

## Introduction

Human rights situation in Bangladesh has been worsening day by day and this is very alarming as to a significant stage the rights are being violated by the state itself. From bureaucracy to professionals, public procurement to conducting of public examination, politicization and criminalization are going rampantly everywhere. Various institutions are objected to malfunctioning at political will causing further deterioration of institutionalization contrary to the good governance and a healthy culture. Lax law enforcement panics people.

**Table: 1<sup>1</sup>**

Increasing trend of human right violation: statistics of last six months (January-June 2012)

Type of Human Rights violation		January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Extra Judicial killing	Crossfire	5	11	10	9	3	0	38
	Tortured to death	0	2	1	1	0	1	05
	Shot to death	1	0	1	1	0	1	04
	Total	6	13	12	11	3	2	47
Attack on Journalists	Injured	21	8	1	16	26	4	76
	Threatened	6	3	26	1	7	3	46
	assaulted	7	3	13	0	12	0	35
Political violence	Killed	16	9	17	24	10	7	83
	Injured	1884	727	1052	2548	1556	741	8508

<sup>1</sup>Odhikar and daily news papers of Bangladesh

Table 2<sup>2</sup>

**Comparison between the year 2010 and 2009**

Type of violence	2011	2010	2009
Extra-judicial killing	84	127	154
Death in Custody	105	109	123
Disappearance	30	16	2
Hindrance in Media	206	263	266
Killed by BSF	31	74	98
Political Violence: Killed	101	220	251
Acid violence	101	137	101
Dowry violence against women	516	378	319
Rape	711	556	456
Public Lynching	161	74	127
Died : Readymade Garments Worker	4	7	7

**Concern of the Human Rights Organizations**

Many national and international Human Rights Organizations showed their concerns as to the recent human rights status in Bangladesh such as:

**1. *Amnesty International* released a public statement headed by “Bangladesh: Authorities must account for deaths amid spate of disappearances”**

The said statement contains that, “Amnesty International has spoken to family members of many of the victims, who say abductions are usually carried out by plain clothes security officers who are easily identified because they wear similar clothing, including heavy duty shoes unusual for

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<sup>2</sup>Odhikar and daily news papers of Bangladesh

the hot Bangladesh climate. They also have short hair.

Amnesty International has documented abductions and killings by Bangladesh security forces, especially the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), for years. These disappearances cannot be simply brushed off - it is the government's responsibility to bring the perpetrators to account, and ensure justice for the victims."<sup>3</sup>

2. **Human Rights Watch** also expresses anxiety about ongoing human rights condition of Bangladesh. It stated, "The Awami League government failed to use its significant parliamentary mandate in 2011 to push through policies to ensure strong protections of human rights. Instead of prosecuting members of the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), who engage in extrajudicial killings, the home minister chose to deny that such violations occur, even in cases where internal ministry investigations found evidence of wrongdoing. The practice of disguising extrajudicial killings as "crossfire" killings seeped from the RAB into other law enforcement institutions, particularly the police. New allegations of torture, arbitrary arrest, and enforced disappearances by police continue to emerge.

The government in 2011 tightened controls over civil society organizations by prosecuting labor union leaders and delaying foreign grants to NGOs. At this writing a bill proposing restrictions on media, which would prohibit the broadcast of certain religious and political speech, was under consideration."<sup>4</sup>

Here goes the introductory statement of the country report of Human Rights 2011 by the **State department of USA** which depicts the real picture of the human rights condition in Bangladesh

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*"The most significant human rights problems were killings and torture by security forces; societal violence and discrimination against women, despite recent progress in their economic and social status; and the government's discrimination against and failure to protect indigenous persons from societal violence.*

*Other human rights problems included abuses by security forces, which were responsible for disappearances, custodial deaths, and arbitrary arrest and detention. Prison conditions at times were life threatening, and lengthy pretrial detention continued to be a problem. An increasingly politicized judiciary exacerbated problems in an already overwhelmed judicial system and constrained access to justice for members of opposition parties. Authorities infringed on citizens' privacy rights. There were instances in which the government limited freedom of speech and press, self-censorship continued, and security forces harassed journalists. The government curbed freedom of assembly, and politically motivated violence remained a problem. Widespread official corruption remained a serious problem. Violence against children remained a serious*

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<sup>3</sup> Amnesty International public statement, 24 April, 2012

<sup>4</sup> In the official website of Human Rights Watch, [www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org) - published on January 2012

*problem, as did trafficking in persons. Discrimination against persons with disabilities was a problem. Societal violence against religious and ethnic minorities persisted, although many government and civil society leaders stated that these acts often had political or economic motivations and could not be attributed only to religious belief or affiliation. Discrimination against persons based on their sexual orientation remained a problem. Limits on worker rights, child labor, and unsafe working conditions also remained problems.*

*Impunity continued to be a serious problem in several areas. Most members of the security forces acted with impunity, the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) in particular. The government did not take comprehensive measures to investigate cases of security force killings. Widespread official corruption and related impunity continued. Punishment of officials who committed abuses was predominantly limited to officials perceived to be opponents of the AL-led government.”<sup>5</sup>*

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<sup>5</sup>[http://www.state.gov/j/drl/rls/hrrpt/humanrightsreport/?dynamic\\_load\\_id=186306#wrapper](http://www.state.gov/j/drl/rls/hrrpt/humanrightsreport/?dynamic_load_id=186306#wrapper)

- A BNP activist was beaten to death allegedly by Awami League (AL) men in Meherpur district yesterday morning. The dead was identified as Shariful Islam of Sonapur in Mujibnagar upazila in the district.<sup>6</sup>
- A BNP man was killed and another injured in a bomb attack at Duttapara Bazar in Jessore Sadar upazila. The dead, Zihadul Islam Zia, 42, was a member BNP Deyara union unit. The injured, Mohammad Ali, 43, hails from Deyara village.<sup>7</sup>
- A local leader of Juba Dal was killed by his rivals in Racecourse area of Comilla town. The victim was Towfiq Islam Sohel, 40, member of district (Comilla South) unit of Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal. The deceased died on the way to Comilla Medical College Hospital.<sup>8</sup>
- Awami League cadres beaten to death a head teacher of a school in open daylight while the meeting of the school managing committee was ongoing. The incidence took place in Chhotna Model high school in Debidar Upazila of Comilla district. The deceased head teacher si Md. Aktar Hossain. 15-20 Awami caders under the lead of Khorshed Kibria did the murder. The Awami terrorists killed Akter because they failed to appoint their candidate as head teacher.<sup>9</sup>



বিনাইদহে ধানক্ষেতে পড়ে থাকা রাজ মিয়র লাশ (ডানে); স্বজনের আহাজারি

A BNP activist was killed and another injured in a bomb attack in Jessore Sadar upazila. The deceased was identified as Jihadul Islam Zia, 42, a former member of Deyara Union in the upazila, while injured

as Mohammad Ali, 43, reports our Jessore correspondent. Police said a gang of at least 10 criminals pounced on Zia and Ali when they were sitting at a tea stall at Duttapara Bazar around 11:30pm. The gang hacked the duo and hurled bomb before leaving the place.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Daily Star 25.09.12

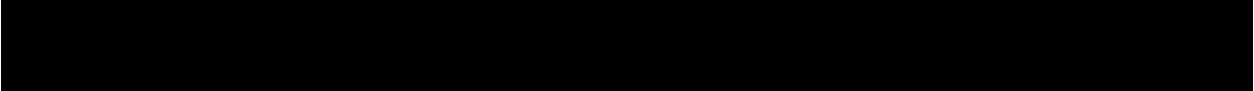
<sup>7</sup> Daily Star 18.09.12

<sup>8</sup> Daily Star 17.09.12

<sup>9</sup> Amardesh 03.09.12

<sup>10</sup> Daily Star 17.09.12

- The body of a missing Jubo Dal leader named Md Helal Uddin is recovered in Shubornachar Upazila of Noakhali.<sup>11</sup>

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- Leaders and activists of the ruling Awami League-backed Chhatra League beat up a headmaster of a girls' high school in Tangail with hammers as the teacher declined to have some students admitted illegally.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Prothom Alo 05.09.12

