on the rise.

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- More incidents of physical torture.
- Increased instances of Suicide and Murder.
- Escalation in political violence and unrest.
- Rise in injuries from political attacks and assaults by miscreants.
- Growth in the number of defendants under the Cyber Security Act 2018.

The table below presents comparative statistics on human rights violations over the last two months.

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Subject	Type	May 2025	June 2025
Anti-Discrimination Student Related Cases against Awami League Occurred in July-August 2024	Arrested	141	148
	Injured	-	-
	Died while undergoing treatment	1	1
Cases Against Former Government (Post-Collapse Violence)	Cases Filed	16	7
	Defendants (Named)	1072	1057
	Defendants (Unnamed)	2400	-
Political Violence	Injured	351	430
	Killed	8	8
Attacks by Miscreants	Killed	5	4
	Injured	16	21
Law Enforcement Operations / Custodial Deaths	Deaths	-	2
	Injured	-	2
Gunfights with Law Enforcement	Killed	1	1
	Shot	1	-
	Arrest	2	-
Torture by Law Enforcement	Death in Custody	-	2
	Death by Torture	-	-
	Injured by Torture	-	-
	Death While Fleeing in Fear	2	2
Jail Custody	Deaths	8	5
Violence Against Journalists	Assault/Threats/Harassment	101	62
	Cases Filed	6	-
	Arrests	4	-
Use of the Digital Security Act	Cases Filed	4	4
	Arrested	1	7
	Accused	7	8
Unidentified Bodies	Bodies Recovered	55	49
Border Violence	Killed	2	2
	Shot	4	-
	Tortured	4	-
	Detained/Abducted	11	-
	Mine Blasts/Thrown	1	4
	Pushed in by the Border Security Force at the border	1289	1102

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Subject	Type	May 2025	June 2025
	Bodies Recovered at Border	-	-
Attacks on Religious Minorities	Idol Vandalism	3	4
	Houses Vandalized	18	1
	Assault/Property Damage	3	4
	Rape	1	-
	Others	8	-
Violence Against Women & Children	Rape	59	63
	Gang Rape	16	17
	Rape & Murder	5	4
	Attempted Rape	31	27
	Sexual Harassment	47	39
	Physical Torture	42	51
	Acid Attack	-	1
	Suicide	42	47
	Murder	86	92
	Kidnapping/Missing	11	13
Mob Violence / Mass Beating	Illegal Arbitration	3	3
	Newborns Rescued	8	7
	Killed	9	10
	Injured	38	47

Comparative Analysis of Human Rights Violations: May & June 2025

◆ **1. Anti-Discrimination Student Movement (July–August 2024 incidents)**

- **Arrested:** Increased slightly from 141 (May) to 148 (June).
- **Died While Undergoing Treatment:** Constant at 1 per month.
- **Interpretation:** Arrests related to the student movement continue, suggesting ongoing repression and surveillance of past protestors.

◆ **2. Post-Collapse Violence Against the Former Government**

- **Cases Filed:** Decreased by more than half (16 → 7).
- **Defendants (Named):** Slight decrease (1072 → 1057).
- **Defendants (Unnamed):** Reported only in May (2400), missing in June.
- ➤ **Interpretation:** Indicates declining legal pursuit or public attention; or possibly selective targeting or underreporting.

◆ **3. Political Violence**

- **Injured:** Increased significantly (351 → 430, +22%).
- **Killed:** Constant at 8.
- ➤ **Interpretation:** Escalating injuries suggest more confrontational events, but fatalities stabilized, possibly due to intervention or restraint.

◆ **4. Attacks by Miscreants**

- **Killed:** Slight decrease (5 → 4).
- **Injured:** Increased (16 → 21).

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ধর্ম অবমাননা এবং নানা আজুহাতে সনাতন ধর্মীয় সংখ্যালঘুদের মন্দিরের প্রতিমা ভাঙচুরের ঘটনা বন্ধ হয়নি বরং মাইকিং করে জনবল সৃষ্টি করে ঘরবাড়ি ভাঙচুর ও লুটপাট করা হয়েছে। সীমান্তে হতাহতের ঘটনা বন্ধ হয়নি বরং অনেকটাই বেড়েছে, সেই সাথে পুশইনের ঘটনা রয়েছে। অপরদিকে পার্বত্য এলাকায় মাইন বিস্তারণে গুরুতর আহত হওয়ার ঘটনা ঘটেছে। অজ্ঞাতনামা লাশ উদ্ধার অব্যাহত রয়েছে, গণপিটুনি ও মব সহিংসতার মত আইন হাতে তুলে নেয়ার ঘটনা বন্ধ হয়নি বরং সরকারের নিক্ষেপিত এ বিষয়ে নাগরিকদের জীবনে আতঙ্ক ও নিরাপত্তাহীনতা বেড়েছে। মানবাধিকার লংঘনের এই ঘটনাগুলো ক্রমাগত বৃদ্ধি পাওয়ায় মানবাধিকার সংস্কৃতি ফাউন্ডেশন (এমএসএফ) গভীর ক্ষোভ ও উদ্বেগ প্রকাশ করছে।

নীচেরসারণীতেবিগতদুইমাসেরমানবাধিকারলংঘনেরতুলনামূলকপরিসংখ্যানতুলেদেয়াহল।

জুন ২০২৫ ও জুলাই ২০২৫ মাসের তুলনামূলক পরিসংখ্যান

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		চিকিৎসাধীন অবস্থায় মারা যাওয়া		১		-
Advocate Saidur Rahman Secretary	সরকার পতনের পর হত্যাকাণ্ড ও দহিসেতার ঘটনায় শেখ হাসিনা সংশ্লিষ্টদের বিরুদ্ধে মামলা	মামলা		৭		৮
		আসামীর সংখ্যা (নাম উল্লেখ করে)		১০৫৭		১৪৯
Advocate Sanatya Faheem Ansari Treasurer		আসামী (অজ্ঞাতনামা)		-		১৭০০
		আহত		৪৩০		৫৯৩
	রাজনৈতিক সংহিংসতা	নিহত	৪৫	৮	৪৮	৪
		দুর্ভুক্তিকারীদের হামলায় নিহত		৪		৪
Advocate Dalia Afroz EC Member	আইন শৃঙ্খলা রক্ষাকারী বাহিনীর হেফাজতে	দুর্ভুক্তিকারীদের হামলায় আহত		২১		৮
		মৃত্যু		২		১
Advocate Tanvia Roselin Sultana EC Member	আইন শৃঙ্খলা রক্ষাকারী বাহিনী কর্তৃক গোলাগুলি সংক্রান্ত	আহত		২		-
		নিহত		১		২
Advocate Sadia Tasneem EC Member		পুলিশ	১	-	১	-
		আটক		-		১
Advocate Toufiq Al Mannan EC Member	আইন শৃঙ্খলা রক্ষাকারী বাহিনী কর্তৃক নির্যাতন সংক্রান্ত	নির্যাতনে মৃত্যু		-		১
		নির্যাতনে আহত		-		-
Sayad Ahmed EC Member	কারা হেফাজতে	ভয়ে পালতে গিয়ে মৃত্যু		২	৩	১
		পুলিশ পরিচয়ে অপহরণ		-		১
Md. Mesbaul Haque EC Member	সাংবাদিকদের প্রতি সংহিংসতা	মৃত্যু		৫		১০
		নির্যাতন, হামলা, আহত, ছমক, হযরানি ও আইনী হয়রানি	১৮	৩২	১৯	৬০
		মামলা		-		৩
		গ্রেফতার		-		২
	ত্রিভিটাল/সাইবার নিরাপত্তা	মামলা		৪		১
	আইন ব্যবহার-অপব্যবহার	গ্রেফতার		৭	১	১
		আসামি		৮		১
	অজ্ঞাতনামা লাশ	উদ্ধার		৪৯		৫১
	সীমান্ত পরিস্থিতি	নিহত		২		৬
		পুলিস		-		১
		নির্যাতন		-		১
		ধরে নিয়ে যাওয়া		-		১
	সংস্থান নির্যাতন	গ্রেনেড ছোড়া/মাইন বিস্ফোরণ		৪		১
		সীমান্ত বিএসএফ কর্তৃক পুশইন		১০২		১৫৬১
		প্রতিমা ভাঙচুর		৪		২
		ঘরবাড়ি ভাঙচুর/আগ্নিকান্ড		১		৩
		হামলা/মামলা/গ্রেফতার		৪	৮	১
		ধর্ষণ		-		১
		জাতীগত ঘরবাড়ি ভাঙচুর/আগ্নিকান্ড		-		১৫
		ধর্ষণ		৬৩		৬৬
	নারী ও শিশু সংহিংসতা	দলবেধে ধর্ষণ		১৭		১৮
		ধর্ষণ ও হত্যা		৪		৭
		ধর্ষণ চেষ্টা		২৭		২২
		যৌন নিপীড়ন		৩৯		২৬
		শারীরিক নির্যাতন		৫১	৩৫২	৫৩
		এসিউ নির্যেপ		১		৩
		আত্মহত্যা		৪৭		৫১
		হত্যা		৯২		৯৪
		অপহরণ ও নির্যেপ		১৩		১৩
		কোআইনী সালিশ		৩		৩

