

# BNP'S REIGN OF LAWLESSNESS:

## A SURGE IN CRIME AND CHAOS IN BANGLADESH

### Extortion Networks



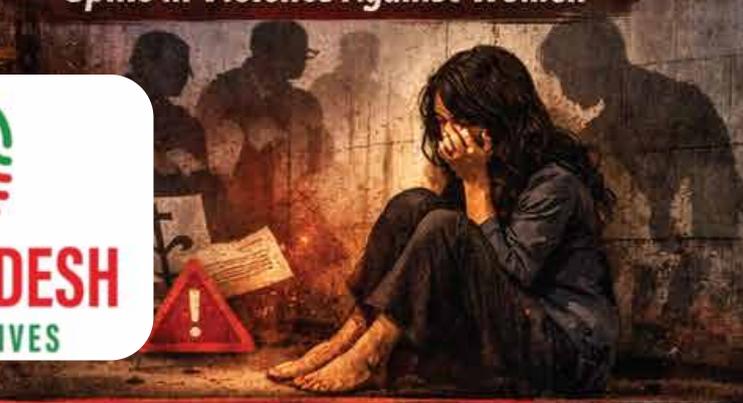
**7,000+** Injured in Political Violence



**158** Political Killings



### Spike in Violence Against Women



**91.7%** Political violence linked to BNP

**195+** killed  
In political clashes

**11,000+** Injured  
Across 17 months

**50% rise**  
In extortion targeting businesses

# From extortion rackets strangling businesses to gang rapes and targeted assassinations, BNP cadres have turned Bangladesh into a lawless fiefdom.

Since August 2024, Bangladesh has descended into a nightmare of unchecked criminality and political thuggery. What should have been a period of transition and hope has instead become a grotesque showcase of one party's predatory grip on society. The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) stands accused, with overwhelming evidence, of orchestrating a systematic campaign of extortion, kidnapping, assault, murder, and rape. This is not isolated misconduct by rogue elements. It is a deliberate pattern of lawlessness that has claimed hundreds of lives, shattered countless families, and poisoned the nation's future. The numbers are damning. The reality is worse. And the international community can no longer afford to look away.



Bangladesh's old new politics



# The Extortion



BNP cadres have turned everyday economic life into a protection racket. Transparency International Bangladesh's landmark study, released in February 2026, lays bare the scale of this predation. Between August 2024 and December 2025 alone, BNP leaders and activists were implicated in 550 incidents of political violence, a staggering 91.7 percent of the total 600 cases documented nationwide. These were not mere scuffles. They involved brazen extortion at transport terminals and stands, illegal extraction of stones from quarries and rivers, and ruthless battles to seize control of leases for bridges, markets, ghats, sand quarries, and water bodies.



RMG belt caught in cycle of extortion



The Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) has confirmed what every business owner already fears: extortion surged by up to 50 percent in the wake of the 2024 upheaval, with many operations now paying 20 to 50 percent more than before. Factories, supply chains, and small enterprises face daily shakedowns. Refuse, and risk arson, beatings, or worse. This is not governance. This is mafia rule dressed in political clothing.



Extortion surged by up to 50 percent following the fall of the Awami League government  
BNP operatives have embedded themselves in the very arteries of the economy, squeezing blood money from citizens who simply want to earn a living. The party's failure, or refusal, to rein in its own activists has turned extortion into an institutionalized enterprise. Internal party controls are nonexistent. The result? A nation held hostage by its own supposed opposition, where economic survival now depends on appeasing BNP muscle.



## Assaults and Kidnappings

The violence does not stop at cash demands. BNP-linked thugs have unleashed a wave of physical terror that targets bodies as well as bank accounts. The same TIB data reveals thousands maimed in these 550 BNP-dominated incidents: 7,082 people injured overall in just 17 months of political violence. Assaults are routine. Kidnappings serve as both punishment and leverage. Victims are snatched, beaten, and released only after families pay tribute or political rivals are silenced.



Bangladesh post-resignation  
violence (2024-2026)

This is targeted intimidation on an industrial scale. Transport workers, market traders, local officials, and ordinary citizens live in fear of BNP enforcers who operate with near-total impunity. Clashes erupt over control of institutions previously beyond their reach, leaving bloodied streets and broken lives in their wake. The BNP's strategy is clear: rule through fear, consolidate power through brute force, and crush any resistance before it can organize.

These are not random crimes. They form a calculated campaign to dominate public spaces, economic hubs, and political terrain. Every assault and abduction sends the same message: cross the BNP, and you will pay, in pain, in ransom, or in permanent silence.

## Murders and Political Violence

The body count tells the true story of BNP's ruthlessness. In those 600 incidents of political violence from August 2024 to December 2025, 158 political activists were killed. The overwhelming majority trace back to BNP involvement. This is slaughter by design, factional bloodbaths, revenge killings, and the elimination of rivals disguised as "political clashes."



Human rights report  
paints a grim picture

Investigations crawl at a snail's pace. Charge sheets have been filed in only a fraction of cases, including just 31 murders, exposing a justice system paralyzed by political pressure and fear. Meanwhile, BNP operatives continue their deadly work, confident that accountability is a myth.

This murder spree is not collateral damage. It is the inevitable outcome of a party that treats violence as a legitimate tool of politics. The BNP has transformed disagreement into death sentences and opposition into open season for assassination. Bangladesh's streets run red because one party has decided that power belongs to those willing to kill for it.

## Sexual Violence and Rapes

No depravity is beneath BNP cadres. Amid this orgy of extortion and bloodshed, sexual violence has exploded. Police headquarters data show a sharp spike in violence against women in the first half of 2025 alone, far exceeding the previous two years. Rape cases have multiplied, with gang rapes and assaults on girls and women becoming horrifyingly common.



