



ANOTHER WEEK, ANOTHER WAVE OF

**HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS
UNDER YUNUS GOVT**



Week after week, Bangladesh slips deeper into chaos under the illegitimate Yunus-led interim regime. What the people expected was stability, democracy, and a path to reconciliation. Instead, what they are witnessing is a ruthless campaign of persecution and fear. From the mass arrests of opposition leaders to the harassment of journalists, from the violation of minority rights to the shameless denial of justice for women and children, the state's agenda has become frighteningly clear: silence all dissent, erase accountability, and tighten its grip on power at any cost.

The Yunus government has weaponized every arm of the state, law enforcement, bureaucracy, and even the legal system, to terrorize ordinary citizens. Bangladeshis are no longer safe in their homes, in the streets, or even in their right to speak and write freely. Each passing week adds new names to the list of victims: political leaders dragged from their residences, women threatened with violence, minorities forced into fear, and critics publicly humiliated. What is unfolding before our eyes is not governance; it is systematic oppression, carefully orchestrated to crush the spirit of a nation.

Political Repression Intensifies

Crackdown on Opposition & Custodial Deaths in Bangladesh



Section 1: Mass Arrests in Dhaka

- 244 activists arrested (Awami League & affiliates)
- Peaceful processions blocked by force & intimidation
- High-profile arrests: Foyzur Rahman & Tamanna Nusrat Bubly
- Coordinated operation: DB, CTTC, Tejgaon, Ramna, Gulshan, Mirpur & Uttara police



Section 3: Custodial Abuse & Deaths

- Ex-Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun dies in custody
- Allegations: medical negligence & denial of basic care
- Raises concerns over detainee treatment in government facilities
- Reflects broader culture of neglect & impunity



Section 2: Tools of Repression

- Intimidation, harassment, and surveillance extend beyond arrests
- Journalists, students, and ordinary citizens targeted
- Civil liberties violated → Democracy undermined
- State machinery used for political oppression



Section 4: Bigger Picture

- Humayun's death → not isolated, but systemic failure
- Families & civil society demand accountability
- Citizens left questioning: Who is responsible?
- Lives & dignity of detainees remain at risk



This week, the Yunus government once again demonstrated its ruthless determination to crush political opposition. In Dhaka alone, authorities carried out a massive crackdown, arresting 244 leaders and activists of the Awami League and its associated organizations. These individuals were preparing for peaceful processions to express dissent, yet their right to assemble and protest was met with force and intimidation.

Awami League's flash procession: 244 activists arrested in Dhaka



The repression reached the highest echelons of the opposition, with former MPs Foyzur Rahman and Tamanna Nusrat Bubly among those detained. The arrests make it clear that the government is targeting not just ordinary activists, but anyone who could mobilize public opinion or challenge its authority.

Two former Awami League MPs arrested



Law enforcement agencies, including the Detective Branch (DB), CTTC, and various local police units from Tejgaon, Ramna, Gulshan, Mirpur, and Uttara, worked in coordination to execute these operations. The scale and precision of these detentions show a systematic misuse of the state machinery, turning institutions meant to protect citizens into instruments of political oppression.

Beyond physical arrests, the government's tactics extend to intimidation, harassment, and surveillance of dissenting voices. Journalists, student leaders, and even ordinary citizens loyal to the Awami League are increasingly fearful of speaking out. This pattern of repression not only violates basic civil liberties but also undermines the foundations of democracy, consolidating power through fear rather than governance.

Custodial Abuse and Deaths

The grim toll of the Yunus government's human rights violations this week extends deep into the walls of state custody. Among the most shocking incidents is the death of former minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun while in detention. This tragic loss highlights the dire consequences of the government's oppressive tactics, where political and personal liberties are stripped away under the pretext of law enforcement.

Ex-Minister's Death in Custody Sparks Claims of Planned Killing



Reports indicate serious allegations of medical negligence and denial of basic rights during his time in custody. The former minister, a senior political figure, was allegedly deprived of timely medical attention and essential care, raising immediate concerns about the treatment of detainees under state supervision. Such neglect not only exacerbates the suffering of those already imprisoned but also underscores a broader culture of indifference toward human life within government-run detention facilities.