- 10 were injured and 2 wounded by bullets in Gazaria during a fight between Juba Dal and Juba League. The fight was linked to a rival situation among the people from two organizations. The wounded men were admitted to hospital for treatment. The local people said a League leader who just got out of jail came to his area and attacked Juba Dal men<sup>13</sup>.
- In Chouddogram, 3 Jamat men were wounded in an attack on them by BCL. Families of victims said that this was linked to political rivalry. The criminals chopped the victims when they were near their home and left them. They were soon placed in hospital for treatment. Victims' families are preparing to take legal actions against those criminals<sup>14</sup>.
- In Mirsarai, a clash between two groups of BCL left more than 50 wounded and In Dasmina a joint attack by Juba League and BCL on Juba Dal left one Juba Dal leader injured. In Habiganj, a clash linked to a football match left 21 injured and in Laxmipur a clash between two brothers linked to ownership of a land left 12 wounded<sup>15</sup>.
- In Magura two rival groups of Awami league engaged in a riot and separate fights in many places of the city which left over 50 injured. On the other hand, in Senabag Juba League men chopped 8 Juba and Chhatra Dal leaders<sup>16</sup>.
- In Chuadanga, a night-long clash between Awami and BNP men left a BNP office burnt down to the ground and 2 leaders chopped by criminals. The injured men were sent to hospital in the area and later sent to Dhaka for treatment. In Bijoy Nagar, 2 rival groups of AI clashed which left 20 injured<sup>17</sup>.
- In Jhenaidah, 4 BCL leaders gangraped a university student. This horrible incident shocked people in the area. Victim's father filed cases against 7 including those 4 rapist BCL cadres. RAB captured the four criminals<sup>18</sup>.
- In Potia, Chittagong, an Awami leader injured brother and mother of a girl who he tried to rape. In Kurigram a child was raped. In Jamalpur a man blinded his wife for dowry. In Vandaria, a woman was injured by his ex-husband after leaving for cheating on her<sup>19</sup>.
- In MC college, Sylhet, the students who stood against BCL's extortion are now being victimized by police force. Police were targeting the students instead of those who arsoned the MC College students' hostel. None of the arsonist BCL men were arrested but 8 students were arrested<sup>20</sup>.
- In Jamalpur, Sharishabari, Shyampara, criminals beat up 3 teachers after dragging him out of their class rooms. Witnesses said that the criminals are protected by Awami MP of Jamalpur-4 sit of parliament. The students went on strike after this shameful event of attack on teachers<sup>21</sup>.
- In Porshuram, Feni, Awami League cadres and their men looted a BNP leader's house, took his money, valuables and ornaments and burnt down after looting. This arson and looting was linked to political rivalry in the area<sup>22</sup>.

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<sup>12</sup> New Age 06.09.12

<sup>13</sup> Sangram: 22.9.12

<sup>14</sup> Sangram: 13.9.12

<sup>15</sup> Amar Desh: 6.9.12

<sup>16</sup> Amar Desh: 4.9.12

<sup>17</sup> Prothom Alo: 7.9.12; Amar Desh: 8.9.12

<sup>18</sup> Amar Desh: 3.9.12

<sup>19</sup> Amar Desh: 3.9.12

<sup>20</sup> Sangram: 3.9.12

<sup>21</sup> Prothom Alo: 3.9.12

<sup>22</sup> Sangram: 9.9.12



- Police beat Chhatra Dal men after they brought out a rally to protest against attacks of BCL on them in Rajshahi university campus. Police told that they had to stop the rally in fear of more attacks on them. The police commissioner said that they recovered some students and sent them away<sup>23</sup>.
- In Tangail, BCL cadres beat up a headmaster of a government girls' high school entering his office. The victim's jaw was broken and he lost a few of his teeth and his leg was injured too. The criminals wanted the Headmaster to admit a few students, when he declined they hammered him<sup>24</sup>.
- BCL damaged and shattered Jagannath University canteen after they would not be let eat for free. Proctor said that he knew about this incident. BCL leader in Jagannath university said that the criminals would be punished<sup>25</sup>.
- Some 20 pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jubo League activists snatched an arrestee of a vandalism case from police at Tilaghar area in Sylhet city. Police could not trace any of the attackers. However two suspects of the case were arrested and sent to the judicial magistrate's court with a five-day remand prayer<sup>26</sup>.
- BCL harassed a female student in Modonmohan College and beat up another student in classroom for not joining in BCL rally. The teacher, Anupam Debnath did not resist the BCL for beating him. Previously, BCL leaders beat up another student in canteen<sup>27</sup>.
- In Kolaroya, shatkhira, An Awami leader beat up and severely injured an elderly man. The victim said that he was in conflict with another man over occupation of a land. The victim said that he was working on his land and AL men dragged him to UP office where AL leader Bhuttolal Gain beat him up with steel rods<sup>28</sup>.
- In Baliakadi, Rajbari, a Jamalpur UP chairman and Awami league leader and joint secretary of Upazilla Awami league harassed a Government official of land administration. The Awami league leader wanted him to do a shady job for bribe and when he declined he swore on him and beat with a chair<sup>29</sup>.
- In Jessore, Juba League cadres gangraped a child. In Gaibandha, Gobindoganj, a child was raped and in Pirgachha attempts to rape a widow was made. Police captured 2 linked to these crimes. The victim's brother and 8 others were injured by criminals in the Pirgacha incident<sup>30</sup>.
- In Kurigram, 15 were injured in a clash between BCL and Chhatra Dal. In Lalmonirhat a clash took place between local people and UP chairman's men. In Gopalganj, police attacked and injured 6 Chhatra Dal men in their rally. In Kalia, Narail, BNP's secretary and associate secretary were injured after Juba League and BCL men attacked him<sup>31</sup>.
- In Shirajganj, 10 were injured during a clash between two groups of BNP. In Brahminbaria, two groups of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal engaged in a fight linked to their inner conflict of the organization. And in Puthia Govet. Degree College, outsiders attacked and injured 8 students<sup>32</sup>.

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<sup>23</sup> Prothom Alo; 28.9.2012

<sup>24</sup> Amar Desh: 5.9.12

<sup>25</sup> Amar Desh: 5.9.12

<sup>26</sup> The Daily Star: 15.9.2012

<sup>27</sup> Sangram: 13.9.12

<sup>28</sup> Prothom Alo; 12.9.2012

<sup>29</sup> Amar Desh: 13.9.2012

<sup>30</sup> Amar Desh: 5.9.2012

<sup>31</sup> Amar Desh: 10.9.2012

<sup>32</sup> Amar Desh: 8.9.2012

- In Barisal, attacks on BNP rallies brought out on celebration of BNP's 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of formation left many injured. Awami cadres attacked some of the rallies. Victims and witnesses said that the AI men 'ambushed' them where they were rallying the streets<sup>33</sup>.
- In Maheshpur, Jhenaidah, a bomb went off in front of a BNP office. Several rounds were shot by criminals. Several BNP leaders were injured after bomb attacks and shooting who were taken to hospital. Police were deployed to maintain security and thwart further attacks<sup>34</sup>.
- In Fatikchhari, Chittagong, BCL and Chhatra Dal engaged in a fight linked to writing stuffs on wall. The fight left several injured. They were taken to hospital for medical treatment. Writing on wall and writing names of local gangs are ways to claim power over territory by sub-political groups in the area<sup>35</sup>.
- In Kobirhat, Noakhali, local Juba League and BCL cadres raided a house and beat up pious women of tablig Jamat who were in a prayer in congregation. In Rangamati, a clash between hill people and Bengalis left 6 UP chairmen injured. On the other hand in Chhatak, Agailjhara nad other places clashes between BCL groups left more than 100 injured<sup>36</sup>.
- In ramu, Cox's Bazar, a officer of Upazilla Health Complex was injured in an attack on him by a BCL and Juba league leader. The workers in the health complex went on strike after this incident. A case was filed against the criminals at local police station<sup>37</sup>.
- In Gangni, a clash beteen Awami league and BNP lest more than 50 injured. Another clash between two groups of Feni left around 50 injured. In Meherpur, the clash left 3 injured. IN Khagrachhari, Awami league cadres injured almost 15 workers of BNP<sup>38</sup>.
- In Daganbhuiya, two BNP groups who engaged in a clash due to prior rivalry had 30 injured from both groups. In Durgapur rival Awami groups and in Shibchar rival BCL groups had 55 injured in clashes. In Kaliganj, Jhenaidah, 30 were bullet-wounded<sup>39</sup>.
- In Chouddogram, BCL looted houses of 3 Jamaat activists. In Hobiganj, BNP rival groups and in Patharghata rival BCL groups engaged in clashes that lest over 50 injured. IN Baliadangi, 13 Shibir men were injured and in Hatiya, Noakhali, BCL beat up 2 Chhatra Dal men<sup>40</sup>.
- In Kaliganj, Gazipur, Jamaat leaders were attacked by BCL and Juba League during a post-Eid reunion. The injured people were taken to hospital for medical treatment<sup>41</sup>.
- A clash over sitting on a shuttle train in Chittagong University left a student injured. The victim sat in a boggy but the BCL men would not let him. Their argument ended in beating the student. The victim was sent to the medical wing of the university<sup>42</sup>.
- In Islami University, BCL's attacks and vandalism over recruiting BCL's favored people in the administrative body shocked students in the campus and got a lot of focus from News Media. After 1 week of the incident unknown criminals threw bombs and attacked

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<sup>33</sup> Sangram: 3.9.12

<sup>34</sup> Prothom Alo: 28.9.2012

<sup>35</sup> Prothom Alo: 2.9.2012

<sup>36</sup> Amar Desh: 23.9.2012

<sup>37</sup> Prothom Alo: 28.9.2012

<sup>38</sup> Amar Desh: 25.9.2012

<sup>39</sup> Amar Desh: 13.9.2012

<sup>40</sup> Amar Desh: 20.9.2012

<sup>41</sup> Sangram: 4.9.12

<sup>42</sup> Prothom Alo: 21.9.12

vehicles carrying VC, Pro VC and registrar of the university. The injured officers and admins were admitted to hospital<sup>43</sup>.