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	নিহত	১০	১৬
	আহত	৪১	৫৩

বিস্তারিত

আইনশৃঙ্খলা রক্ষাকারী বাহিনী কর্তৃক বিচারবহির্ভূত হত্যাকাণ্ড

দেশের বিভিন্ন গণমাধ্যমে প্রকাশিত ও এমএসএফ কর্তৃক সংগৃহীত তথ্য অনুযায়ী জুলাই ২০২৫ মাসে বিচারবহির্ভূত হত্যাকাণ্ড বা সেনা অভিযানকালে নিরাপত্তা রক্ষাকারী বাহিনী কর্তৃক গুলির একটি ঘটনায় ২জন নিহত ও অপর ১জনকে আটক করা হয়েছে।

৩ জুলাই ২০২৫ ভোরে বান্দরবানের রুমা উপজেলার পলি প্রাংশা এলাকায় নাইতং পাহাড়ে গোপন সংবাদের ভিত্তিতে সেনাবাহিনীর অভিযান চলাকালে কুকি-চিন ন্যাশনাল ফ্রন্টের (কেএনএফ) সদস্যদের সাথে গুলি বিনিময় হয়। গুলি বিনিময়ে দুজন কেএনএফ সদস্য নিহত হন ও সেখান থেকে একজন সন্দেহভাজনকে আটক করা হয়। সন্ধ্যায় সেনাবাহিনী রুমা থানা পুলিশকে লাশ হস্তান্তর করে। এদিকে, এ ঘটনার পর এলাকায় সেনাবাহিনীর অভিযান ও তল্লাশি চলমান থাকায় আশপাশের এলাকাতে আতঙ্ক ছড়িয়ে পড়ে।

আইন-শৃঙ্খলা বাহিনীর পরিচয়ে অপহরণ

বিভিন্ন গণমাধ্যমে প্রকাশিত এমএসএফ কর্তৃক সংগৃহীত তথ্য অনুসারে, খুলনা নগরের আইনশৃঙ্খলা রক্ষাকারী বাহিনীর ছদ্মবেশে সাদা পোশাক পরিহিত কিছু ব্যক্তি সুশান্ত কুমার মজুমদার নামের একজনকে জোর করে একটি ট্রালারে তুলে নেয়।

১৩ জুলাই ২০২৫ তারিখ সন্ধ্যা ৭টার দিকে খুলনা নগরের ৪ নম্বর ঘাট এলাকা থেকে সুশান্ত কুমার মজুমদারকে 'পুলিশ' পরিচয়ে তুলে নিয়ে যাওয়া হয়। প্রত্যক্ষদর্শীদের ভাষ্যমতে, কয়েকজন ব্যক্তি তাঁকে জোর করে একটি ট্রালারে তুলে নেন। এ সময় এক পথচারী ঘটনার ভিডিও ধারণ করেন। ভিডিওতে দেখা যায়, কয়েকজন ব্যক্তি ট্রালারে একজনকে জোর করে তুলছেন। ধস্তাধস্তির এক পর্যায়ে এক ব্যক্তির গোঙানির শব্দ ও চিৎকার শোনা যায়। এরপর দ্রুতগতিতে ট্রালারটি সরে পড়ে। খাদ্য পরিদর্শক সুশান্ত কুমার মজুমদারকে অপহরণের পর তাঁর পরিবারের কাছে মুক্তিপণ দাবি করা হয়। সাড়ে পাঁচ ঘণ্টা পর দিবাগত রাত সাড়ে ১২টার দিকে খুলনার তেরখাদা উপজেলার আজগুড়া বিআরবি উচ্চবিদ্যালয়ের মাঠ থেকে তাঁকে উদ্ধার করে পুলিশ। এ সময় তাঁর হাত, পা ও চোখ বাঁধা ছিল।

খুলনা সদর থানার অফিসার ইনচার্জ হাওলাদার সানওয়ার হোসাইন মাসুম জানান, অপহরণের খবর পাওয়ার পর থেকে পুলিশের একাধিক ইউনিট অভিযান শুরু করে। পুলিশের তৎপরতায় আতঙ্কিত হয়ে অপহরণকারীরা সুশান্ত কুমারকে বিআরবি উচ্চবিদ্যালয়ের মাঠে ফেলে রেখে যায়। পরে তেরখাদা থানার পুলিশের সহায়তায় তাঁকে উদ্ধার করা হয়।

আইন-শৃঙ্খলা বাহিনীর হেফাজতে মৃত্যু

আইন-শৃঙ্খলা রক্ষাকারী বাহিনীর হেফাজতে আসামির মৃত্যুর বিষয়টি অনাকাঙ্ক্ষিত ও অগ্রহণযোগ্য। যা জনমনে নানা প্রশ্নের উদ্বেক করে। এমএসএফ মনে করে প্রতিটি হেফাজতে মৃত্যুর নিরপেক্ষ তদন্ত হওয়া আবশ্যিক। জুলাই ২০২৫ মাসে ভাটারা থানা হাজতে ১ জন নারী বিষ পানে আত্মহত্যার চেষ্টা করেন। পরে চিকিৎসাধীন অবস্থায় মৃত্যুর খবর সংবাদ মাধ্যমে প্রকাশিত হয়।

১১ জুলাই, ২০২৫ তারিখ রাজধানীতে সঙ্গীর জননাঙ্গ কেটে ফেলার পর গ্রেফতারকৃত বেসরকারি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের শিক্ষক ফিরোজা আশরাফী নামের এক নারীর পুলিশ হেফাজতে মৃত্যু হয়েছে। ফিরোজা আশরাফী ভাটারা থানা হেফাজতে থাকা অবস্থায় কীটনাশক পান করেন এবং শুক্রবার সন্ধ্যায় ঢাকা মেডিকেল কলেজ হাসপাতালে চিকিৎসাধীন অবস্থায় তাঁর মৃত্যু হয়।