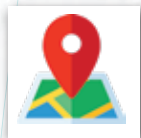
Humayun's death is far from an isolated incident; it is emblematic of the reckless disregard for accountability and the systemic failure to uphold the basic rights of citizens. Families, civil society, and human rights organizations are left grappling with urgent questions: Who is responsible for these preventable deaths? How can citizens trust a state that allows neglect and abuse to occur behind closed doors?

This incident starkly exposes the state's failure to protect the most fundamental rights of its people, even for those who have served at the highest levels of government. In an environment where accountability is absent, the lives and dignity of detainees remain perilously at risk.



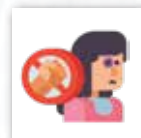
Minority and Religious Community Targeting

Rising Attacks on Religious & Ethnic Minorities in Bangladesh



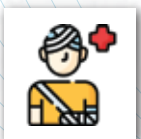
Section 1: Recent Incidents

- Pirojpur: Hindu teacher targeted with intimidation
- Kaliganj, Jhinaidah: Hindu woman raped under false housing promise



Section 2: Brutality & Coercion

- Perpetrators acted with impunity
- Victim in Kaliganj pressured to:
 - ▶ Accept money or forced marriage settlement
 - ▶ Faced threats of murder & disappearance when she refused



Section 3: Authorities' Response

- Formal complaints filed → no decisive action taken
- Accused perpetrators remain at large
- Victims & families live in constant fear



Section 4: Systemic Issues

- Pattern of harassment, sexual violence & intimidation against minorities
- State shows neglect & indifference
- Raises urgent questions about:
 - ▶ Equality under the law
 - ▶ Government's duty to protect citizens



Section 5: Bigger Impact

- Failure to protect minorities = wider governance & human rights crisis
- Erodes social cohesion and public trust

This week has also seen a deeply troubling pattern of attacks on religious and ethnic minorities, underscoring the Yunus government's failure to protect the most vulnerable citizens. In Pirojpur, a teacher from the Hindu community became the target of intimidation, while in Kaliganj, Jhinaidah, a Hindu woman was raped under the pretext of a housing arrangement. In both cases, perpetrators exercised brutal impunity, relying on threats, sexual violence, and coercion to enforce compliance and silence victims.

Hindu Woman Allegedly Assaulted in Kaliganj

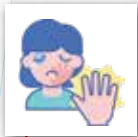


The Kaliganj woman, forced to endure a horrific assault, reported that after the crime, the perpetrators tried to coerce her into settling the matter with money or marriage, and when she refused, she faced threats of murder and disappearance. Despite filing formal complaints, the authorities have failed to take decisive action. The accused remains at large, leaving both the victim and her family in constant fear for their safety.

Such attacks highlight a systemic pattern of neglect and indifference by the state, where minority communities are left exposed to harassment, sexual violence, and intimidation. The repeated targeting of minorities raises urgent questions about the state's commitment to equality and protection under the law. When communities cannot rely on the government for safety, it reflects a wider crisis of governance and human rights, one that threatens the very fabric of social cohesion in Bangladesh.

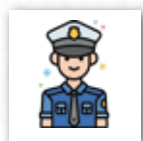
Sexual Violence & Suppression in Khagrachhari

Gang Rape Case in Khagrachhari – A Nation in Outrage



The Incident

- Victim: Marma teenage girl
- Returning home from private tuition late at night
- Abducted & assaulted by multiple perpetrators
- Found unconscious in a field hours later
- Currently receiving medical treatment



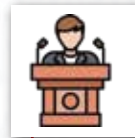
Police Response

- Father filed complaint against 3 unknown assailants
- 1 suspect detained
- Search ongoing for others



Community Reaction

- Residents & students organized peaceful protests
- Demanded swift arrest & justice
- Protests met with violent police repression → deaths, injuries, property damage



Political Response

- Some political figures dismissed case as "fake"
- Framed as an "Indian conspiracy"
- Government accused of prioritizing politics over justice



Civil Society Response

- Bangladesh Mahila Parishad & other groups condemned attacks
- Demanded independent, impartial investigation
- Warned: lack of justice leaves women & ethnic minorities at risk
- Highlighted cycle of violence & impunity

The hills of Khagrachhari were rocked this week by a shocking case of gang rape targeting a Marma teenage girl, an incident that has sparked outrage across the nation. The victim, returning home from private tuition late at night, was abducted and assaulted by multiple perpetrators. She was found unconscious in a field hours later and is currently receiving medical treatment. Her father filed a formal complaint naming three unknown assailants, and police have detained one suspect while efforts continue to apprehend the others.