- In Khulna City college a clash took place between two rival groups of BCL and in Hathazari University College another clash took place between BNP rival groups. In Rajshahi, Chittagong BNP leaders and activists were attacked and their houses were looted by Awami cadres<sup>44</sup>.
- In Kochua, Bagerhat, Juba League and Awami League and BCL cadres raided a meeting of Juba Dal and injured them. In Gouronodi, Barisal, a schoolboy was hit by an easybike and it instigated a clash between 2 groups of businessmen in Bijoypur and 15 injured<sup>45</sup>.
- In Dohar, two Awami rival groups engaged in a serious fight and clashes in Ashuganj, Brahminbaria and Swandip and Jibonnagar lest 50 injured. IN Swandip 15 were injured in an attack led by BCL on BNP and in Rajshahi University 2 Shibir men were chopped by BCL cadres<sup>46</sup>.
- In Kashiany, Gopalganj, two groups of Awami League clashed and wounded more than 50 people. In Jamalpur, Shrishbari, 20 were injured in separate clashes. In Shunamganj, Tahirpur, 6 were wounded in a clash over extracting sand<sup>47</sup>.
- In Bhola, Raypur, more than 50 were injured in a clash over a dispute in a football match. Students clashed with police several times. In Laxmipur, Raypur, criminals attacked health complex employees for death of a patient and injured many including doctors and nurses<sup>48</sup>.
- 10 were wounded in a clash between BNP and Awami men in Araihasar, Narayangonj. Witnesses said that BNP brought out a rally after their celebration of BNP's 34<sup>th</sup> formation anniversary and Post-eid reunion and Awami leaders and their men attacked them in the rally<sup>49</sup>.
- In Bhawal, Gazipur, BCL damaged and shattered college properties and rooms of the principal as a reaction to their defeat in election of student union. Police force rushed to the campus and took the situation under control<sup>50</sup>.
- In ramganj, Laxmipur, BCL and Juba League men fired blank shots at local MP's motorcade. In this incident 8 BNP leaders and activists were injured. The MP was on his way to a meeting of Juba Dal and the AL men attacked his motorcade at Godown road<sup>51</sup>.
- In Potuakhali, Baufol, a Juba League leader injured an elderly man seriously. The victim was admitted to Upazilla health Complex and then to Barisal Medical College Hospital. The victim's son said that this attack was linked to an extortion case filed against the Juba league leader<sup>52</sup>.
- In Rajshahi University, BNP favored teachers' union or the 'White Group' gave ultimatum to VC to resign and placed 4 point demand to the university administration after BCL cadres attacked Chhatra Dal cadres. On the other hand, without arresting the BCL men linked to the attacks, police filed cases against 60 other BNP leaders<sup>53</sup>.

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<sup>43</sup> Amar Desh: 17.9.2012

<sup>44</sup> Amar Desh: 17.9.2012

<sup>45</sup> Amar Desh: 16.9.2012

<sup>46</sup> Amar Desh: 15.9.2012

<sup>47</sup> Amar Desh: 12.9.2012

<sup>48</sup> Amar Desh: 11.9.2012; Sangram: 11.9.12

<sup>49</sup> Prothom Alo: 9.9.2012

<sup>50</sup> Prothom Alo: 9.9.2012

<sup>51</sup> Prothom Alo: 9.9.2012

<sup>52</sup> Prothom Alo: 15.9.2012

<sup>53</sup> Amar Desh: 13.9.12

- In Rupganj, Police fired shots at a rally held by Chhatra Dal. 8 were bullet-wounded and more than 50 were injured and 20 were arrested. Later, Juba Dal and Juba League leaders and their followers shattered 20 vehicles on the highway and blocked the highway for hours<sup>54</sup>.
- In Kurigram, 15 have received injury in clash between local BCL and JCD units. The clash broke out following a trivial altercation. Later BCL cadres attacked and vandalized local BNP unit offices and BNP activists' houses. On top of that, BCL has filed a suit against JCD unit in the local police station.<sup>55</sup>
- BCL cadres at the University of Dhaka campus beat JCD activists back and blue who went on a predetermined courtesy call with the vice-chancellor. JCD leaders claimed of at least 50 injured activists. Learning about BCL's aggressive move JCD central leaders cancelled the courtesy call.<sup>56</sup>
- A local JL leader at Morelgonj, Bagerhat, allegedly raped a local college going girl and later, to escape from the rape case filed a counter case of harassment against the victim's family. The leader and his accomplices are threatening the girl and her family openly to withdraw the rape case. The victim's family members are hiding away to save their life.<sup>57</sup>
- A local BCL activist at Lohagora, Chittagong allegedly attempted to rape a school-going girl who is grade-3 student. The victim's father has filed a written complaint with the local police officer against the activist who is now absconding.<sup>58</sup>
- BNP vice-chairman Hafizuddin Ahmad has accused an AL MP and his supporters of the district of Bhola of torturing 39 BNP activists in the last one and half month. The AL MP has allegedly himself assaulted one of the activists and put him to jail in fabricated case.<sup>59</sup>
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- A bus belonging to the Transportation Services of Rajshahi University was set on fire at the dead of night by some unknown miscreants. Although police could not find any suspect, the BCL cadres of the university brought out an armed rally at that night blaming JCD and Shibir activists for the incident.<sup>61</sup>
- BCL cadres at Rajshahi University foiled a rally celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BNP chairperson's release from prison brought out by the university JCD unit and severely beat some of the activists in the very presence of the police forces. 10 JCD men received injury from beating.<sup>62</sup>
- A councillor of Parashuram municipality in Feni district was physically assaulted by Chhatra Dal and Jubo Dal men. Hearing the news, Chhatra League and Jubo League activists gathered at Parashuram Bazar, went to Banshpudia village under the upazila and

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<sup>54</sup> Amar Desh: 10.9.12

<sup>55</sup> Prothom-Alo, 10-09-12

<sup>56</sup> Prothom-Alo, 10-09-12

<sup>57</sup> Amardesh, 24-09-12

<sup>58</sup> Amardesh, 24-0-12

<sup>59</sup> Prothom-Alo, 20-09-12

<sup>60</sup> Amardesh, 19-09-12

<sup>61</sup> Amardesh, 19-09-12

<sup>62</sup> Prothom-Alo, 12-09-12

vandalised the house of BNP municipal unit Organising Secretary Nurul Islam Majumdar. They also set the house afire.<sup>63</sup>

- Activists of Chhatra League vandalized a CNG filling station in Sylhet city and looted its cash on after failing to realize money from it they have been asking for. Three youths including Sylhet district BCL vice-president Selim Chowdhury went to Surma Auto Care and CNG Filling Station at Shibganj in an auto-rickshaw at about 8 PM to refuel the three-wheeler.<sup>64</sup>
- Police have arrested a Chhatralague leader and snatcher MahmudUllah from Chorpathorghat, Potia of Chittagong on charges of snatching. Police said that Mahmudullah, the son of local Awami League leader Nurunnabi, has been conducting snatching operations in the area for a long time.<sup>65</sup>
- Abdur Razzak, a witness testifying on behalf of Maulana Delwar Hossain Saidee, Nayeb E Ameer of Bangladesh Jamaat E Islami has stated that the claim made by his nephey, Abdul Halim, who testified on behalf of the govt. was false and fabricated lie. He stated the incident which his nephew claimed had involved Maulana Saidee was a farce and that MAulana Saidee was not present that day. He claimed that he was an eyewitness of the event and Maulana Saidee was not present during the raid on his house.<sup>66</sup>
- A witness testifying against Md. Kamaruzzaman, Asst. Secretary of Bangladesh JAmaat E Islami, Dr. Md. Hasanuzzaman has failed to give information regarding his brother's whereabouts and the sector number in which he had taken part in the liberation war. He also said that he was residing in Dhaka during the liberation war and that he was not eye witness of the events that took place in his area.<sup>67</sup>
- Chhatraleague and Juboleague activists have attacked the motorcade of BNP MP Nazim Uddin Ahmed at Ramganj, Lakhipur. Activists of BNP were injured during the attack made on the MP while he was going to attend a Jubodal Council.<sup>68</sup>
- Dr. Hasanuzzaman, brother of Badiuzzaman, a murdered person in 1971, has testified that his brother was not a freedom fighter during 1971 but was preparing to join the war. He also testified that most of his family members were against the liberation war and that his father in law was a Razakar commander himself.<sup>69</sup>
- A defence witness has told International Crimes Tribunal-1 that Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee was not involved in crimes against humanity committed in Parerhaat, Pirojpur during the Liberation War of 1971. Nurul Haque Hawladar, the witness, also refuted the claim of freedom fighter Mahbubul Alam, a prosecution witness, that his house [Mahbubul's] was looted in Tengrakhali, Pirojpur during the war. He said Mahbubul Alam was a nephew of one of his in-laws. "In the last 40 years, I had not heard that their house was looted." Mahbubul was about 11 years old at that time and not a freedom fighter, he added. As the first prosecution witness, Mahbubul testified against

