

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

**Murder:** In December, total 140 people were killed for various reasons such as terrorist attack, robbery, clashes for land and properties, dowry, rape, eve teasing, etc. Among these victims 97 men 36 women and 7 were children.

**Violence against women:**

- 1) **Dowry:** In December, 4 women were killed for dowry. In addition 5 women were severely tortured for this purpose. The deceased are Asma Begum (26) from Barishal, Irin Akhter (19) from Shariatpur, Dipa (21) from Narayanganj and Taslima Begum from Jhinaida.
- 2) **Rape:** In December, 12 women were raped among them 1 was killed. The deceased is Rita from Natore. The other victims are from Narail, Gazipur, Chapainababganj, Dhaka, Narayanganj, Nilphamari, Bhola, Mymensing and Jhinaida.
- 3) **Eve Teasing:** In December, 51 incidents of eve teasing were happened in the country. For confronting eve teasing, a father, Monir Hossain (45) was brutally killed by the stalkers in Chandpur. Beside this, Chaity Akhter (17) from Madaripur and Zakia Begum (18) from Bhola committed suicide as they were taunted by the stalkers. The stalkers kidnapped a college student in Dhaka as she refused to marry one of the stalkers. A school girl in Barishal was severely wounded with blade, Moushumi Akhter (14) from Sherpur and Suma Akhter (17) from Barguna were viciously injured with knife. Suma has lost her right leg for this.

**Suicide:** In December, total 17 incidents of suicide happened. Among them 9 were women and 8 were men. Family feudal, Sickness, Mental pressure, failure in love is the main cause behind these. The places where these incidents occurred are Dhaka, Narail, Gazipur, Barishal, Narayanganj, Mymensing and Patuakhali.

**Violence against the journalists:** In December, there was attack on 4 journalists in different 2 incidents. In Barishal the president of Muladi Press Club and local correspondent of Daily Matabad Manir Hossen Rari was killed for the dispute on land. Some Chhatro League activists at Jahangirnagar University physically offended university journalist Ikbal Hossain, Daily Shakti; Palash Mahmud, the president of university journalist association and the general secretary Saeed Zunaid. This incident happened for a dispute on sitting in the field.