

HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION REPORT

BANGLADESH · JANUARY – MARCH 2025 (Q1)

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AT A GLANCE — Q1 2025

325 Political Violence Incidents	47 Killed in Political Violence	2,475 Injured in Political Violence	91 Journalists Harassed / Attacked
31 Killed in Mob Violence	512 Women & Girls Subjected to Violence	399 Children Subjected to Abuse	21 Deaths in Prison
45 Workers Killed	5 Killed by BSF at the Border	14,312 Arrested in Political Cases	9 Killed in Law-enforcement Clashes / Custody / Torture

► HRSS reports increases this quarter in political-violence deaths, mob violence, rape and violence against women, child abuse, and attacks on journalists. All figures are minimums ("at least") as reported.

POLITICAL VIOLENCE

325 Incidents	47 Killed	2,475 Injured
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Incidents by Clash Type

Clash Type	Incidents	Injured	Killed
BNP – BNP (intra-party)	190	1,673	27
BNP – Awami League	58	273	8
BNP – Jamaat	16	147	2
BNP – NCP	5	42	-
Awami League – NCP	9	44	1
Awami League – Jamaat	3	5	-
Awami League (intra-party)	6	91	5
NCP (intra-party)	9	29	-
Among various other parties	29	n/a	n/a

► The report does not break out injured/killed counts for the 29 multi-party incidents, so the rows above do not sum to the quarterly totals. 269 of the 325 incidents involved BNP internal disputes or BNP vs. other parties.

Who Was Killed (47)

31 BNP	10 Awami League	1 Jamaat
1 Anti-Discrimination Students	2 UPDF	2 Unidentified (incl. 1 woman)

Other Political-violence Indicators

34 Criminal Attacks on Party Leaders/Activists	30 Killed in Those Attacks (12 AL, 13 BNP, 1 Jamaat, 4 extremist)	70+ Shot (Gunshot Injuries)	400+ Houses, Offices, Businesses & Vehicles Vandalised / Burned / Looted
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► Trend: BNP–Awami League clashes fell in March vs. January–February, while clashes with Jamaat and NCP rose. On 5–7 February, crowds attacked the Dhanmondi 32 house, Sudha Sadan and Awami League offices and leaders' homes nationwide.

PRESS FREEDOM & CYBER SECURITY ACT

Attacks on Journalists — 67 incidents

91 Journalists Harassed / Persecuted	58 Injured	6 Harassed / Humiliated
11 Threatened	4 Arrested	24 Accused in 10 Cases

► A woman journalist was gang-raped while on assignment in the capital in March.

Cyber Security Act 2023

8+ Cases Filed (All Persons)	6 Arrested	13 Accused	2 Cases Against Journalists (1 arrested, 3 accused)
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MOB VIOLENCE, CUSTODY DEATHS & PRISONS

Mob Violence / Public Lynching — 70 incidents

31 Killed	64 Injured
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Killed in Law-enforcement Clashes, Custody & Torture — 9

3 "Gunfight" Killings	4 Torture	1 Police Custody	1 Shot Dead
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Deaths in Prison — 21

9 Convicted Prisoners	12 Undertrial Prisoners
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MINORITIES & BORDER INCIDENTS

Attacks on Minority Communities

7+	2	10	2
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Attacks	Injured	Idols Vandalised	Land-grabbing Incidents
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Bangladesh–India Border — 18 attacks

5 Bangladeshis Killed by BSF	10 Injured by BSF	15 Arrested by BSF
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► Separately: 1 Bangladeshi killed and 2 injured by gunfire from Indian Khasi people at the Sylhet border; 1 man hacked to death by Indian nationals at Kulaura; 2 bodies recovered near the border (Darshana, Cumilla).

Bangladesh–Myanmar Border

2 Injured by Arakan Army Gunfire (Naikhongchhari)	6 Injured in Landmine Blast (incl. 1 Ansar member)
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LABOUR RIGHTS**Labour Rights Violations — 86 incidents**

45 Workers Killed	294+ Workers Injured	75+ Garment Workers Injured in Police Clashes (March wage/bonus protests)
19 Died in Workplace Accidents	2 Child Domestic Workers Killed by Employers	1 Child Domestic Worker Seriously Injured

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & CHILDREN**Rape & Sexual Violence**

240+ Rape Victims	146 (60%) Rape Victims Under 18	57 (23%) Gang-rape Victims
3 Killed After Rape	6 Suicides After Rape	137 Sexual Harassment Victims (81 children)

Dowry & Domestic Violence (Women)

Type	Killed	Injured	Suicide
Dowry-related Violence	12	4	1
Domestic Violence	78	8	31

Child Abuse — 399 children

399 Children Abused	83 Children Killed	316 Physically / Psychologically Abused
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► Cases cited: an 8-year-old girl in Magura was raped and died in hospital on 13 March; a 6-year-old girl was murdered in Munshiganj after an attempted rape.

CASES & ARRESTS

55+ Cases Against Hasina & Awami League Leaders/Activists	4,179 Named Accused	8,291 Unidentified Accused
14,312 Arrested in Political Cases	14,266 of Them Awami League Members	45 Hizb ut-Tahrir Members Arrested

Operation Devil Hunt (joint forces, launched after the 7 February Gazipur attack)

12,500+ Arrested in Operation Devil Hunt	20,000+ Arrested in Other New & Old Cases
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► HRSS notes allegations of irregularities in the operation; most of those arrested were members of the previous Awami League government's party.

HRSS CALL TO ACTION

HRSS urges dialogue among political parties, civil society, journalists and citizens to strengthen the rule of law, democracy and human rights; calls on the government to control the law-and-order situation and guarantee fundamental and constitutional rights; and calls on citizens, journalists, civil society, political leaders and national/international rights groups to speak out more strongly.

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