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<sup>63</sup> Daily Star 5.09.12

<sup>64</sup> New Age 07.09.12

<sup>65</sup> Amar Desh 06-09-12

<sup>66</sup> Amar Desh 06-09-12

<sup>67</sup> Sangram 07-09-12

<sup>68</sup> Amar Desh 09-09-12

<sup>69</sup> Sangram 10-09-12

Sayedee on December 7, 2011. The Jamaat leader is facing 20 charges of crimes against humanity.<sup>70</sup>

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- A witness, Nurul HAque who is testifying on behalf of Maulana Delwar Hossain Saidee at the War Crimes Tribunal has claimed that Maulana Saidee was not involved in any unlawful activities on the area during 1971. He said that Maulana Saidee was not even present in the area during 1971. He also claimed that Maulana Saidee, a 3 times elected Parliamentarian, was never accused of war crime activities before this tribunal began.<sup>71</sup>
- Shahriar Kabir, one of the key witnesses at the War Crimes Tribunal has stated that Maulana Motiur Rahman Nizami and Ali Ahsan Md. Muzahid, Ameer and Secretary of Bangladesh Jamaat E Islami were not members of the Razakar organization. He claimed that he had seen some of the Razakars carrying identity cards issued by Mr. Nizami but later acknowledged that the Razakars were appointed by the district govt. officers.<sup>72</sup>
- 2 cases have been filed against local BNP, Jubodal and Chhatradal leaders at Rupganj, Narayanganj after Police attacked a Chhatradal procession brought out to greet the new Central committee of the organization. The wounded leaders of Chhatradal are being treated at Dhaka Medical College but they are being guarded by police who are barricading their family from seeing them. The case has caused at least 600 BNP activists to leave the area and flee.<sup>73</sup>
- The lawyers of Maulana Delwar Hossian Saidee, detained Nayeb e Ameer of Bangladesh Jamaat E Islami have stated that the police and activists of Awami League are harassing the witnesses who are to testify on behalf of their client. Awami League activists even surrounded the house of some witnesses and threatened them,. Even the police are harassing and threatening the witnesses, claimed the lawyers.<sup>74</sup>
- The witness testifying against Maulana Motiur Rahman Nizami, Ameer of Bangladesh Jamaat E Islami, Sultana Kamal has stated that Maulana Nizami was not a known face during 1971. She also stated that she did not know about the organogram of the Peace Committees and the names of the leaders of those committees. She could not make any direct link with Maulana Nizami with any unlawful activities but claimed that he was the philosophical leader of the Al-Badr.<sup>75</sup>
- The govt. has failed to present its witness against Muhammed Kamaruzzaman, Asst. Secretary of Bangladesh Jamaat Islami at the War Crimes Tribunal. He is being tried on charges of war crime activity.<sup>76</sup>
- The lawyers of Prof. Golam Azam, detained ex-Ameer of Bangladesh Jamaat E Islami have stated that after the liberation war of 1971, at least 50 cases against the war time criminals were filed but not one of them contained the name of Golam Azam. They stated this at the War crimes tribunal during the questioning of Sultana Kamal, ex advisor to the Caretaker Govt.<sup>77</sup>

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<sup>70</sup> Daily Star 11-09-12

<sup>71</sup> Prothom Alo 11-09-12

<sup>72</sup> Sangram 11-09-12

<sup>73</sup> Amar Desh 11-09-12

<sup>74</sup> Sangram 12-09-12

<sup>75</sup> Amar Desh 12-09-12

<sup>76</sup> Sangram 13-09-12

<sup>77</sup> Sangram 13-09-12

- A witness has stated that Maulana Delwar Hossain Saidee, detained Nayeb E Ameer of Bangladesh Jamaat E Islami and prominent Islamic Scholar, was living in Jessore in 1971, prior to the beginning of the liberation war. He stated that, Maulana Saidee was the Asst. Head master of a local school when the war began. After that, the witness and Maulana Saidee fled Jessore to a village in fear for their lives. The witness, Abul Hossain, has been living in Jessore since 1968.<sup>78</sup>
- BNP leaders have accused the police of attacking, torturing, arresting and filing false cases against BNP activists at Rupganj, Narayanganj. After the violent clashes between BNP activists and the police which left 11 shot and 150 injured, the police are acting unfairly towards the activists. Narayanganj BNP secretary Kazi Moniruzzaman made the accusations at a press conference in Dhaka.<sup>79</sup>
- Human Rights organizations Adhikar and Asian Federations against Abduction (AFAD) have stated that the govt. is keeping silent and not doing enough to protect the people who are being abducted. They said that it was the responsibility of the govt. to bring to law those responsible for the unlawful killings and abductions.<sup>80</sup>
- Abdur RAzzaq Akon, a witness testifying on behalf of Maulana Delwar Hossain Saidee has stated that Maulana Saidee used to hold Islamic meetings and lectures long before the 1971 liberation war began. He also stated that before the tribunal had convened; he had never heard any rumor of criminal or war crimes activities by Maulana Saidee.<sup>81</sup>



- At least 10 JCD activists were injured in an attack by some BCL men at Rajshahi University when the JCD men tried to bring out a procession on the campus.<sup>82</sup>
- A group of Bangladesh Chhatra League activists stabbed and beat up two activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir at Rajshahi University. The incident happened at the Nwab Abdul Latif Hall about 11:00pm. The injured, Delwar Hossain and Sagir Ahmed, were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.<sup>83</sup>

<sup>78</sup> Sangram 13-09-12

<sup>79</sup> Amar Desh 16-09-12

<sup>80</sup> Prothom Alo 16-09-12

<sup>81</sup> Sangram 17-09-12

<sup>82</sup> Daily Star 12.09.12

<sup>83</sup> Daily Star 15.09.12

- Some 15 people were injured after pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and pro-Jamaat-e-Islami Islami Chhatra Shibir activists of Khulna Alia Madrasa unit clashed on the campus in Khulna city.<sup>84</sup>



- Cadres of Bangladesh Chhatra League, the pro-Awami League student body, swooped on the activists of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal on the Dhaka University campus, leaving seven leaders of the pro-BNP student body injured. The attack occurred in front of the university's Institute of Education Research (IER) department around 2:00pm when the JCD activists went to the campus after a gap of more than three years.<sup>85</sup>
- At least four people were injured as Jubo League and BNP activists locked in a clash at Navaran Bazar in Sharsha upazila. Locals said, an Awami League activist hurled abusive words at BNP men at the bazaar at about 9pm.<sup>86</sup>
- At least 50 people were injured in a clash between the activists of the AL and the BNP over previous enmity at Monirampur village in sadar upazila of Magura. Officer-in-charge of Magura sadar thana Asaduzzaman Munshi said there was a long standing dispute between Golam Robbani and Abdul Mannan, local leaders of the Awami League and the BNP respectively, of the village over establishing supremacy in the area.<sup>87</sup>
- Two students of Haji Mohammad Mohsin College were injured in an attack by Bangladesh Chhatra League activists as they protested at harassing of a college girl. Vice-principal Nazmul Hasan said three outsider BCL activists harassed a female student inside the campus at Khalishpur in the city at about 11:15am. Two students — Roki Hawlader and Sirajul Islam — protested at the harassment when the BCL activists beat them up and left the campus, leaving them injured.<sup>88</sup>
- At least 10 activists of the BNP were injured as a local BNP party office came under attack by Bangladesh Chhatra League activists in Bhedorganj upazila of Shariatpur.<sup>89</sup>