ভাটারা থানার অফিসার ইনচার্জ দাবি করেন, ১০ জুলাই ২০২৫ তারিখভাটারা থানা হেফাজতে থাকা অবস্থায় ফিরোজা আশরাফী তাঁর লোকদের দিয়ে ওষুধ আনার নাম করে কীটনাশক আনান এবং তা পান করে অচেতন হয়ে যান। তাঁকে কুমিল্লা জেনারেল হাসপাতালে নেওয়া হয়। সেখান থেকে পরে তাঁকে ঢাকা মেডিকেল কলেজ হাসপাতালে স্থানান্তর করা হয়। শুক্রবার সন্ধ্যা সোয়া ৬টার দিকে তাঁর মৃত্যু হয়। তিনি আরো জানান, এই ঘটনায় দায়িত্বে অবহেলার অভিযোগে ভাটারা থানার তিন পুলিশ সদস্যকে তৎক্ষণিকভাবে সাময়িক বরখাস্ত করে রাজারবাগ পুলিশ লাইনে সংযুক্ত করা হয়েছে।

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ANNEX -2: Data from Ain O Salish Kendra about the number of journalists targeted by Sheikh Hasina

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Journalist Harassment August 2023									
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Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)									
Description							No. of Harass		
Torture/Harassment/Threat by Law Enforcement Agency							2		
Death Threat (Govt. Officials, UNO, Drug dealers, Terrorist and unanimous by phone)									
Case filed against published news							13		
Torture/attack/threat/harassment/bomb thrown by Terrorist							2		
Attack/Torture/Harassment by Awami League and its associated organizations							2		
Attack/Torture/Harassment by BNP and its associated organizations							3		
Torture/Threat/Harassment by Govt. Officials and Employees							7		
Victims of assault while performing professional duties									
Violence in Municipal Corporation Election							11		
Violence in UP Election									
Beat to death									
Others							1		
Total							41		
Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)									
Note: Golam Rabbani Nadim (53), Jamalpur District correspondent of 71 TV and Bangla-news24.com has been murdered over publishing news reports (Prothom Alo, Samakal: 16/06/23)									
Border Violence August 2023									
Death, Torture, Injured, Abduction and Returned after Abduction									
Documentation Unit									
Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)									
Division	Dhaka	Khulna	Rajshahi	Rangpur	Sylhet	Chattogram	Mymensingh	Total	
Nature of Violence									
Death (Shoot)			1					1	
Type of death is not mentioned								0	
Death by Physical Torture								0	
Bangladeshi Drowned in River while being chased by BSF								0	
Injured								0	
Abduction								0	
Return after abduction								0	
Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)									

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Journalist Harassment September 2023

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Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

Description	No. of Harass
Torture/Harassment/Threat by Law Enforcement Agency	
Death Threat (Govt. Officials, UNO, Drug dealers, Terrorist and unanimous by phone)	2
Case filed against published news	4
Torture/attack/threat/harassment/bomb thrown by Terrorist	2
Attack/Torture/Harassment by Awami League and its associated organizations	1
Attack/Torture/Harassment by BNP and its associated organizations	
Torture/Threat/Harassment by Govt. Officials and Employees	10
Victims of assault while performing professional duties	9
Rescue after abduction	1
Violence by UP Chairman	1
Others	2
Total	32

Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

Note: Golam Rabbani Nadim (53), Jamalpur District correspondent of 71 TV and Bangla-news24.com has been murdered over publishing news reports (Prothom Alo, Samakal: 16/06/23)

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Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

Division	Dhaka	Khulna	Rajshahi	Rangpur	Sylhet	Chattogram	Mymensingh	Total
Nature of Violence								
Death (Shoot)		2		2				4
Type of death is not mentioned								0
Death by Physical Torture								0
Bangladeshi Drowned in River while being chased by BSF								0
Injured		1						1
Abduction								0
Return after abduction								0

Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

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Journalist Harassment October 2023								
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Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)								
Description	No. of Harass							
Torture/Harassment/Threat by Law Enforcement Agency	1							
Death Threat (Govt. Officials, UNO, Drug dealers, Terrorist and unanimous by phone)	1							
Case filed against published news	3							
Torture/attack/threat/harassment/bomb thrown by Terrorist	4							
Attack/Torture/Harassment by Awami League and its associated organizations	3							
Attack/Torture/Harassment by BNP and its associated organizations								
Torture/Threat/Harassment by Govt. Officials and Employees	3							
Victims of assault while performing professional duties	27							
Rescue after abduction	1							
Violence by UP Chairman								
Others								
Total	43							
Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)								
Note: Golam Rabbani Nadim (53), Jamalpur District correspondent of 71 TV and Bangla-news24.com has been murdered over publishing news reports (Prothom Alo, Samakal: 16/06/23)								
Border Violence October 2023								
Death, Torture, Injured, Abduction and Returned after Abduction								
Documentation Unit								
Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)								
Division	Dhaka	Khulna	Rajshahi	Rangpur	Sylhet	Chattogram	Mymensingh	Total
Nature of Violence								
Death (Shoot)				2	1			3
Type of death is not mentioned								0
Death by Physical Torture								0
Bangladeshi Drowned in River while being chased by BSF								0
Injured				1		1		2
Abduction								0
Return after abduction								0
Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)								

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Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

Description	No. of Harass
Torture/Harassment/Threat by Law Enforcement Agency	6
Death Threat (Govt. Officials, UNO, Drug dealers, Terrorist and unanimous by phone)	
Case filed against published news	
Torture/attack/threat/harassment/bomb thrown by Terrorist	2
Attack/Torture/Harassment by Awami League and its associated organizations	4
Attack/Torture/Harassment by BNP and its associated organizations	
Torture/Threat/Harassment by Govt. Officials and Employees	
Victims of assault while performing professional duties	2
Rescue after abduction	
Violence by UP Chairman	2
Others	
Total	16

Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

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Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

Division	Dhaka	Khulna	Rajshahi	Rangpur	Sylhet	Chattogram	Mymensingh	Total
Nature of Violence								
Death (Shoot)			1	1				2
Type of death is not mentioned								0
Death by Physical Torture								0
Bangladeshi Drowned in River while being chased by BSF								0
Injured				1				1
Abduction								0
Return after abduction								0

Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

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Documentation Unit

Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

Description	No. of Harass
Torture/Harassment/Threat by Law Enforcement Agency	6
Death Threat (Govt. Officials, UNO, Drug dealers, Terrorist and unanimous by phone)	
Case filed against published news	
Torture/attack/threat/harassment/bomb thrown by Terrorist	2
Attack/Torture/Harassment by Awami League and its associated organizations	4
Attack/Torture/Harassment by BNP and its associated organizations	
Torture/Threat/Harassment by Govt. Officials and Employees	
Victims of assault while performing professional duties	2
Rescue after abduction	
Violence by UP Chairman	2
Others	
Total	16

Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

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Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

Division	Dhaka	Khulna	Rajshahi	Rangpur	Sylhet	Chattogram	Mymensingh	Total
Nature of Violence								
Death (Shoot)		2	1	2	1			6
Type of death is not mentioned								0
Death by Physical Torture								0
Bangladeshi Drowned in River while being chased by BSF			2					2
Injured				8				8
Abduction								0
Return after abduction								0

Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

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Description							No. of Harass	
Torture/Harassment/Threat by Law Enforcement Agency							1	
Death Threat (Govt. Officials, UNO, Drug dealers, Terrorist and unanimous by phone)								
Case filed against published news								
Torture/attack/threat/harassment/bomb thrown by Terrorist							4	
Attack/Torture/Harassment by Awami League and its associated organizations							1	
Attack/Torture/Harassment by BNP and its associated organizations								
Torture/Threat/Harassment by Govt. Officials and Employees								
Victims of assault while performing professional duties							1	
Violence by UP Chairman								
Harass/ attack/ assault during their professional duties in the 12th National Election							30	
Others (Zilla Parishad Chairman)							1	
Total							38	
Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Jugantor, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)								
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Border Violence January 2024								
Death, Torture, Injured, Abduction and Returned after Abduction								
Documentation Unit								
Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)								
Division	Dhaka	Khulna	Rajshahi	Rangpur	Sylhet	Chattogram	Mymensingh	Total
Nature of Violence								
Death (Shoot)		1		1				2
Type of death is not mentioned								0
Death by Physical Torture								0
Bangladeshi Drowned in River while being chased by BSF								0
Injured								0
Abduction								0
Return after abduction								0
Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Jugantor, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)								

