



BANGLADESH

RISEING ATTACKS ON

CHRISTIANS UNDER YUNUS

A TIMELINE OF FEAR AND IMPUNITY





OVERVIEW

A COMMUNITY UNDER SIEGE

Like other religious minorities, the lives of the Christian community in Bangladesh have been turned upside down since Muhammad Yunus assumed power, facilitating the rise of Islamist extremists.

As Christmas approached the most significant festival for Christians extremists openly declared Christians “enemies of Islam.” Despite this, the Yunus administration continues to portray minorities as political supporters of the Awami League, while attacks, threats, killings, and looting persist with impunity, amplified by global silence.

BBC BANGLA EXPOSES WAVE OF THREATS (DECEMBER 2025)



A BBC Bangla investigation revealed widespread fear within the Christian community amid unchecked hate speech and lack of accountability.

At least 21
Christian-affiliated
institutions
received threat
letters throughout
December 2025

Letters accused
Christian
organizations
without evidence
of converting
Muslims

Threats explicitly
targeted churches,
cathedrals,
chapels, and
missionary
institutions



Until Yunus came to power, these organizations operated for decades without facing such radical Islamist threats. The extremists identified themselves as “Tawhidi Muslim Janata” (Faithful Muslim People) — a known Islamist radical grouping.



CHURCH LEADERS SOUND THE ALARM

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh publicly raised serious concerns.



Archbishop Bejoy N. D'Cruze of Dhaka warned of "grave concern for the Catholic Church."

The warning came ahead of Christmas and national elections in February

Official statement issued December 3

DEADLY CHRISTMAS EVE ATTACK — DECEMBER 24

On the eve of Christmas, miscreants attacked a church compound housing multiple Christian institutions, including:



Church of Bangladesh



Christian Religious Order Trust



Bible Society

Despite police presence, one person was killed.

Nirmal Rozario, President of the Bangladesh Christian Community, said:

"The community has been shaken by a wave of communal violence."

He cited recent lynching, burning, and public humiliation of a Hindu boy over blasphemy charges carried out while law enforcement stood by.





PATTERN OF IMPUNITY UNDER YUNUS

Under Yunus, hardline Islamist groups including freed militants have resurfaced, openly promoting Sharia law.



Christian leaders repeatedly appealed to police



No arrests were made



Perpetrators acted without fear of consequences



This is not an isolated incident

CHURCHES BOMBED, SCHOOLS TARGETED

Since August 5 last year, numerous churches have been attacked as extremists celebrated Yunus's rise to power.



Around seven cocktail blasts in the last two months



Targets included churches and missionary-run educational institutions in Dhaka



Authorities failed to act



Minorities repeatedly branded as Awami League supporters, increasing risk



ECONOMIC TARGETING: CHRISTIAN LIVELIHOODS DESTROYED

January 15 Incident:

A Christian man's
pig farm was
destroyed by a mob

Triggered by a
mosque-issued
religious decree
banning pig farming

Law enforcement
failed to intervene



CHRISTIANS FORCED INTO HIDING

According to Open Doors:

Christians across Bangladesh have been forced
into hiding due to targeted violence





SCALE OF VIOLENCE (AUGUST–APRIL)

Another Open Doors report (April 17) documented:

