

## Monthly Human Rights Monitoring Report by Democracywatch Murder 147, Eve Teasing 30 and Suicide 19 in January

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

**Murder:** In January, a total number of 147 people were killed for various reasons such as terrorist attack, robbery, clashes for land and properties, dowry, rape, eve teasing, etc. Among these victims 103 men 38 women and 6 were children.

### Violence against women:

**Dowry:** In January, 7 women were killed and 5 women and 2 children were severely tortured for dowry in 12 different incidents. The deceased are Taposhi Rani Sarkar from Chandpur, Hasina and Maria Sultana Dipa from Gazipur, Rasheda Begum (16) from Dinajpur, Chaina Begum (14) from Narail, Salma Khatun (19) from Shirajganj and Rozina (20) from Pirojpur. Beside this, Sonia Akhter (18, Dhaka), Sharmin Akhter (18, Madaripur), Shilpi Begum and her daughter Urme (17 months, Pirojpur), Moushumi (21) and her daughter Lamia (2) from Narayanganj and Rahima Akhter got seriously injured over dowry.

**Rape:** In January, 8 women were raped among them 2 were killed. The deceased are Tania (18, Narayanganj) and an adolescent house wife from Maulavibazar. The other victims are from Barishal, Narayanganj, Faridpur, Chittagong, Manikganj and Jhalokathi.

**Eve Teasing:** In January, 30 incidents of Eve Teasing occurred in the whole country. A cousin of a college girl Babul Akhter (42) was killed as he protested the stalkers at Naogaon. Beside this 4 guardians and teachers were physically assaulted for protesting stalking in different areas. A stalker has broken a leg of a college girl Amena Akhter at Madaripur. At Barguna, A stalker named Shah Jalal tried to cut the tongue of a house wife (20) as she denied his bad proposal.

**Suicide:** In January, total 19 people committed suicide for various reasons such as mental pressure, eve teasing, rape, dowry and family feudal. Among them 16 were women and 3 were men. The places where these incidents occurred are Dhaka, Narshingdi, Jessore, Moulavibazar and Madaripur. Mukti Rani Mondol from Faridpur committed suicide for being raped. Tumpa Akhter (16) from Rangpur and Hafsa Akhter Dipu (15) from Netrokona committed suicide for stalking.

### Violence against the journalists:

In January, there was attack on 5 journalists in different 4 incidents. Forhad Khan (60), the Senior Sub Editor of The Daily Jnata, along with his wife was murdered in their own house at New Paltan in Dhaka. The reason and the murderer is unidentified yet. The AL cadres injured Ali Ahsan Habib, the Thakurgaon correspondent of The Daily Kaler Kantha in Collegepara, Thakurgaon in the time of a clash. In Dhaka, at trade fair, the worker of New Hajir Biriani assaulted Shibli Choudhury Kayes and Anwar Hossen Shobdo, the journalists of Digonto TV as they tried to investigate on the poor quality food of that shop. 6 people were arrested over this incident. Hedayet Hossen, Reporter of Islamic TV was arrested and harassed by the police as protested the corruption of the police. He was freed later.

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