<sup>84</sup> Daily Star 11.09.12

<sup>85</sup> Daily Star 11.09.12

<sup>86</sup> Daily Star 17.09.12

<sup>87</sup> New Age 03.09.12

<sup>88</sup> New Age 02.09.12

<sup>89</sup> New Age 02.09.12



## Loot and Corruption

- The distribution process of the RAJUK plots has been seriously compromised as more and more political leaders are trying to get plots for themselves through illegal lobbying. The list of the plot allotment has been changed 4 times after pressure from different leaders increased.<sup>90</sup>
- An Awami League leader has overtaken the land of a deceased freedom fighter at Sidhirganj, Narayanganj. The leader, Sidhirganj Awami League President Mojibur Rahman took over the land with his gang of 200 terrorists in broad daylight.<sup>91</sup>
- An Awami League leader has taken over the market of a local BNP leader at Boufal, Potuakhali. The market, worth almost 1 crore taka, belonged to BNP UP President Abdul Gani Sikder but was taken over forcefully by Upazilla Awami League Secretary Abdul Motaleb Howladar.<sup>92</sup>
- Awami League and BNP leaders have clashed at Habiganj and various parts of Sylhet over the control of the areas. Scores have been injured as the clashes became violent.<sup>93</sup>
- Awami League leaders have been accused of cutting down trees and selling them at Chokoria, Coxbazar. The trees were sown as part of the poor people rehabilitation programme. Trees spread over an area of 50,000 hectares are being cut down by local Awami League leaders and their relatives.<sup>94</sup>

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<sup>90</sup> Prothom Alo 02-09-12

<sup>91</sup> Amar Desh 04-09-12

<sup>92</sup> Amar Desh 04-09-12

<sup>93</sup> Amar Desh 05-09-12

<sup>94</sup> Amar Desh 05-09-12

- The Finance Ministry has issued an order to keep 3 Awami League leaders in their positions at the Governing Body of Sonali Bank. The leaders were supposed to resign as part of the process of 1/3 rd of the board to resign after a fixed time period but their resignation was cancelled.<sup>95</sup>
- Awami League terrorists have taken control of a house in Rangunia, Chittagong. The house, belonging to a BNP leader Hazi Md. Ilias was encroached by the goons as they kicked out its inhabitants including women and children. The family has complained to the Police, but with no progress.<sup>96</sup>
- Mass corruption has taken place during the appointment of 120 staff members of the Islamic University of Kustia. The authority has appointed the Chhatraleague nominated candidates on charging 5-15 lac taka per post. The campus situation is dire after the President and Secretary of Chhatraleague are face to face and in constant clash over the appointments.<sup>97</sup>
- License for at least 5000 weapons are being given away at Chittagong to the local Awami League leaders. The process has raised questions as the licensing procedure is not being maintained strictly and there is high risk of the arms of falling into the hands of terrorists.<sup>98</sup>
- Awami League leaders have applied for the establishment of new tea gardens at Sylhet on farm lands. President of Canada Awami League and other leaders have applied for almost 6000 acres of land at Jaintapur, Sylhet on which farming and cultivation goes on.<sup>99</sup>
- The Chairmen of 12 Union pariads of Nalitabari, Sherpur have illegally used almost 1 crore taka of a project funded by the World Bank. The Chairmen took the money and used the money for personal interest although the money was allotted for a development project for the local government.<sup>100</sup>
- Awami League leaders have illegally taken over the lease of a forest area at Sonaichari, Sitakundo and cut down 20,000 trees and sold them. The forest area was taken in to build a shipyard but the local leaders of Awami League have destroyed the forest and sold the trees and divided the money among themselves.<sup>101</sup>
- The fuel filling stations of Sylhet have began a strike after Chhatraleague activists vandalized a ‘Surma Filling Station’ and looted its valuables. After the incident, all the filling stations began a general strike in demand of justice.<sup>102</sup>
- The wife of a govt. MP has attacked 4 houses with her group of goons at Uttarkhan, Dhaka. Neli Islam, wife of Awami League MP Dobirul Islam broke into the homes and broke them after kicking out the inhabitants.<sup>103</sup>
- Mustafa Faruq Mohammed, newly appointed minister is the MD of SAHCO int., infamous contractor organization which made the headlines during the corruption of the then Communications minister Syed Abul Hossain. Syed Abul Hossain was the Chairman

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<sup>95</sup> Amar DSh 07-09-12

<sup>96</sup> Amar DSh 07-09-12

<sup>97</sup> Amar DSh 10-09-12

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<sup>99</sup> Prothom Alo 12-09-12

<sup>100</sup> Amar DSh 12-09-12

<sup>101</sup> Amar DSh 12-09-12

<sup>102</sup> Sangram 12-09-12

<sup>103</sup> Amar DSh 12-09-12

of the organization before becoming minister. After he had to resign on charges of graft, the MD of his organization has now been sworn in as a new minister.<sup>104</sup>

- The terrorist gang of the deceased brothers Hasan and Mizan is still functional even after their death. Ali Reza Razu, President of Jessore district Awami League made the allegation stating that the gang was now being run by local Awami League leaders.<sup>105</sup>
- Chhatraleague activists have vandalized 2 buses and an ambulance at the Islamic University of Kustia. The President and Secretary group of Chhatraleague separately demanded that their nominated candidates be appointed to the University but the Academic council declined. Hence began havoc, which has caused at least 2 crore taka worth damage, University officials confirmed.<sup>106</sup>
- World Bank had suggested the closing down of the bank accounts and seizing of the passports of the newly appointed minister Mostafa Faruk Mohammad on charges of graft in the Padma Bridge case. He had been charged with massive graft in the case as he had been involved with extortion and corruption in the Padma bridge case.<sup>107</sup>
- Severe charges have been made against the newly appointed Home minister Dr. M K Alamgir and Abdul AHi. M K Alamgir's seat in the parliament is being tried at the Supreme Court and is hanging by a hair as his candidacy was closed to being cancelled several times. He was also one of the main people that the previous caretaker govt. tried for corruption charges. The other Minister, Abdul Hai was charged with mishandling his diplomatic passport during his membership in the previous parliament. Canadian police had brought charges against him as his passport was used by another person.<sup>108</sup>
- The drivers of Human Howlers at Chittagiong have called a general strike in protest of the graft of Chhatraleague leaders. They said that the Chhatraleague leaders demanded graft money from them on a regular basis.<sup>109</sup>
- Juboleague leaders have taken over a govt. plot at Dumuria, Khulna and set up an office for local Awami League. The leaders, Sohel Molla and GopalChandra took over the land of Road and Transport dept.<sup>110</sup>
- The Islamic University of Kustia has come to a total standstill as the authority and Chhatraleague have indulged themselves in the corruption in appointing officials for the University. No class or exams have taken place in the past 15 days. The life at the campus for the 12,000 students have become very difficult ads Chhatraleague holds regular processions and shoots live rounds uin the air during the night. CHhatraleague activists vandalized the proctors office in demand that their candidate be appointed.<sup>111</sup>
- Local Juboleague leaders in collaboration with the Chief Engineer have divided a tender worth 2 crore taka among themselves at Lakhipur. The tender was for the construction and repair of a dam to be done by the Water Development Board.<sup>112</sup>

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<sup>104</sup> Amar Desh 14-09-12

<sup>105</sup> Amar Desh 14-09-12

<sup>106</sup> Sangram 14-09-12

<sup>107</sup> Amar Desh 15-09-12

<sup>108</sup> Amar Desh 15-09-12

<sup>109</sup> Amar Desh 16-09-12

<sup>110</sup> Prothom Alo 22-09-12

<sup>111</sup> Sangram, Amar Desh 23-09-12

<sup>112</sup> Sangram 25-09-12

## Democratic Climate & HR Situation

- The police attacked, fired tear cells, rubber bullet, and arrested activists of Islamist groups who staged violent demonstrations in the capital after the police did not allow them to convene in protest against various fascist and anti-Islamic steps of government. Police arrested around 200 protesters including some central leaders of 12 Islamic Parties.<sup>113</sup>
- At least 15 people, including three cops, were injured during a clash between police and BNP activists at Palashbari upazila headquarters<sup>114</sup>.
- At 10 protestors from Islamist leaning Shikkhangan Rakkha Parishad, were wounded as the police charged batons, fired two blanks arrested 11 during the student body tried to stage a hunger strike to protest the burning of Sylhet MC College dormitory by BCL.<sup>115</sup>
- A Dhaka court on Monday sent 13 leaders and activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir to jail in connection with a case for ‘attacking’ cops .<sup>116</sup>
- Military intelligence arrested ‘war-crime’ suspect, Moulana Abdus Sobhan, naib-e-amir of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, from the eastern toll plaza of Jamuna Bridge and later handed him over to Pabna police in the afternoon after interrogating him. As the news spread in Pabna town, the electoral constituency of the Jamaat leader, activists of Jamaat and Islami Chhatra Shibir brought out demonstrations against the arrest and clashed with police.<sup>117</sup>
- Police arrested six Jamaat men in Mymensingh. Police picked up six leaders and activists of Jamaat-e-Islami including its district unit secretary Abdul Karim in Mymensingh. The Jamaat men were going to join a procession in the town organized by BNP as part of a countrywide programme of the BNP-led 18 party alliance. Police also charged batons to disperse the agitators.<sup>118</sup>