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Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)									
Description								No. of Harass	
Torture/Harassment/Threat by Law Enforcement Agency									
Death Threat (Govt. Officials, UNO, Drug dealers, Terrorist and unanimous by phone)								2	
Case filed against published news									
Torture/attack/threat/harassment/bomb thrown by Terrorist								6	
Attack/Torture/Harassment by Awami League and its associated organizations								4	
Attack/Torture/Harassment by BNP and its associated organizations									
Torture/Threat/Harassment by Govt. Officials and Employees									
Victims of assault while performing professional duties									
Victims of assault while performing professional duties								4	
Violence by UP Chairman									
Harass/ attack/ assault during their professional duties in the 12th National Election									
Others (Zilla Parishad Chairman)									
Total								16	
Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Jugantor, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)									
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Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

Division	Dhaka	Khulna	Rajshahi	Rangpur	Sylhet	Chattogram	Mymensingh	Total
Nature of Violence								
Death (Shoot)								0
Type of death is not mentioned								0
Death by Physical Torture								0
Bangladeshi Drowned in River while being chased by BSF								0
Injured			1					1
Abduction								0
Return after abduction								0

Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Jugantor, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

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Journalist Harassment March 2024

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Description	No. of Harass
Torture/Harassment/Threat by Law Enforcement Agency	1
Death Threat (Govt. Officials, UNO, Drug dealers, Terrorist and unanimous by phone)	
Case filed against published news	
Torture/attack/threat/harassment/bomb thrown by Terrorist	1
Attack/Torture/Harassment by Awami League and its associated organizations	2
Attack/Torture/Harassment by BNP and its associated organizations	
Torture/Threat/Harassment by Govt. Officials and Employees	6
Recovered after abduction	
Victims of assault while performing professional duties	17
Violence by UP Chairman	
Others (Zilla Parishad Chairman)	
Total	27

Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Jugantor, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

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Division	Dhaka	Khulna	Rajshahi	Rangpur	Sylhet	Chattogram	Mymensingh	Total
Nature of Violence								
Death (Shoot)			1	2	1			4
Type of death is not mentioned								0
Death by Physical Torture								0
Bangladeshi Drowned in River while being chased by BSF								0
Injured				2	1			3
Abduction								0
Return after abduction								0

Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Jugantor, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

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Journalist Harassment April 2024								
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Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)								
Description							No. of Harass	
Torture/Harassment/Threat by Law Enforcement Agency							3	
Death Threat (Chairman, Councillor, Terrorist and unanimous by phone)							1	
Case filed against published news							7	
Torture/attack/threat/harassment/bomb thrown by Terrorist							2	
Attack/Torture/Harassment by Awami League and its associated organizations							4	
Attack/Torture/Harassment by BNP and its associated organizations								
Torture/Threat/Harassment by Govt. Officials and Employees								
Recovered after abduction								
Victims of assault while performing professional duties							7	
Violence by UP Chairman								
Others (Zilla Parishad Chairman)								
Total							24	
Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Jugantor, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)								
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Description	No. of Harass
Torture/Harassment/Threat by Law Enforcement Agency	4
Death Threat (UP Chairman and unanimous by phone)	1
Case filed against published news	2
Torture/attack/threat/harassment/bomb thrown by Terrorist	5
Attack/Torture/Harassment by Awami League and its associated organizations	
Attack/Torture/Harassment by BNP and its associated organizations	
Torture/Threat/Harassment by Govt. Officials and Employees	
Recovered after abduction	
Victims of assault while performing professional duties	1
Violence by UP Chairman/Victims of attack/assault during their professional duties of collecting information in the Upazila Election	16
Others (Zilla Parishad Chairman)	
Total	29

Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Jugantor, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

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Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

Division	Dhaka	Khulna	Rajshahi	Rangpur	Sylhet	Chattogram	Mymensingh	Total
Nature of Violence								
Death (Shoot)				2				2
Type of death is not mentioned								0
Death by Physical Torture								0
Bangladeshi Drowned in River while being chased by BSF								0
Injured		2						2
Abduction								0
Return after abduction								0

Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Jugantor, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

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Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

Description	No. of Harass
Torture/Harassment/Threat by Law Enforcement Agency	
Death Threat (UP Chairman and unanimous by phone)	1
Case filed against published news	
Torture/attack/threat/harassment/bomb thrown by Terrorist	2
Attack/Torture/Harassment by Awami League and its associated organizations	1
Attack/Torture/Harassment by BNP and its associated organizations	
Torture/Threat/Harassment by Govt. Officials and Employees	
Recovered after abduction	
Victims of assault while performing professional duties	5
Violence by UP Chairman/Victims of attack/assault during their professional duties of collecting information in the Upazila Election	2
Others (Zilla Parishad Chairman)	
Total	11

Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Jugantor, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

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Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

Division	Dhaka	Khulna	Rajshahi	Rangpur	Sylhet	Chattogram	Mymensingh	Total
Nature of Violence								
Death (Shoot)				1		1		2
Type of death is not mentioned								0
Death by Physical Torture								0
Bangladeshi Drowned in River while being chased by BSF						1		1
Injured		1		1				2
Abduction								0
Return after abduction								0

Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Jugantor, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

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Journalist Harassment July 2024									
Documentation Unit									
Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)									
Description						No. of Harass			
Torture/Harassment/Threat by Law Enforcement Agency						3			
Death Threat (UP Chairman and unanimous by phone)						1			
Case filed against published news						6			
Torture/attack/threat/harassment/bomb thrown by Terrorist						1			
Attack/Torture/Harassment by Awami League and its associated organizations						2			
Attack/Torture/Harassment by BNP and its associated organizations									
Torture/Threat/Harassment by Govt. Officials and Employees						2			
Recovered after abduction									
Victims of assault while performing professional duties						2			
Victims of attack/assault/Case field during their professional duties of collecting information in Movement of Anti Discrimination						69			
Shot to death during their professional duties of collecting information in Movement of Anti Discrimination						4			
Total						90			
Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Jugantor, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)									
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Border Violence July 2024									
Death, Torture, Injured, Abduction and Returned after Abduction									
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Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)									
Division	Dhaka	Khulna	Rajshahi	Rangpur	Sylhet	Chattogram	Mymensingh	Total	
Nature of Violence									
Death (Shoot)				1	2			3	
Type of death is not mentioned								0	
Death by Physical Torture								0	
Bangladeshi Drowned in River while being chased by BSF								0	
Injured		2		1	1	2		6	
Abduction								0	
Return after abduction								0	
Source: Prothom Alo, Ittefaq, Samakal, Sangbad, Janakantha, Jugantor, Naya Diganta, Daily Star, New Age, Dhaka Tribune(include their epapers), some online news portals and Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)									

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ANNEX -3: Internal communications with the RRAG supplied by DismisLab to the CA Press Wing Facts to target the RAAG

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Roundcube Webmail - Re: Request to issue corrigendum on the top of the story, "From four to a hundred: The politics of disinformation in the Hill Tracts conflict"

Re: Request to issue corrigendum on the top of the story, "From four to a hundred: The politics of disinformation in the Hill Tracts conflict," published on September 29, 2024 at <https://en.dismislab.com/from-four-to-a-hundred-the-politics-of-disinformation-in-the-hill-tracts-conflict/>



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Dear Mr Aman,

Please note that the longer the current text remains on your site, the more harm is caused to our reputation.

