

# BANGLADESH IN CRISIS:

## MAY 2026 BY THE NUMBERS

A MONTH OF VIOLENCE. A NATION IN PERIL.



**69**

MOB VIOLENCE INCIDENTS



**32**

MOB KILLING DEATHS



**71**

INJURED IN MOB ATTACKS



**326**

CASES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & CHILDREN



**78**

RAPES REPORTED



**16**

GANG RAPES



**6**

CHILD RAPE-MURDERS



100% OF RAPE-MURDER VICTIMS WERE CHILDREN



**53**

UNIDENTIFIED BODIES RECOVERED

MEASLES OUTBREAK  
A DEADLY TOLL ON CHILDREN



**594**

CHILD DEATHS LINKED TO MEASLES OUTBREAK



**73,000+**

CHILDREN SHOWING SYMPTOMS



**59,000+**

HOSPITALIZED



BANGLADESH  
PERSPECTIVES

LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER ATTACK



**6**

RAB OFFICERS INJURED



MULTIPLE ATTACKS ON POLICE



HIGHWAY POLICE ASSAULTED



ILLEGAL FIREARMS SEIZED



BEYOND STATISTICS,  
BEHIND EVERY NUMBER IS A HUMAN LIFE.



May 2026 was marked by a significant deterioration in public safety, law enforcement effectiveness, and social stability across Bangladesh. Data compiled by the Manabdhikar Shongskriti Foundation (MSF) and reports from across the country indicate rising levels of mob violence, sexual violence, criminal activity, and public health challenges.

During the month, 69 incidents of mob violence resulted in 32 deaths and 71 injuries, representing the highest monthly toll recorded in the past six months. At the same time, 53 unidentified bodies were recovered nationwide, raising concerns among human rights observers.

Violence against women and children also increased. MSF documented 326 incidents involving women and children, including 78 reported rapes, 16 gang rapes, and six rape-murders involving child victims. Several high-profile cases generated widespread public concern and protests.

Bangladesh also faced an ongoing measles outbreak, with hundreds of child deaths reported since mid-March. More than 73,000 children reportedly showed symptoms of infection, placing additional pressure on the country's healthcare system.

Law enforcement agencies were themselves increasingly targeted, with multiple attacks on police and security personnel reported during anti-crime operations. Criminal groups, extortion networks, and local mobs continued to challenge state authority in several areas.

The month also saw continuing debate over political freedoms, arrests, detention practices, and the effectiveness of state institutions. Human rights organizations and civil society groups raised concerns about accountability, public security, and access to justice.

This report examines the major developments of May 2026, including public security, violence against women and children, attacks on law enforcement, public health challenges, and broader governance concerns, to provide a comprehensive overview of conditions in Bangladesh during the month.



# AN ESCALATING PROTECTION CRISIS

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & CHILDREN  
MAY 2026

The numbers are rising.  
So is the suffering.



**16**  
GANG RAPES

**6**  
CHILD RAPE-MURDERS

**100%**  
OF RAPE-MURDER VICTIMS WERE **CHILDREN**



EVERY NUMBER REPRESENTS A LIFE.  
EVERY LIFE DESERVES PROTECTION.



END VIOLENCE. PROTECT WOMEN & CHILDREN. BUILD A SAFER BANGLADESH.

# CHILDREN UNDER THREAT

## A CHILD PROTECTION EMERGENCY

A deadly measles outbreak has triggered a humanitarian crisis for children across Bangladesh.



### THE OUTBREAK TIMELINE

**MID-MARCH**  
OUTBREAK BEGINS



First cases detected. Outbreak begins to spread.

**APRIL**  
ESCALATION



Cases rise rapidly. Hospitals face increasing pressure.

**MAY**  
PEAK



Outbreak reaches peak. Lives of thousands of children at risk.

### THE DEVASTATING IMPACT



**594**  
CHILD DEATHS  
LINKED TO MEASLES OUTBREAK



**504**  
SUSPECTED  
DEATHS



**90**  
CONFIRMED  
DEATHS

**73,000+**  
CHILDREN  
SHOWING SYMPTOMS



**59,000+**  
CHILDREN  
HOSPITALIZED



**THEY ARE OUR FUTURE.  
LET'S PROTECT THEM NOW.**

Vaccinate. Act early. Save lives.  
Every child matters.



# STATE AUTHORITY UNDER PRESSURE

LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER ATTACK. COMMUNITIES UNDER THREAT.



**6**  
**RAB OFFICERS  
INJURED**

Brave officers targeted while performing their duties.



**MULTIPLE  
ATTACKS  
ON POLICE**

Police stations and officers attacked across several districts.



**HIGHWAY  
POLICE  
ASSAULTED**

Officers on duty assaulted while ensuring public safety.



**ILLEGAL  
FIREARMS  
SEIZED**

Illegal weapons recovered from criminals fueling the violence.



**ATTACKING POLICE  
IS ATTACKING THE NATION.**

Stand with law enforcement.  
Stand for a safer Bangladesh.

[#SupportOurPolice](#)



RESPECT. SUPPORT. STRENGTHEN THE LAW. **TOGETHER FOR JUSTICE.**



# MAY 2026



# SECURITY INDICATORS

A NATION IN CRISIS. EVERY INDICATOR AT **CRITICAL** LEVEL.