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<sup>113</sup> New Age 23.09.12

<sup>114</sup> Daily Star 24.09.12

<sup>115</sup> New Age 09.09.12

<sup>116</sup> New Age 25.09.12

<sup>117</sup> New Age 21.09.12

<sup>118</sup> Daily Star 21.09.12

- In Jessore, nine Islami Chhatra Shibir activists were arrested on charge of ‘planning’ ‘subversive activities’. Police raided different messes in the town and arrested them. Officer in-charge (OC) at Kotwali police station Golam Rahman said, acting on a tip off, a police team arrested them for plotting subversive activities to tarnish the image of the government.<sup>119</sup>
- Police arrested 40 students including a teacher of the Tamirul Millat Kamil Madrasah at Jatrabari in the capital. At 6 AM police raided the Madrasah hostel, broke into the locked gate, and started searching each room and indiscriminately beating sleeping students. Police also arrested a demanding teacher and hostel in charge.<sup>120</sup>
- At International Crimes Tribunal, state prosecution’s 2<sup>nd</sup> witness has given his statement against former minister and Jamaat secretary general Ali Ahsan Mohammad Muzahid who is under trial for crimes against humanity during the liberation war in 1971. However, the tribunal chairman dubbed the statement as unprecedented in his career as the witness only recalled the memory of war in a long four-hour speech without specifically accusing Mr. Muzahid of any war crime.<sup>121</sup>
- The Home Ministry approved a petition filed by police to sue 25 local Jamaat activists of the district of Bagerhat in treason case. The accused activists allegedly chanted slogans against the prime minister and the government. However, the local police unit already filed the lawsuit before the approval.<sup>122</sup>
- At International Crimes Tribunal, state prosecution’s witness and the assistant librarian of Bangla Academy has given his statement for the 4<sup>th</sup> day against former Jamaat chief Professor Ghulam Azam who is under trial for crimes against humanity during the liberation war in 1971. He showed 151 paper cuttings of the war time but none of them contained any specific involvement of Mr. Azam in war crimes. Most of them did not contain even the name of Mr. Azam.<sup>123</sup>
- At International Crimes Tribunal, state prosecution’s 8<sup>th</sup> witness has been cross-examined against Jamaat assistant secretary general Kamaruzzaman who is under trial for crimes against humanity during the liberation war in 1971. The witness confessed that he was not an eye-witness to his father’s killing during the war and had not known any eye-witness.<sup>124</sup>
- Extrajudicial killings, disappearances and torture by law enforcers with impunity are significant challenges facing Bangladesh as these issues tarnished the country’s image, the National Human Rights Commission chairman said on Tuesday. The commission asked the government to take some visible steps immediately to effectively address these issues to help reduce tension of the people at home as well as the international community.<sup>125</sup>
- Extrajudicial killings, disappearances, torture and threatening of mass media workers by law enforcers with impunity are on the rise, the National Human Rights Commission

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<sup>119</sup> Daily Star 21.09.12

<sup>120</sup> Sangram, 24-09-12

<sup>121</sup> Sangram, 21-09-12

<sup>122</sup> Prothom-Alo, 20-09-12

<sup>123</sup> Sangram, 20-09-12

<sup>124</sup> Sangram, 20-09-12

<sup>125</sup> New Age, 19-09-12

chairman said on Tuesday. The commission asked the government to take some visible steps immediately to effectively address these issues to help reduce tension of the people at home as well as the international community.<sup>126</sup>

- Jamaat secretary of the district of Sherpur has been arrested from his residence and sent to jail. Police said that he and other 5 men were charged with subversive activities against law and order system in a case filed on February 6 this year.<sup>127</sup>
- At International Crimes Tribunal, state prosecution's 9<sup>th</sup> witness against Jamaat assistant secretary general Qader Mollah who is under trial for crimes against humanity during the liberation war in 1971 has been cross-examined for the 6<sup>th</sup> day. The witness confessed that he was not an eye-witness to any killing by Mr. Mollah during the war.<sup>128</sup>
- At International Crimes Tribunal, Sultana Kamal, a former advisor to the caretaker government and state prosecution's 3<sup>rd</sup> witness against former Jamaat chief Professor Ghulam Azam, has been cross-examined for the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. The witness confessed that Mr. Azam was not the chief of any militia forces of Al-Badar, Al-Shams, Rajakar or Peace Committee during the war.<sup>129</sup>
- At International Crimes Tribunal, state prosecution's 9<sup>th</sup> witness against Jamaat assistant secretary general Kamaruzzaman has given his statement. The witness confessed that he had never seen Mr. Kamaruzzaman at any militia camp during the war and thus was not a witness to his crimes.<sup>130</sup>
- Police have filed 6 lawsuits against about a thousand Jamaat and Shibir activists in the district of Pabna. The activists brought out rallies and barricaded roads protesting the unfair arrest of Paban MP and Jamaat leader Maolana Abdus Subhan. The rallies collided with the aggressive police forces at several points in Pabna city.<sup>131</sup>
- The slain dead body of a Jamaat activist of Satkania, Chittagong has been found in a local canal. The victim along with his friend, also a Jamaat activist, was allegedly abducted the day before by the local AL terrorists. The other abductee is still missing. The victims resisted the cutting-down of trees in their forestry by the AL terrorists.<sup>132</sup>
- Police arrested 14 Jamaat and Shibir activists including a local councilor at Katakhal near Rajshahi University. After interrogation, 10 of them were released and 4 were sent to jail as there were lawsuits against them for obstructing police activities.<sup>133</sup>

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<sup>126</sup> Prothom-Alo, 19-09-12

<sup>127</sup> Sangram, 25-09-12

<sup>128</sup> Sangram, 14-09-12

<sup>129</sup> Sangram, 14-09-12

<sup>130</sup> Sangram, 25-09-12

<sup>131</sup> Prothom-Alo, 22-09-12

<sup>132</sup> Sangram, 04-09-12

<sup>133</sup> Amaradesh, 03-09-12

- In the district of Habiganj, police arrested 5 Shibir activists including the district president and organizational secretary of Shibir from a local hostel at midnight. Police claimed that they were involved in subversive activities.<sup>134</sup>
- Police raided Jamaat and Shibir activists' residences in several districts across the country and arrested about 56 men without any specific charge in the last few days. However, police claimed that they were involved in subversive activities.<sup>135</sup>
- Police arrested 22 Shibir activists in the district of Chandpur by raiding several spots of the Chandpur city at night. Shibir activists arranged rallies the day before protesting the arrest of Jamaat leaders in war crimes case but police barred them. Police claimed that the demonstrators injured police members by throwing stones.<sup>136</sup>
- Police arrested 22 Shibir activists in the district of Chandpur by raiding several spots of the Chandpur city at night. Shibir activists arranged rallies the day before protesting the arrest of Jamaat leaders in war crimes case but police barred them. Police claimed that the demonstrators injured police members by throwing stones.<sup>137</sup>
- Police arrested 12 men including 5 Shibir activists from a restaurant in the capital. After producing them at the court 48 hours later, a clear violation of rules of 24 hours, they were taken to one-day remand.<sup>138</sup>
- In Chouddogram, Comilla, Police arrested a local Shibir leader for distributing leaflets demanding the release of imprisoned Jamaat leader Maolana Delawar Hossain Saidee.<sup>139</sup>
- Ignoring Judge Court ruling, a housing company allegedly grabbed a local Madrasah land in Mohammadpur in the capital with the assistance of the AL terrorists. The terrorists scattered the Islamic books including the holy Quran, beat the students and teachers, ousted them from the premise and looted a microbus, two motorcycles and other valuables.<sup>140</sup>
- Police arrested 6 Shibir activists from a flash rally in the capital. They are being interrogated to find any connection to a previous clash with police.<sup>141</sup>
- Police accepted a complaint against 32 Shibir activists of attacking on a rally brought out by Chhatro Front at Noakhali Government College. However, the concerned Shibir leaders blamed the Chhatro Front activists for similar attack on them.<sup>142</sup>

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<sup>134</sup> Prothom-Alo, 22-09-12