Therefore, it ought to be addressed by Friday or else, we shall go public with our statements.

We have given the proof regarding the FIR the contents of which were already reported. The photographs from the Khagarachari hospital was provided to us and you did not verify from us before casting aspersions.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Suhas Chakma

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On 16 Oct 2024, at 12:47, Dismislab <editor@dismislab.com> wrote:

Dear Suhas Chakma,

I sincerely apologize for the delayed response. Unfortunately, your message was filtered into the spam folder, and I was unable to address it promptly.

We understand the gravity of the matter and are treating it with the utmost seriousness. Please rest assured that we will provide a comprehensive response as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding.

Best regards,
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----- On Mon, 14 Oct 2024 14:42:54 +0600 suhaschakma@rightsrisks.org wrote -----

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Dear Sirs/Madams,

Our attention has been drawn to an article, "From four to a hundred: The politics of disinformation in the Hill Tracts conflict", published by you on September 29, 2024 at <https://en.dismislab.com/from-four-to-a-hundred-the-politics-of-disinformation-in-the-hill-tracts-conflict/> last week and we were unable to respond instantly because of the Durga Puja holidays.

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Roundcube Webmail :: Re: Request to issue corrigendum on the top of the story, "From four to a hundred: The politics of disinformation in the Hill Tr...

Be that as it may, your impugned article starts with disinformation and misinformation from the first sentence itself to create a distorted narrative to downplay human rights violations in the CHTs on 19-20 September and discredit the most prominent human rights activist, Mr Suhas Chakma by insinuating about the number of deaths quoted by him as "a claim not substantiated". In the process, your organisation violated the most sacrosanct and inviolable principle of Fact-Checking i.e. verification of facts from the original sources and you relied upon selective secondary sources of information (newspaper articles). You have failed to verify the First Information Report No.12/107 dated 20 September 2024 regarding the kidnapping and murder of Mohammed Mamun on 18 September 2024 and the basis of the Rights and Risks Analysis Group's (RRAG) press statement regarding the number of deaths on 20 September 2024.

There are number of issues which require rebuttal but the RRAG will highlight only two issues with the request to issue corrigendum on the top of the story given the following incontrovertible facts.

1. YOUR STORY STARTS WITH LIES ABOUT THE DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN IN A MOB ATTACK

Your article starts with the falsehood.

The first sentence of your article states, "On September 18, in Dighinala, Khagrachari, a young man died in a mob attack following theft allegations".

To substantiate the claim that it was a mob attack, you relied on the story "Clash in CHT after hill students' demo" published by *The Prothom Alo* on 29 September 2024 (<https://en.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/local-news/4egt04jr56>).

Your organization did not verify whether the story published by *The Prothom Alo* is true or not. That the young man, Mohammed Mamun, died as a result of mob attack was absolutely false and it was a case of kidnapping and murder as per the FIR registered and the kidnapping and murder case was turned into a mob attack to justify the attacks on indigenous hill people.

In this particular case, on 20 September 2024, FIR No.12/107 was registered by Mr Abdul Maten Mridha, Inspector and Officer-in-Charge of Khagrachari Police Station, on a complaint filed by Mrs Mukta Akhtar (National Identity Card No.6869755918), wife of late Mohammed Mamun of Salbon, Shaplar Mor, Khagrachari Sadar. She filed the complaint against accused No.1 Mohammed Shakeel (27 years); (2) Rafiqul Alam (55 years); (3) Didarul Alam and (4) 10-12 tribals and Bengalis. Mrs Mukta Akhtar in her complaint in Bengali (translated herein below) stated the following:

"My husband (victim) is a furniture business and owner of "Maa" furniture in the locality. My husband (victim) like everyday was out from home towards the shop at 1800 hours on 17/09/2024. As I had guests at my home and there was not enough space, he told me that he will stay at the shop. Therefore, I did not inquire about his whereabouts in the night. At About 7.00 hours on 18/09/2024 I came to know that the staff of my husband and witness Shahin has been picked up. Thereafter, I also received the information that at 2400 hours in the night that accused No.1 accused under the instruction of accused No.2 and 3 was forced to accompany them and when he refused, he was picked up by the accused. It is pertinent to mention that my husband has previous enmity with accused No.2 and 3. After learning about all these, I started searching for the victim. At one point, I saw a video in the facebook that under the instructions and presence of the above mentioned accused, there was an attempt to murder my husband. At that point, I came to know that my husband (victim) was murdered and his dead body was lying at the Sadar hospital. Thereafter, me and my family members rushed to the hospital, identified his dead body and brought the dead body after postmortem and buried him. Thereafter, I came to know that witness Shahin was picked up by the accused No.1 and unknown persons who brutally tortured and injured him. Witness Shahin is still under treatment in the hospital. After burying my husband (victim) and becoming a little bit stable after the family's loss, and advice from the locally known persons, there was little delay in filing the FIR".

A copy of the FIR and the complaint is attached as **ANNEX-1**.

Without verifying the facts and speaking to the victim's family and survivor Shahin/witness to the murder, you turned a case of kidnapping and murder into "a mob attack". You turned the owner of "Maa" furniture as per Ms Mukta Akhtar into an alleged thief. This is nothing but defamation of the dead.



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The FIR was registered on 20 September and it has been available publicly including with the RRAG. The facts stated in the FIR filed by Mrs Mukta Akhtar were published in *The Dhaka Tribune* (CHT violence: Two cases filed in Khagrachhari, Rangamati, dated 22 September 2024 @ <https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/nation/359333/cht-violence-two-cases-filed-in-khagrachhari>) and *The Daily Star* (CHT violence: Two cases filed in Khagrachhari and Rangamati dated 22 September 2024 @ <https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/crime-justice/news/cht-violence-two-cases-filed-khagrachhari-and-rangamati-3709121>). Even though, you published the story 10 days after the FIR was filed and 8 days after *The Dhaka Tribune* and *The Daily Star* published the contents of the FIR, you selectively relied on the story published in *The Prothom Alo*, "Clash in CHT after hill students' demo" on 29 September 2024 (<https://en.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/local-news/4egt04jr56>).

In fact, you did not mention the fact Mohammed Mamun was kidnapped and murdered by persons belonging to his own community (linguistically Bengali following Islam) on 18 September because of previous enmity at his own village in Khagrachari Sadar as per his own wife. The same kidnapping and murder was used by the illegal plain settlers to attack the indigenous peoples in Dighinala on 19 September which had nothing to do with the death of Mohammed Mamun. You concealed these **MATERIAL** facts to mislead the readers who might be trusting your story as a fact-checking organization, without realizing that you not only failed to verify facts from the primary sources but you actually selected a particular secondary source (news story) to certify false information as a "fact" to suit your narrative.

2. YOU INSINUATE AGAINST SUHAS CHAKMA, DIRECTOR OF RRAG, ABOUT THE NUMBER OF DEATHS WITHOUT VERIFYING FROM HIM

In your story, you had further insinuated in the following way:

*"Nevertheless, Suhas Chakma, director of the Rights and Risks Analysis Group claimed nine indigenous deaths in a media statement. He along with other Indian Chakma leaders urged Mr. Modi to downgrade ties with Bangladesh after killings of tribals. The Borderlens, cited the letter that claimed "the deaths of 9 tribals" and reported that five unidentified bodies remain at Khagrachari hospital, **a claim not substantiated**. And, IWGIA only mentions four deaths in its joint statement with CHT Commission."* (Emphasis ours)

Once again it is reiterated that as a fact-checking organization, your first and non-negotiable principle is to verify from the source itself before drawing your conclusion, **"a claim not substantiated"**. You insinuated against myself (Suhas Chakma) without verifying the basis of my/our claims. You did not verify despite my/our emails being available on the website of the Rights and Risks Analysis Group (www.rightsrisks.org) and my profile being given in LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/suhas-chakma-b0466a45/>) where you could have sent messages to verify. You choose not to verify.