36 confirmed attacks
on Christians and
their property

100+ families
pressured to
renounce their faith

Many incidents
remain unreported
due to fear and
shame

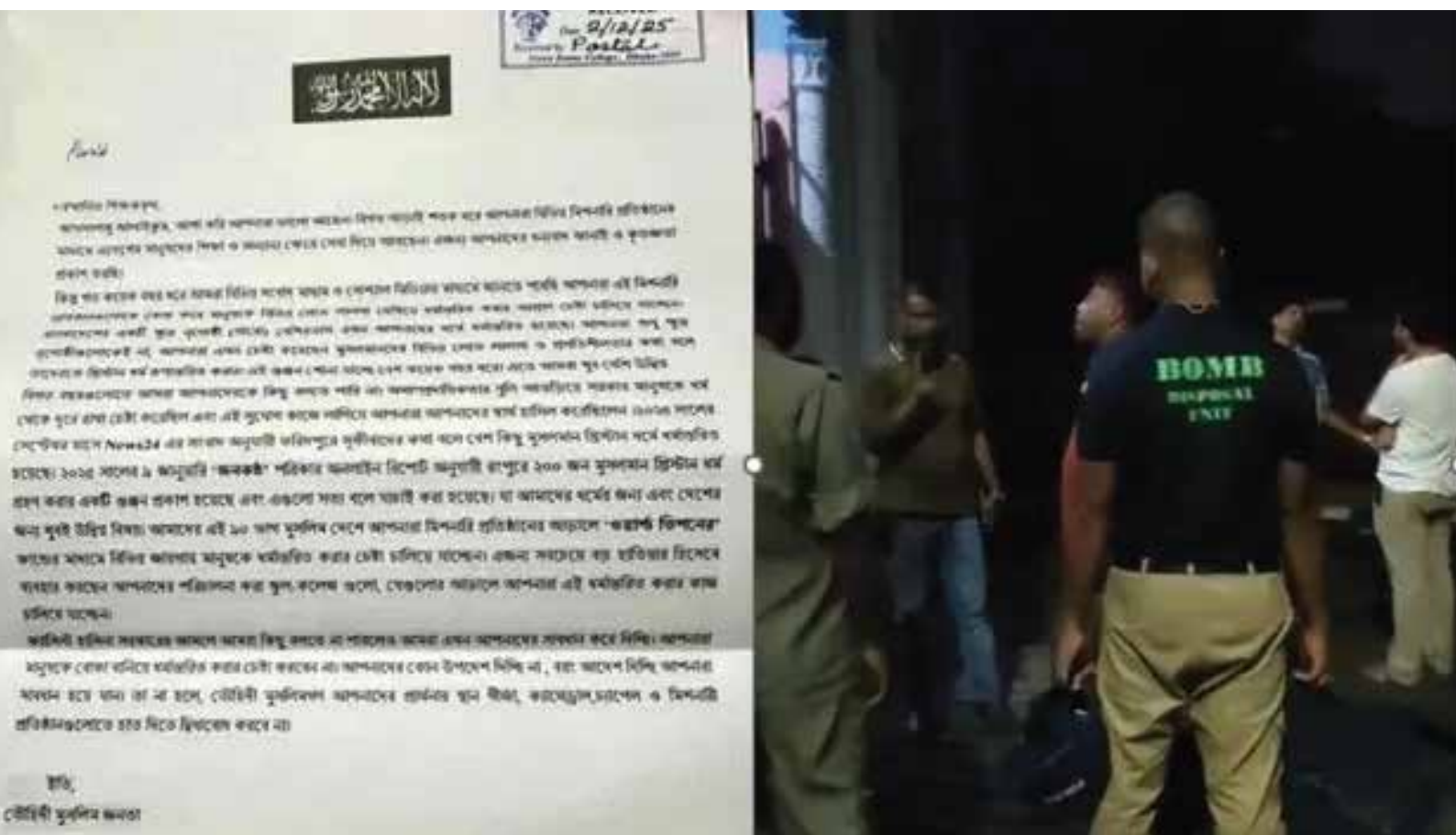


LOCALIZED ATTACKS CONTINUE

Credit Center in
Modonpur
vandalized and
burned

Garbage deliberately
dumped outside a
Baptist Church in a
port city to intimidate
worshippers

Gopalganj:
sustained attempts
to grab church
land; police failed
to intervene



GLOBAL WARNING — YET GLOBAL SILENCE

On November 16, Pope Francis, in a public tweet, listed Bangladesh alongside Nigeria as countries where Christians face ruthless persecution.

Yet, the international response remains muted, leaving minority communities vulnerable and exposed.

CALL TO ACTION

Instead of abandoning minorities, global democracies must speak out.

Silence emboldens extremists.

Accountability protects lives.

Christians — and all minorities in Bangladesh — deserve safety, dignity, and freedom of faith.



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PERSPECTIVES