<sup>135</sup> Amardesh, 22-09-12

<sup>136</sup> Prothom-Alo, 19-09-12

<sup>137</sup> Amardesh, 18-09-12

<sup>138</sup> Amardesh, 15-09-12

<sup>139</sup> Sangram, 13-09-12

<sup>140</sup> Amardesh, 02-09-12

<sup>141</sup> Prothom-Alo, 26-09-12

<sup>142</sup> Prothom-Alo, 19-09-12

- Police arrested 14 Jamaat and Shibir activists including a local councilor from a Quran class at Katakhal near Rajshahi University. After interrogation, 10 of them were released and 4 were sent to jail as there were lawsuits against them for obstructing police activities.<sup>143</sup>
- At Shibganj in the district of Chapainababganj, police charged baton on Jamaat activists and foiled a Jamaat rally protesting the incessant price hike of oil, gas, electricity and unlimited corruption of the government. At least 15/20 Jamaat men were injured and 15 arrested in the incident.<sup>144</sup>
- At International Crimes Tribunal, state prosecution's witness, one of the family members of the victims, has given his statement against BNP leader Salahuddin Qader Chowdhury who is under trial for crimes against humanity during the liberation war in 1971. Although the witness mentioned the killing of some of his family members during the war, he never related Mr. Chowdhury to these killings.<sup>145</sup>
- At International Crimes Tribunal, the defense witness, a guerilla commander, has given his statement in favor of Jamaat leader Maolana Delawar Hossain Saidee who is under trial for crimes against humanity during the liberation war in 1971. The witness stated that Maolana Saidee was not against liberation and thereby not involved in any crime during the war.<sup>146</sup>
- At Shibganj in the district of Chapainababganj, police charged foiled a Jamaat rally protesting the incessant price hike of oil, gas, electricity and unlimited corruption of the government. Instead, Jamaat activists held a street gathering.<sup>147</sup>
- At International Crimes Tribunal, state prosecution's 1<sup>st</sup> witness Shahriar Kabir has given his statement against former minister and Jamaat secretary general Ali Ahsan Mohammad Muzahid who is under trial for crimes against humanity during the liberation war in 1971. However, he confessed that none of the Jamaat activists were listed as Rajakar by the then government after liberation.<sup>148</sup>
- In the district of Jessore, police arrested 9 Shibir activists including the district president and organizational secretary of Shibir from a local hostel at midnight. Police claimed that they were involved in subversive activities.<sup>149</sup>
- Police arrested 19 Shibir activists in the district of Rajshahi by raiding several spots of the Rajshahi city at night. Shibir activists arranged rallies the day before protesting the

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<sup>143</sup> Sangram, 03-09-12

<sup>144</sup> Sangram, 17-09-12

<sup>145</sup> Sangram, 17-09-12

<sup>146</sup> Sangram, 17-09-12

<sup>147</sup> Sangram, 12-09-12

<sup>148</sup> Sangram, 10-09-12

<sup>149</sup> Amardesh, 20-09-12



arrest of Jamaat leaders in war crimes case. BCL cadres in the city are allegedly trying to blame Shibir for internal clash.<sup>150</sup>

- Islamists and like-minded 12 parties observed strike throughout the without any picketing accept flash rallies in spots due to aggressive police reaction. About a hundred strikers have been injured and more than 300 allegedly arrested across he country by police.<sup>151</sup>
- Family members of detained Jamaat leader Maolana Abdus Subhan alleged that they were not being allowed to him even after 5 days of arrest. They don't know where he is. His family members are gravely anxious about his well-being as he was sick during arrest.<sup>152</sup>
- Police arrested 22 BNP, Jamaat and Shibir activists in the districts of Bhola and Pirojpur by raiding several places of the districts at night. Most of them are Shibir activists.<sup>153</sup>
- At Shibganj in the district of Chapainababganj, police charged baton on Jamaat activists and foiled a Jamaat rally protesting the incessant price hike of oil, gas, electricity and unlimited corruption of the government. At least 15/20 Jamaat men were injured and 15 arrested in the incident. Now police has filed a lawsuit against 150 Jamaat activists charging them with injuring 4 police members and obstructing police activity.<sup>154</sup>
- The police stations across the country are allegedly under the control of local AL leaders. Officers-in-charge, inspectors, sub-inspectors are more competent in obeying the undue claims of the political leaders than performing their duties. Whether complaints will be recorded or not depends on them. As a result, law and order situation is on the wane resulting in on average 12 murders daily.<sup>155</sup>
- People at Savar near the capital are now passing their days amidst the panic of murder and disappearances. At least. 10 incidents of murder occurred here in the last 8 days. Some of them had been missing before their dead bodies were found. Some of them are unidentified. In most of the cases, the perpetrators are at large.<sup>156</sup>
- People in the capital are nowhere safe. Armed killers are even raiding homes and bedrooms. They are brutally committing murders by shooting, stabbing and slaying the victims. Crimes are committed in broad daylight. In the last 7 months, 20-22 people have been killed in their bedroom.<sup>157</sup>
- Indiscriminate border killing is going on uncontrolled. Just 2 days ago, another 2 Bangladeshi citizens were shot dead by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) At least

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<sup>150</sup> Sangram, 20-09-12

<sup>151</sup> Amardesh, 24-09-12

<sup>152</sup> Sangram, 23-09-12

<sup>153</sup> Sangram, 24-09-12

<sup>154</sup> Amardesh, 18-09-12

<sup>155</sup> Amardesh, 09-09-12

<sup>156</sup> Amardesh, 07-09-12

<sup>157</sup> Amardesh, 04-09-12

26 Bangladeshis have been killed this year. Concerned citizen ask the government to raise this issue in the United Nations.<sup>158</sup>

- Law and order situation has declined gravely in the district of Kustia making it a place of terror. At least 55 people have been killed in just 8 months of this year. Last Tuesday 3 men including a local council chairman were killed. The incidents of murders are brutal often unidentified and murderers are without trace. Yet local police claims that law and order situation is normal and improving.<sup>159</sup>
- Police have filed 8 lawsuits against about a thousand Jamaat and Shibir activists in the district of Pabna. At least 80 have been arrested till now. The activists brought out rallies and barricaded roads protesting the unfair arrest of Paban MP and Jamaat leader Maolana Abdus Subhan. The rallies collided with the aggressive police forces at several points in Pabna city. On top of that armed BCL cadres attacked on the peaceful procession of the Jamaat activists.<sup>160</sup>
- In Senbagh, Noakhali, 8 incidents of murder took place in the last 4 months. Each of the incidents was mysterious. Yet they remain unsolved and the perpetrators go about freely.<sup>161</sup>
- At International Crimes Tribunal, another state prosecution's witness against Jamaat assistant secretary General Abdul Qader Mollah has given his statement. The witness confessed that he heard from one of his friend that the Biharis not Mr. Mollah killed poet Meherun and Journalist Khondokar Abu Taleb during the war of liberation.<sup>162</sup>
- At International Crimes Tribunal, state prosecution's 2<sup>nd</sup> witness against BNP leader and ex-minister Abdul Alim who is under trial for crimes against humanity during the liberation war in 1971 has been cross-examined. The witness confessed that he himself had submitted a signed list of collaborators in 1971 to the district commissioner in 2009 and his own grandfather and uncles not Abdul Alim were in that list.<sup>163</sup>
- At International Crimes Tribunal, state prosecution's 7th witness against Jamaat assistant secretary general Kamaruzzaman has given his statement. The witness frankly confessed that he had never heard even the name of Mr. Kamaruzzaman during the war and known nobody of that name.<sup>164</sup>
- At International Crimes Tribunal, the defense lawyers alleged that the investigating agency had violated the order of the tribunal by interrogating Jamaat leader and prominent entrepreneur Mir Qasem Ali at safe home without the presence of any lawyer.

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<sup>158</sup> Sangram, 03-09-12

<sup>159</sup> Amardesh, 01-09-12

<sup>160</sup> Sangram, 23-09-12

<sup>161</sup> Sangram, 08-09-12

<sup>162</sup> Sangram, 18-09-12

<sup>163</sup> Sangram, 19-09-12

<sup>164</sup> Sangram, 18-09-12

- Sixteen activists of pro-Jamaat student organisation Islami Chhatra Shibir were detained from different areas of Rajshahi city on suspicion of their alleged involvement in torching a bus of Rajshahi University (RU) on September 17.<sup>165</sup>
- The ruling Awami League-backed Chhatra League foiled a human chain at Dhaka University. Students earlier planned to hold a human chain in the campus in protest of the quota system in public service recruitment which recruits 55% at the basis of qoouta. Dhaka University unit Chhatra League activists said that the protesters were ‘instigated by Islami Chhatra Shibir to create a chaos.’<sup>166</sup>
- The first defence witness for the detained nayebe-amir of the Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, Delwar Hossain Sayedee, on Sunday told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 that he had not heard of any of Sayedee’s atrocities. Shamsul Alam Talukdar, a 68-year-old freedom-fighter, made his deposition before the tribunal, popularly known as the war crimes tribunal instituted for the trial of the 1971 war crimes.<sup>167</sup>
- Attackers belonging to the ruling Awami League (AL) injured six journalists and snatched their cameras and ID cards when they went to collect news at Singimari Government Primary School in Hatibandha upazila under Lalmonirhat district.<sup>168</sup>
- The High Court imposed a four-month injunction on journalist leaders from making ‘defamatory’ statements against ATN Bangla Chairman Mahfuzur Rahman over the murder of journalist couple Sagar-Runi.<sup>169</sup>
- Activists of the ruling Awami League-backed Chhatra League had confined the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology vice-chancellor to his office for three hours to force him to suspend the appointment of a university official, said to be loyal to Jamaat-e-Islami, as chief engineer.<sup>170</sup>