If you had contacted, the RRAG would have given its basis which are substantiated below:

A. Four officially recognized deaths (Photos provided)

As per the official figures four indigenous hill tribe persons were killed by the illegal settlers and the Bangladesh Army. They were identified as (1) Mr Dhana Ranjan Chakma (52 years), son of Handara Chakma of Udol Bagan who was beaten to death by the Bangladesh Army personnel at Dighinala on 19 September 2024; (2) Mr Junan Chakma, 22 years, son of Rupayon Chakma of village Juboraj-para, Perachara Union, Khagrachari shot dead by Bangladesh Army on 19 September; (3) Mr Rubel Tripura, 24 years, son of Gorjon Muni Tripura of Perachara Union, Khagrachari Sadar Upazila shot dead by Bangladesh Army on 19 September; and (4) Mr Anik Chakma, beaten to death by the illegal settlers at Rangamati on 20 September 2024.

The photographs of these four death persons as provided to the RRAG. **Please refer to the pdf version of this letter for the photos.**

B. Five unidentified dead bodies which were lying at Khagrachari Hospital different from four officially recognized deaths (photos provided)

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On the morning of 20 September 2024, the RRAG was provided photographs of five unidentified dead bodies which were lying at Khagrachari hospital. The photographs of these five unidentified persons appeared different from those four identified death persons as mentioned above.

The photographs of these five unidentified dead bodies lying at Khagrachari Hospital on 20 September 2024 as submitted to the RRAG. **Please refer to the pdf version of this letter for the photos.**

When the RRAG submitted the memorandum to the Prime Minister of India and issued the press release on 20 September 2024 which was published by *The Borderlens*, we relied on the photographic evidence provided to us from the Khagrachari hospital. The dead could not speak up to identify themselves. It was with great difficulty that people shared these photos from the hospital premises.

Therefore, the assertion in your article - "*five unidentified bodies remain at Khagrachari hospital, **a claim not substantiated***" - is false. Our claim was based on the photographs we were provided by the eye-witnesses.

In this regard, it is pertinent to mention that Bangladesh has witnessed enforced disappearances committed in Bangladesh and it is so much so that the Government of Bangladesh established a [Commission on Enforced Disappearances on 29 August 2024](#).

In April 2019 Michael Chakma disappeared, his family held a funeral service for him and he was held illegal custody enduring mental and physical torture during his captivity at Ainaghar operated by the military intelligence directorate (DGFI). He was released on 9 August 2024. [When a habeas corpus petition was filed after his disappearance, the Government of Bangladesh lied before the High Court and claimed that Michael Chakma was not kidnapped at all.](#)

Against these practices of human rights violations and military rule in the CHTs by the Bangladesh Army, you have the effrontery to publish false information/ misinformation/ concocted information completely relying on secondary sources of information (newspapers) chosen selectively to create a narrative that downplays human rights violations in the CHTs and discredit a prominent human rights activist, Suhas Chakma, without any verification from the primary sources.

In the light of the above facts which can stand judicial scrutiny, the Rights and Risks Analysis Group calls upon your organization to issue a corrigendum on the top of the article/ page to provide the following clarifications:

- In the first sentence of the article it was stated that "*On September 18, in Dighinala, Khagrachari, a young man died in a mob attack following theft allegations*". This does not reflect the truth as mentioned in the FIR No. No.12/107 dated 20 September 2024 registered by the Khagrachari Police Station based on the complaint filed by Mrs Mukta Akhtar, wife of the deceased young man Mohammed Mamun. In her complaint, Mrs Akhtar stated that her husband Mohammed Mamun was the owner of Maa Furniture and not an alleged thief and he was murdered by accused No.1 Mohammed Shakeel (27 years), (2) Rafiqul Alam (55 years), (3) Didarul Alam and (4) 10-12 tribals and Bengalis after kidnapping and torture. The facts of the FIR were published in *The Dhaka Tribune* (CHT violence: Two cases filed in Khagrachhari, Rangamati, dated 22 September 2024 @ <https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/nation/359333/cht-violence-two-cases-filed-in-khagrachhari>) and *The Daily Star* (CHT violence: Two cases filed in Khagrachhari and Rangamati dated 22 September 2024 @ <https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/crime-justice/news/cht-violence-two-cases-filed-khagrachhari-and-rangamati-3709121>). A copy of the FIR is provided.
- In the article, it was stated, "*Nevertheless, Suhas Chakma, director of the Rights and Risks Analysis Group claimed nine indigenous deaths in a media statement. He along with other Indian Chakma leaders urged Mr. Modi to downgrade ties with Bangladesh after killings of tribals. The Borderlens, cited the letter that claimed "the deaths of 9 tribals" and reported that five unidentified bodies remain at Khagrachari hospital, **a claim not substantiated**. And, IWGIA only mentions four deaths in its joint statement with CHT Commission.*" The same is corrected as "*Nevertheless, Suhas Chakma, director of the Rights and Risks Analysis Group claimed nine indigenous deaths in a media statement. He along with other Indian Chakma leaders urged Mr. Modi to downgrade ties with Bangladesh after killings of tribals. The Borderlens, cited the letter that claimed "the deaths of 9 tribals" and reported that five unidentified bodies remain at Khagrachari hospital, **a claim substantiated with photographs of five unidentified***

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dead bodies sent to the RRAG. However, IWGIA only mentions four deaths in its joint statement with CHT Commission." Photographs of the five unidentified bodies are provided.

These clarifications should be done in the next 48 hours with the copy of the FIR and the photos of the five unidentified dead bodies which were lying at the Khagrachari Hospital on 20 September 2024.

This is without prejudice to our rights and contentions to issue a public statement and share the same with all fact-checking organizations all over the world, national NGOs in Bangladesh, regional and international human rights organizations in the world, diplomatic community and UN agencies based in Dhaka and key multilateral financial institutions.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Suhas Chakma

Director

Encl: As above.

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Re: Request to issue corrigendum on the top of the story, "From four to a hundred: The politics of disinformation in the Hill Tracts conflict," published on September 29, 2024 at <https://en.dismislab.com/from-four-to-a-hundred-the-politics-of-disinformation-in-the-hill-tracts-conflict/>



From Dismislab <editor@dismislab.com>
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Date 2024-10-28 13:41

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Dear Suhas Chakma,

We sincerely apologize for the delay in responding to your email. We have reviewed your observations thoroughly with utmost priority. Please find our response to the concerns raised by you and the Rights & Risks Analysis Group (RRAG) attached.
Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Best regards,
Lead
Dismislab.com

Dear Suhas Chakma,

Director, The Rights & Risks Analysis Group (RRAG)

We sincerely apologize for the delay in responding to your email. As a team dedicated to accuracy and ensuring the integrity of information, we have taken your observations on our report with utmost seriousness. We have also conducted a thorough internal review and gathered first-hand evidence in response to your concerns.

Below is our formal response addressing the specific points you raised:

First Point: Allegation of Disinformation in Our Report

Your email states that our report begins with 'disinformation and misinformation', for not mentioning the FIR regarding the death of Mohammad Mamun in Khagrachari. The email mentioned: "You concealed these MATERIAL facts to mislead the readers who might be trusting your story as a fact-checking organization, without realizing that you not only failed to verify facts from the primary sources but you actually selected a particular secondary source (news story) to certify false information as a "fact" to suit your narrative."

Dismislab would like to clarify that Mr. Mamun's tragic demise was mentioned to provide context to the long-form report, but his death was not the main subject of the article. The article focused on how false narratives about deaths in the CHT spread online and eventually permeated into the offline world, influencing media reports, protests, and political campaigns.