Rape, murder of teen girl:  
BNP leader among 5  
arrested in Narsingdi



From August 5 till today,  
76 rape allegations  
Against BNP

In the climate of BNP-engineered impunity, predators operate without restraint. Allegations of sexual atrocities linked to party affiliates have poured in by the dozens, part of a broader pattern where power and violence go hand in hand. Women and girls bear the brunt of this lawlessness, their bodies weaponized to terrorize communities and break resistance.

The BNP's failure to condemn, let alone punish, these monsters in its ranks speaks volumes. Sexual violence is not an unfortunate byproduct; it is another arrow in the quiver of domination. When party muscle can rape with impunity, no citizen, especially no woman, is safe. This is the BNP's Bangladesh: a nation where the vulnerable pay the ultimate price for the party's unchecked aggression.

## A Reckoning Long Overdue: The BNP's Criminal Empire Must End

The evidence is irrefutable. From August 2024 onward, the BNP has presided over a reign of criminal terror that has left 158 dead, more than 7,000 injured, businesses crippled by 50 percent higher extortion, and women brutalized in record numbers. This is not politics. This is predation. The party's 91.7 percent dominance of recorded political violence is not a coincidence; it is an indictment.

Bangladesh stands at a precipice. If the BNP's thugs are allowed to continue their rampage, the dream of stability and democracy will die. The international community, governments, donors, and human rights organizations must recognize this threat for what it is: a direct assault on the rule of law by a party that has chosen criminality over citizenship.

The world cannot remain silent while BNP violence devours Bangladesh from within. Demand accountability. Insist on independent investigations. Refuse to legitimize a party that treats murder, rape, and extortion as instruments of power. The people of Bangladesh deserve better than this gangster regime in waiting. The BNP's shadow must be confronted before it engulfs the nation entirely.

# Surge in Law-and-Order Violations in Bangladesh

(August 2024 – February 2026)

Category	Key Statistics	BNP Involvement/ Attribution	Source(s)
Overall Political Violence	195 killed and 11,229 injured (Sept 2024 – Jan 2026); nearly half from internal BNP feuds (704 incidents)	91.7% of incidents linked to BNP (550 out of 600 cases in Aug 2024 – Dec 2025)	HRSS (17-month report); TIB
Murders & Political Killings	328 killed and 9,182 injured (Aug 9, 2024 – Dec 31, 2025); 158 killed in 600 incidents (Aug 2024 – Dec 2025); ~195 total political deaths over 17 months	Predominantly BNP-linked (91.7%); many from internal clashes (76 BNP members killed in 2025 infighting)	Odhikar; TIB; HRSS
Extortion & Related Crimes	Widespread reports of systematic extortion targeting businesses, minorities, and rivals; gold heists, factory raids, highway rackets	BNP affiliates repeatedly implicated in organized rackets post-August 2024	Media reports; TIB (91.7% violence link)
Assaults & Kidnappings	Hundreds of assaults, including mob attacks and abductions for ransom, targeted minorities and opponents	BNP youth wings and affiliates frequently accused	HRSS; police & media cases
Sexual Violence & Rapes	1,909–2,047 women/girls affected in broader violence surges; 789–828 rapes reported (over half minors); gang rapes and post-election reprisals	Linked to post-transition chaos under BNP influence	HRSS annual reports; minority rights groups
Attacks on Minorities	Over 2,010 attacks on Hindus/properties (as of mid-2025); multiple rapes, killings, forced evictions	Significant portion tied to BNP rise/power consolidation	Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council; TIB
Mob Violence & Lynching	413 incidents (17 months), 259 deaths; 292 incidents in 2025 alone (168 killed, 248 injured)	Sharp rise post-2024 transition, overlapping with BNP dominance	HRSS; Odhikar



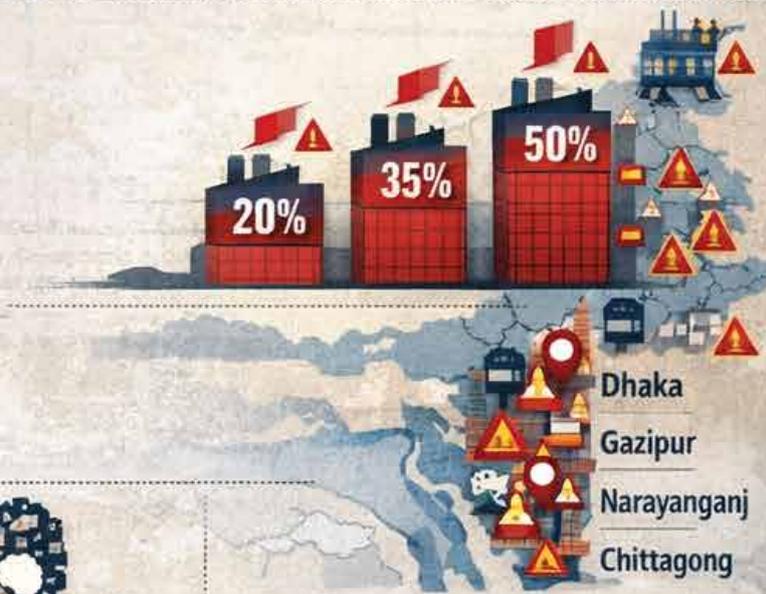
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## Trends Since August 2024

### Extortion Networks



### RMG Industry Impact



### Assaults & Kidnappings



### Murders & Political Violence



### Sexual Violence



A visual overview of crime trends affecting businesses, communities, and governance.





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