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<sup>165</sup> Daily Star 22.09.12

<sup>166</sup> New Age 09.09.12

<sup>167</sup> New Age 03.09.12

<sup>168</sup> Daily Star 13.09.12

<sup>169</sup> Daily Star 16.09.12

<sup>170</sup> Daily Star 06.09.12

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- Police evening filed a case against 169 Jamaat-Shibir men of Shibganj upazila unit with Shibganj police station on charge of attacking policemen. Of the accused, 19 were named while the rest 150 remained unidentified. Ameer Younus Ali of Shibganj upazila unit of Jamaat, its general secretary Sadekul Islam are among the accused.<sup>171</sup>
- Narayanganj BNP and ward Councilors of Narayanganj City Corporation have decided to go on a strike after the arrest of BNP councilor Israfil Prodhan. Israfil, a BNP leader was arrested while he was attending a meeting.<sup>172</sup>
- At least 150 cases has been filed against BNP activists at Rangunia, Chittagong during the tenure of the current govt. Almost all the leaders and activists of Rangunia BNP has a case filed against him.<sup>173</sup>

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<sup>171</sup> Daily Star 18.09.12

<sup>172</sup> Amar Desh 04-09-12

<sup>173</sup> Amar Desh 06-09-12

## Assault on Freedom of Expression and Media

- Chhatraleague BUET branch has declared that they will not let journalists enter their campus after the journalists published news and photos about the Chhatraleague leaders activities during the general strike at BUET. Chhatraleague leaders confirmed the threat.<sup>174</sup>
- A journalist has been assaulted at Kaliganj, Jinaidah. The journo, Firoz Ahmed is the correspondent of Dainik Somoy and he was assaulted by unidentified terrorists.<sup>175</sup>
- Chhatraleague and Juboleague leaders have kidnapped the officers of different companies who were set to drop the tender at Khulna West Zone Power Distribution Company Limited at Khulna. The activists took the tender and divided it among themselves afterwards. The tender is worth 50 crore taka.<sup>176</sup>
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- The Badarganj, Rangpur correspondent of Amar Desh, M A Salam has been assaulted and severely injured at the hands of unidentified terrorists.<sup>177</sup>
- A leader of Bastuhara League at Lakhipur has been accused of illegally taking over a govt. land and building a market. The leader Harun Zamaddar, had taken money from other Awami League activists and encroached the land.<sup>178</sup>
- 2 Awami League leaders have been accused of fraud as they took 1 milliontaka from the school fund at Khetlal, Jaypurhat. Awami League leaders Khalilur Rahman and Julfiqar Ali Chowdhury took the money as they were members of the governing body of Itkhola High School.<sup>179</sup>
- Chhatraleague activists have beaten up and severely injured a journalist at Chittagong University. The journalist, Tasnim Hasan, a reporter of the local Dainik Suprovat Bangladesh, had earlier published a report on the low quality of the food at the University. Chhatraleague activists searched for him all over the campus and assaulted him in the class room of the department.<sup>180</sup>
- Chhatraleague activists have attacked and beaten the Headmaster of Bidubasini Govt. Girls High School at Tangail. The Head Master was beaten with a hammer as he was seriously injured. The attack took place after local Awami League leaders tried to admit students illegally on bribe from the guardians but the Head Master protested the actions.<sup>181</sup>

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<sup>174</sup> Sangram 02-09-12

<sup>175</sup> Amar Desh 05-09-12

<sup>176</sup> Amar Desh, Sangram 06-09-12

<sup>177</sup> Amar Desh 07-09-12

<sup>178</sup> Amar Desh 07-09-12

<sup>179</sup> Prothom Alo 07-09-12

<sup>180</sup> Prothom Alo 08-09-12

<sup>181</sup> Amar Desh 08-09-12

- An Awami League leader is trying to encroach a big govt. plot at Khoksa. Govt. officers are also involved in the encroachment process as the Awami League leader is all powerful in the area near Kumarkhali, Kustia.<sup>182</sup>
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- The head master of a school at Moulavibazar has thrown out the sign board of the school hording the holy words “Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim”. The students and people e of the area near the Moulavibazar Govt. High School have protested the act.<sup>183</sup>
- A Police officer has been closed after accusations of his involvement in the Journalist Jamal Uddin murder case. Masudur Rahman was in charge of the Police station near the home of the victim and his involvement has come to light as investigations are going on.<sup>184</sup>
- Bangladesh Chhatra League activists assaulted a journalist inside the classroom on Chittagong University campus. The victim is Mujibul Karim, a fourth year student of journalism and also a reporter of an online news agency.<sup>185</sup>
- A crew of Ekushey TV has been assaulted at Sirajganj at the hands of a local fraud doctor and his group of terrorists. They were attacked when they were making a report on the fraud doctor.<sup>186</sup>
- An Awami League leader has been accused of illegally encroaching govt. property and building a market at Dhanmondi. The leader, Shamim Ahmed, has illegally taken control of a large piece of land at Sobhanbag, Dhanmondi and is building a 10 story building. He has also broken the walls of the adjoining hostel of Dhaka Dental College and has claimed that the land is his despite rulings from the Supreme Court and notices from Rajuk.<sup>187</sup>
- Terrorists have attacked and injured the Badarganj correspondent of Daily Amar Desh at Rangpur. M A Salam, had published reports against local drug rings which infuriated the terrorists.<sup>188</sup>
- Awami League activists have taken over at least 200 hectors of govt. land in Ramu and Chokoria of Chittagong. The Forestry officers are not taking any steps against the encroachers as they are also being bribed by the local leaders. The leaders are building houses in the lands.<sup>189</sup>
- Chhatraleague has beaten up two journalists at the Proctors office at Jagannath University. The assaulted journo are correspondents of Dainik Deshjanata and Daily Diner Seshe.<sup>190</sup>
- An engineer at the Potuakhali University of Science and Technology has threatened journalists at the campus for publishing reports against him. He threatened the correspondents of Dainik Sangbad and Dainik Vorer Dak.<sup>191</sup>

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<sup>182</sup> Amar Desh 08-09-12

<sup>183</sup> Sangram 08-09-12

<sup>184</sup> Amar Desh 09-09-12

<sup>185</sup> New Age 09-09-12

<sup>186</sup> Sangram 10-09-12

<sup>187</sup> Amar Desh 10-09-12

<sup>188</sup> Amar Desh 15-09-12

<sup>189</sup> Amar Desh 16-09-12

<sup>190</sup> Amar Desh, Sangram 17-09-12

<sup>191</sup> Amar Desh 17-09-12

- Chhatraleague activists have attacked and assaulted activists of Chhatradal at Senbag, Noakhali. At least 8 activists were injured during the attack.<sup>192</sup>
- Police have taken bribe and extortion money to release activists of BNP and other Islamic parties who were trapped in the Press Club after clashes took place in the area. Police asked for money from the trapped people and offered to release them from the area on payment.<sup>193</sup>
- Members of Parliament have broken all previous record in taking advantage of the tax-free privilege for importing cars. The total amount of tax waiver taken by the MP's is totaling to more than 1000 crore taka, breaking all previous records. Most of the cars are luxurious and expensive.<sup>194</sup>
- Chhatraleague activists have assaulted 2 leaders of Chhatradal and a journalist at Kotalipara, Gopalganj. The abused leaders are Mannan Sheikh and Saddam Sheikh. The assaulted journalist is correspondent of the Daily Sangram Jahidul Islam Daria.<sup>195</sup>
- A Shechashebok League leader has illegally occupied govt. land and built a market at Potuakhali. The leader Shamim Molla, occupied the land near Kumarpatti near Kalaia port.<sup>196</sup>
- An Awami League leader has fired shots at a crowd at Mirzapur, Tangail. The leader, Sarful Islam shot the rounds when mass people tried to evict him from a land he had encroached earlier.<sup>197</sup>
- Bangladesh Internal Water Transport Authority has bought 5 luxurious cars for the minister of Water Affairs and Chief of the authority without following proper permission or protocol. The purchase was made swiftly to cover up the corruption of crores of taka in buying other vehicles for the authority.<sup>198</sup>

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<sup>192</sup> Amar Desh 21-09-12

<sup>193</sup> Sangram 23-09-12

<sup>194</sup> Amar Desh 23-09-12

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<sup>197</sup> Prothom Alo 24-09-12

<sup>198</sup> Amar Desh 25-09-12