Since the onset there have been several versions surrounding the reason for Mr. Mamun's death. We refrained from getting into that debate and relied on trusted information sources to set the context. It is an established practice for fact-checking organizations to rely on secondary and open-source information.

Multiple credible media outlets ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#)) have also reported on this case. We cited Prothom Alo as one of the most credible news sources in Bangladesh and the article we hyperlinked was published on 29th September, long after Mr. Mamun's death and the consequent complaint submitted by his family. Our report aligns with similar observations made by at least two other rights organizations, and Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti which also primarily referred to the incident as a mob-related case ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)).

Furthermore, while we deeply sympathize with Mrs. Akhter's loss, your claim that our article 'does not reflect the truth as mentioned in the FIR' misinterprets the nature of an FIR. An FIR is an initial report and does not establish facts or truth, especially while the case is still under investigation. Therefore, our statement that 'a young man died in a mob attack' does not qualify as a misinformation, but rather, it is supported by credible reports from reliable news outlets and human rights organizations."

Second Point: Regarding the Identification of the Bodies in Khagrachari Hospital

We understand that The Rights & Risks Analysis Group (RRAG) and Mr. Suhas Chakma's arguments largely hinge on the claim regarding the identification of five unidentified bodies. Our report referred to these claims as "not substantiated." Mr. Chakma's email provided the names of three individuals who were identified: Mr. Dhana Ranjan Chakma, Mr. Junan Chakma, and Mr. Rubel Tripura, who was killed on 19 September.

Our article references Mr. Suhas Chakma concerning the claims made in The Borderlens report and the memorandum submitted by Chakma leaders, which alleged the deaths of nine tribals and reported the presence of five unidentified bodies at Khagrachari hospital. We referred to these allegations as "claims not substantiated" because, while both The Borderlens report and the memorandum assert that nine individuals died, they do not provide any cited sources to substantiate this claim.

The evidence presented to support the claim of nine deaths consists of an annex in the memorandum and a request for a corrigendum, which includes photographs of "five unidentified bodies" at Khagrachari hospital. However, neither the annex nor the memorandum indicates any effort to independently verify the deaths of "unidentified" bodies shown in the photographs.

Moreover, both The Borderlens report and the memorandum contain inaccuracies regarding the four confirmed deaths, specifically by listing "Lenin Chakma" as one of the deceased. Reports indicate that [Lenin Chakma was injured](#), not deceased, further raising questions about the source and verification process used in making these claims.

In the email requesting corrigendum, you stated that the images of the "5 unidentified" persons appeared different from the 4 identified individuals, which you argued substantiates the claim of 9 indigenous deaths. However, our findings contradict this assertion. Upon closer examination, we have determined that the 5 photos of the so-called "unidentified persons" are not of different individuals but actually depict three of the already identified individuals—Dhana Ranjan Chakma, Junan Chakma, and Rubel Tripura.

To reach to this conclusion we cross-verified the photos you shared as "substantial" evidence in four different ways:

1. We gathered several social media posts with photos that you referred to as "unidentified" posted by the local community on 19th September and onwards. Those posts identified people in the same pictures as Dhana Ranjan Chakma, Junan Chakma, and Rubel Tripura, not as separate individuals.
2. We conducted a visual analysis of the images you sent to us, which indicate that the five unidentified individuals were, in fact, the same as the three identified persons who died in Khagrachari that day, but shown in different positions and places.
3. Afterwards, we communicated with the hospital authority requesting a confirmation and the Resident Medical Officer of Khagrachari Sadar Hospital who attested the images of alleged unidentified individuals shared in your email, to be actually of the 3 identified persons — Junan, Dhana Ranjan, and Rubel.

4. Lastly, we reached out to the grief stricken families of the 2 identified deceased in Khagrachari and they also confirmed those images to be of their lost loved ones.

Our Verification: Our analysis aimed to determine if the five photos presented as separate, unidentified bodies exhibited any visual patterns or similarities that could help reach a conclusion. We found that the photo of Dhana Ranjan Chakma (Picture 1) features a distinctive sheet of cloth, which also appears in two photos labeled as unidentified individuals (2 and 3). Additionally, another image collected from social media (Picture 4) shows the same cloth. While Picture 2 is claimed to be of an unidentified person, a social media post dated 20th September clearly identifies this individual, suggesting that the bodies are not separate as claimed."

 <p>দীঘিনালায় সেনা হামলায় নিহত ধনরঞ্জন চাকমা</p> <p>Picture 1: Identifies Dhana Ranjan Chakma in the email request for corrigendum</p>	 <p>First unidentified dead body lying at Khagrachari Hospital</p> <p>Picture 2: Claimed to be unidentified</p>  <p>Second and third unidentified dead bodies lying at Khagrachari Hospital on 20 September 2024</p> <p>Picture 2: Claimed to be of second and third unidentified bodies, one of which is wrapped in a cloth similar to that seen in other photos.</p>	 <p>Kongjory Marma is with রাহেইফু মণ and 32 others. Sep 20 · 🌐</p> <p>খাগড়াছড়ি সদর হাসপাতালের বারান্দায় ৩ জনের নিখার মরদেহ পড়ে আছে। সেনাবাহিনীর প্রলিভে দুইজনের মধ্যে একজনের নাম জুনান চাকমা (হিন্দির জামতলা এলাকায়), আরেকজন কবেল ভিপুরা।</p> <p>আরেকজন বয়স্ক ব্যক্তির বাড়ি দীঘিনালার উদালবাগান এলাকায়(ধনরঞ্জন চাকমা), মৃত ব্যক্তির হেলের ভাষামতে ওনার বাবাক সেনাবাহিনীরা তুল নিয়ে মেরে রক্তাক্ত করে বাস্তায় লান ফেল দিয়ে যায়।এছাড়াও গতকাল রাত সেনাবাহিনীর গুলিতে প্রলিভিক হয়ে হাত পা ভেঙ্গে হসপিটালে ৭-৮ জন ভর্তি হয়েছে।</p> <p>Like Copy Share</p> <p>Picture 4: A social media post dated 20th September identifies Dhana Ranjan Chakma, contradicting the claim in the email.</p>
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Visual analysis (highlighted with a yellow arrow) indicates the presence of the same piece of cloth on a body across all photos. This cloth appears in images that are claimed to be unidentified (Pictures 1 and 4) and in those that identify the body as Dhana Ranjan Chakma (Pictures 2 and 3).

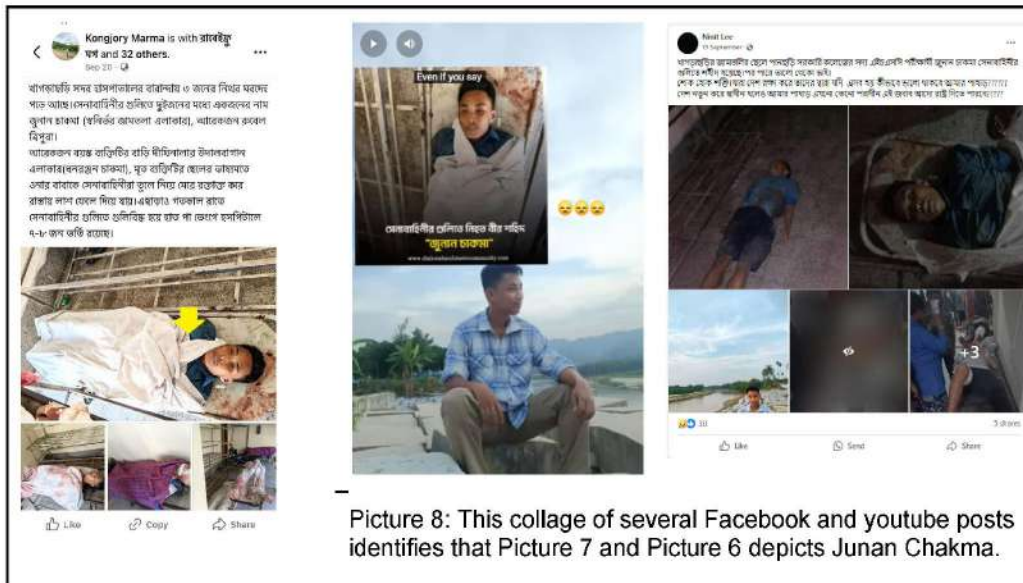
We had the photos independently cross-verified. Our representative interviewed the Resident Medical Officer of Khagrachari Sadar Hospital, Mr. Ripple Bappi Chakma. He stated, "On the night of September 19th, following the unrest between the hill people and Bengalis, several patients came in for treatment after 9:30 PM. Of these, a few were admitted, while others were referred to different hospitals. Three individuals passed away while under treatment here. One