From mob violence to public health, from sexual violence to attacks on law enforcement—Bangladesh faces an unprecedented breakdown of safety, justice, and protection for all.

### MOB VIOLENCE

**CRITICAL**

- 69 INCIDENTS
- 32 DEATHS
- 71 INJURED

Highest monthly mob violence death toll in six months.

### SEXUAL VIOLENCE

**CRITICAL**

- 326 CASES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & CHILDREN
- 78 RAPES REPORTED
- 16 GANG RAPES
- 6 CHILD RAPE-MURDERS

100% OF RAPE-MURDER VICTIMS WERE CHILDREN

### PUBLIC HEALTH

**CRITICAL**

- 594 CHILD DEATHS LINKED TO MEASLES OUTBREAK
- 504 SUSPECTED DEATHS
- 90 CONFIRMED DEATHS
- 73,000+ CHILDREN SHOWING SYMPTOMS
- 59,000+ HOSPITALIZED

### LAW ENFORCEMENT SAFETY

**CRITICAL**

- 6 RAB OFFICERS INJURED
- MULTIPLE ATTACKS ON POLICE
- HIGHWAY POLICE ASSAULTED
- ILLEGAL FIREARMS SEIZED

### MINORITY SECURITY

**CRITICAL**

- ATTACKS ON MINORITIES CONTINUE
- PLACES OF WORSHIP TARGETED
- COMMUNITIES LIVING IN FEAR
- JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ABSENT



EVERY INDICATOR. EVERY LIFE. EVERY DAY COUNTS.  
RESTORE SAFETY. RESTORE JUSTICE. RESTORE BANGLADESH.



# THE HUMAN TOLL

BEHIND EACH NUMBER IS A LIFE. BEHIND EACH LIFE IS A FAMILY.



## DEATHS



# 32

### MOB VIOLENCE DEATHS

Innocent lives taken by mob brutality and lawlessness.



# 53

### UNIDENTIFIED BODIES

Bodies recovered. Families still waiting for answers.



# 594

### CHILD MEASLES DEATHS

Young lives lost to a preventable outbreak and collapsing health system.



## THEY DIDN'T JUST BECOME NUMBERS.

THEY WERE SOMEONE'S EVERYTHING.



## VICTIMS



### WOMEN

Targeted, abused, and left without protection or justice.



### CHILDREN

Violated, exploited, and robbed of their childhood and future.



### MINORITIES

Attacked, intimidated, and denied the right to live in peace and dignity.



### LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Attacked while protecting others. Standing between chaos and order.



## THEY DESERVE PROTECTION.

THEY DESERVE JUSTICE. THEY DESERVE PEACE.

A CRISIS OF THIS SCALE DEMANDS ACTION. NOT SILENCE.

# MAY 2026: A MONTH OF ESCALATING CRISES



A timeline of key incidents that shook Bangladesh

MAY  
6



## KALIAKAIR MOB KILLINGS

A man was lynched to death and two others critically injured in a mob attack in Kaliakair, Gazipur.

Mob violence continues to spiral out of control.



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## PALLABI CHILD MURDER CASE

8-year-old girl Umme Kulsum Eity was brutally murdered in Pallabi, Mirpur.

Another heartbreaking reminder that children are not safe.



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## RAB AMBUSH IN NATORE

Armed assailants ambushed a RAB patrol vehicle in Natore, injuring 6 RAB members.

Attacks on law enforcement are becoming more brazen and frequent.



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## CHATTOGRAM POLICE ATTACK

A group of miscreants attacked a police mobile patrol team in Kotwali, Chattogram.

Police face growing hostility while trying to maintain order.



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31



## MEASLES DEATHS MILESTONE

Child deaths from the measles outbreak reached a devastating milestone.

- 594 Child Deaths
- 504 Suspected
- 90 Confirmed



**VIOLENCE. INJUSTICE. INDIFFERENCE.**  
**HOW MUCH MORE CAN BANGLADESH ENDURE?**



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# BANGLADESH CRISIS: MAY 2026

A MONTH OF ESCALATING CRISES.



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# 32 KILLED IN MOB VIOLENCE



INNOCENT LIVES TAKEN.  
JUSTICE NOWHERE.



3

# 78 REPORTED RAPES



WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE  
NOT SAFE. SILENCE IS  
COMPLICITY.



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# 594 CHILD DEATHS DURING MEASLES OUTBREAK

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- 504 SUSPECTED
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# #HumanRights #BangladeshCrisis



SPEAK  
OUT.



STAND  
TOGETHER.



DRIVE  
CHANGE



OUR PEOPLE. OUR RIGHTS. OUR FUTURE. **ACT NOW.**

# BANGLADESH IN MAY 2026:

## A COMPREHENSIVE BREAKDOWN OF ADMINISTRATIVE COLLAPSE



**32**

**MOB DEATHS**

Innocent lives lost to mob violence and lawlessness.



**53**

**UNIDENTIFIED BODIES**

Recovered bodies awaiting identification. Families still in anguish.



**69**

**MOB INCIDENTS**

Widespread mob violence across multiple districts. Justice replaced by chaos.



**78**

**RAPES**

Reported rape cases in May 2026. A sharp and alarming rise.



**594**

**CHILD DEATHS**

Children lost during the measles outbreak. A preventable tragedy.



**326**

**CASES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & CHILDREN**

Violence continues to escalate with impunity.



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