Gang rape of a teenager in Khagrachari



The community's response was immediate and forceful. Residents and local student groups organized peaceful protests, demanding the swift arrest of all those responsible. However, these demonstrations were met with violent repression by law enforcement, resulting in deaths, injuries, and extensive property damage, including attacks on local markets and vehicles. The suppression of these protests underscores a growing pattern under the Yunus government: the criminalization of dissent and the silencing of victims through intimidation.

Hannan Masud calls rape allegations in Khagrachhari 'fake' and 'Indian conspiracy'



Adding insult to injury, prominent political figures attempted to dismiss the assault as "fake" and framed it as an external conspiracy, with some claiming India was using the incident to create unrest in the hill districts. Such statements not only invalidate the victim's suffering but also embolden perpetrators by signaling that the government is more interested in political narratives than justice.



Civil society organizations, including the Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, have condemned the attacks on both the victim and the protesters, calling for independent, impartial investigations and the swift prosecution of all those responsible. They emphasize that without transparent legal action, both women and ethnic minorities in the region remain at extreme risk, and the cycle of violence and impunity will continue unchecked.

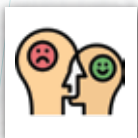
Forced Humiliation and Human Dignity Violations

Public Humiliation of Fakir in Mymensingh



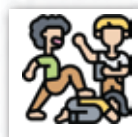
The Incident

- Victim: Halim Uddin Akand, 70-year-old local fakir
- Forcibly shaved in public by a group of assailants
- Assault captured on video → went viral
- Known for spiritual devotion & respected community role
- Left physically and psychologically traumatized
- Now unable to perform daily activities or modest work



Impact & Symbolism

- Act seen as deliberate humiliation
- Exposed vulnerability of elderly & powerless
- Viral video intensified public outrage



Broader Pattern Under Government

- Part of a larger trend of intimidation, degradation, and violence
- Authorities' inaction signals tolerance of cruelty
- Reflects impunity and disregard for human dignity

This week, an appalling incident in Mymensingh highlighted the regime's blatant disregard for human dignity. Halim Uddin Akand, a 70-year-old local fakir, was forcibly shaved in public by a group of assailants, an act captured on video that quickly went viral. Known for his spiritual devotion and long-standing role in the community, Halim Uddin became a victim of public humiliation, leaving him physically and psychologically traumatized. The assault has rendered him unable to carry out his daily activities and modest work, illustrating the profound personal consequences of such acts.

Viral Video Shows Elderly Man's Hair and Beard Shaved Off

The incident underscores a broader pattern under the Yunus government, where even the most vulnerable are exposed to intimidation, degradation, and violence. By allowing such abuses to occur unchecked, the authorities signal that ordinary citizens, particularly the elderly or powerless, can be subjected to cruelty with impunity.

The Way Out

Human rights violations in Bangladesh continue unabated, with ordinary citizens facing intimidation, abuse, and violence on a daily basis. The persistent targeting of opposition figures, minorities, women, and even the elderly reflects a disturbing disregard for basic human dignity and the rule of law. Such systemic oppression not only erodes public trust but also deepens social and political instability across the country.

In this context, there is an urgent need for an inclusive and transparent election that can restore accountability, empower citizens, and provide a genuine opportunity for political participation. Only through credible democratic processes can the cycle of fear and repression be broken, and the fundamental rights of all Bangladeshis be safeguarded. Without decisive action, the country risks remaining trapped in a climate where human rights are routinely violated and justice remains out of reach.