was from Dighinala, while the other two were from Khagrachari Sadar.” After reviewing the photos (which you shared as of the unidentified individuals), he confirmed that they were of Junan, Dhana Ranjan, and Rubel, taken from the verandah of Khagrachari Sadar Hospital.

We also attempted to contact the families of the deceased. While they were unable to reach anyone from the family of Dhana Ranjan Chakma, we did manage to get in touch with the families of Junan Chakma and Rubel Tripura.

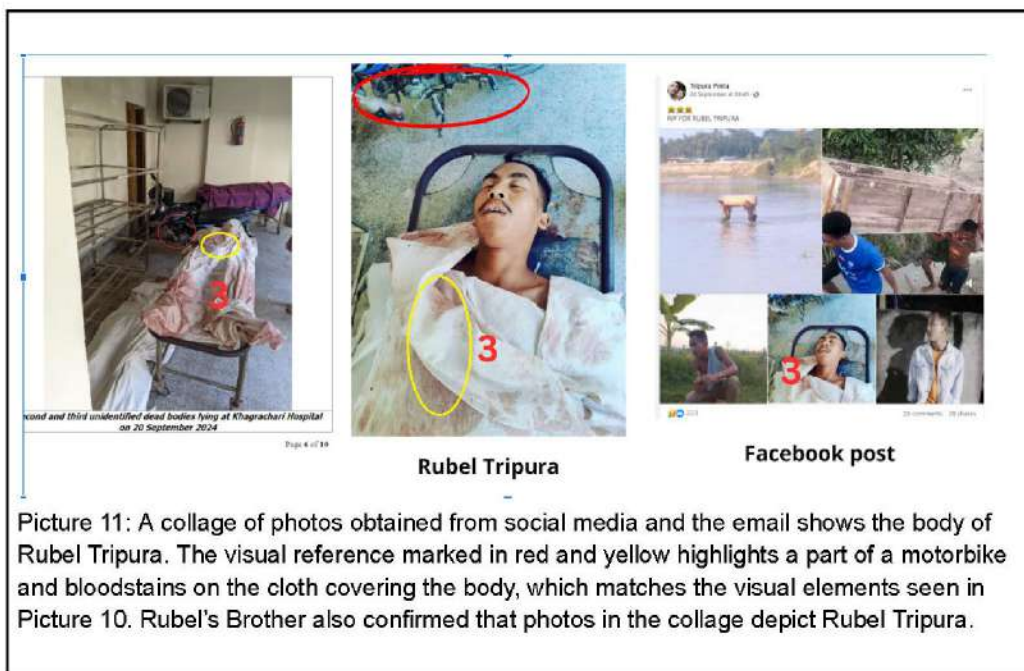
We contacted the mother of the deceased Junan Chakma, Mrs. Ruposhi Chakma. Upon seeing the photos, she confirmed that they were indeed of her son Junan. She said, “One picture on the floor and the other with the cover—both are of my son Junan Chakma.” Our visual analysis, and several social media posts, posted on 19th and 20th September also confirms the same.

 <p>Picture 5: identifies Junan Chakma in the corrigendum email.</p>	 <p>Fourth unidentified dead body lying at Khagrachari Hospital</p> <p>Picture 6: This is the same image of Junan Chakma, yet it is claimed to be of a fourth unidentified person in the email. The angle and the attire of the body are identical to those in Picture 5. Visual similarity is marked in a yellow arrow.</p> <p>Junan's mother also identified this picture as being of her son.</p>	 <p>Fifth unidentified dead body lying at Khagrachari Hospital on 20 September 2024</p> <p>Picture 7: The above photo was claimed to be of the fifth unidentified body. However, Junan's mother and several social media posts identify Picture 7 as being of Junan Chakma.</p>
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Rubel Tripura's elder brother, Dirgha Moni Tripura, confirmed on record that the photos (allegedly of unidentified deceased) we showed him included his brother. He identified Rubel in two photos of the allegedly unidentified individuals, stating, "In the pictures marked 3, marked with a circle, one image shows the face uncovered, while another has the face covered—both are of my brother Rubel Tripura."





Picture 11: A collage of photos obtained from social media and the email shows the body of Rubel Tripura. The visual reference marked in red and yellow highlights a part of a motorbike and bloodstains on the cloth covering the body, which matches the visual elements seen in Picture 10. Rubel's Brother also confirmed that photos in the collage depict Rubel Tripura.

Visual analysis and photos collected from social media corroborate this finding. Several social media posts have identified the photos of Rubel Tripura, which the email had claimed to depict unidentified bodies. One of the photos, described in the email as showing the 'second and third unidentified body,' was identified as Rubel Tripura, matching the visual references found in social media posts.

Amendments:

There were several narratives surrounding Mr. Mamun's death, but this was not the subject matter of the article. Our decision to describe the event as a 'mob attack' was based on multiple credible sources, including local news reports and human rights organizations, which supported this characterization. While we strive to remain open to all perspectives for fairness, we also have a responsibility to ensure that our article does not inadvertently contribute to narratives that could deepen divisions or justify violence against minority groups. Therefore, we have chosen to stand by our initial language, while continuing to monitor new information as it becomes available. Our commitment remains to report fairly and accurately, especially when the stakes involve the safety and rights of marginalized communities.

While we deeply respect your work for the rights of the minorities, please be informed that we will be updating our statement, "a claim not substantiated" and replace it with "Upon verification, the images of the 5 unidentified bodies were revealed to be of the three already identified individuals died in Khagrachari, often in different positions".

Regarding your request for a full corrigendum at the top of the article, we believe that such a correction is not warranted in this case. Our investigation and the evidence we have gathered through independent verification, including visual analysis and interviews, suggest that the initial reporting was accurate. The discrepancies identified, such as the identification of the deceased individuals, were cross-checked with multiple sources, including direct family confirmations and hospital authorities.

We hope that we have been able to adequately address the concerns of Mr. Suhas Chakma and the RRAG. If this response does not fully resolve the issue, you are welcome to submit your disagreement or explanatory statement. We can publish all the evidence and create an independent story based on it which can lead the whole scenario clear for all.

We just want to reiterate that we share the same values as yours, in protecting the rights of minority communities.

Best wishes,
Lead,
Dismislab

The Rights & Risks Analysis Group (RRAG) is an independent think-tank based in New Delhi. It conducts risks analysis to prevent violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms with a specific focus on the threats to the rule of law and democracy. It provides early warnings on impending conflicts and analysis of policies and programmes of the State and non-State actors contributing to the proliferation or perpetuation of conflicts. Its special focus remains to change the current narrative on counter-terrorism.

The RRAG believes that risks to rights can be addressed through effective engagement with the stakeholders and independent and incisive analysis of the issues and situations for their effective interventions for the prevention of violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms.



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