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Since the February 12 national elections brought the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) back to power alongside its fundamentalist ally Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh has rapidly devolved into an absolute law-and-order collapse. Far from restoring democratic norms or political reconciliation, the newly elected administration has unleashed a systematic campaign of extrajudicial violence, mob lynching, and fatal political persecution aimed directly at erasing the opposition Awami League (AL).

Across rural districts and urban centers, Awami League leaders, activists, and grassroots organizers, as well as their families, are being systematically hunted down, hacked to death, tortured, and forced into hiding. Rights groups and human rights monitoring organizations record hundreds of political casualties, mass arbitrary detentions under generic dragnet cases, and a pervasive atmosphere where the life of an Awami League affiliate holds zero legal or state protection.

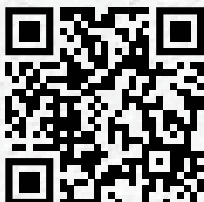
This report presents verified case studies, documenting the deliberate target profile and brutal execution tactics employed by BNP-Jamaat cadres operating under total state impunity.

Documented Accounts of Targeted Abuse & Assassinations

1 Anwar Hossain

Anwar Hossain (45), a former Union Parishad member (Ward 2) and president of the Ward 2 Jubo League unit in Shrikail Union, Bangora Bazar, Muradnagar (Cumilla), had been living in hiding since the August 2024 political shift to escape repeated attacks on his home by local BNP-Jamaat cadres. On the night of September 12, 2026, he secretly returned home at 3:00 AM to see his wife and children.

Within minutes of his arrival, armed BNP-Jamaat cadres surrounded the house, broke down the door, and dragged him out. In front of his terrified family, the mob hacked him to death with sharp weapons and severed the tendons in his wrists and ankles. When his wife, Momena Begum, tried to shield him, she was also severely hacked and left critically injured.



Jubo League President
Hacked to Death in
Front of Family



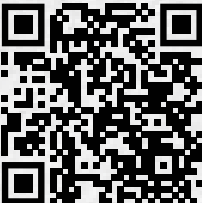
2 Jewel Ahmed Rana

Jewel Ahmed Rana (40), a local Jubo League leader in Chaugachha Upazila, Jashore, was ambushed on June 11, 2026, by an armed group of BNP leaders and activists.

According to family members and local reporting, Rana was surrounded and subjected to a prolonged physical assault. Witnesses revealed that the attackers actively prevented bystanders from transporting the critically injured leader to a hospital. When his wife intervened in a desperate effort to save his life, she was violently assaulted. Rana died of severe hemorrhaging before receiving emergency care.



Jubo League Activist Beaten to Death After Wife Was Tied to a Pole



Video: Before his death, Jubo League leader Jewel Rana pleaded for water, but BNP leaders and activists ultimately did not allow him to drink water.



3 Syada Begum

On May 17, 2026, in Taipalong, Ukhiya (Cox's Bazar), 55-year-old Syada Begum lost her life while shielding her son from an armed mob. Following an online dispute over political graffiti, a mob led by local BNP ward leaders and Chhatra Dal activists attacked her son, SM Imran, and his friend Mohammad Yunus.

Hearing the assault, Syada Begum rushed out to cover her son with her body. The attackers grabbed her by the neck and violently threw her onto the paved ground, causing internal trauma. She collapsed at the scene and was pronounced dead upon arrival at the Ukhiya Upazila Health Complex.



Woman dies trying to shield son from attack by 'BNP men'



Alleged attack by BNP activists over Facebook 'Haha' reaction, woman dies

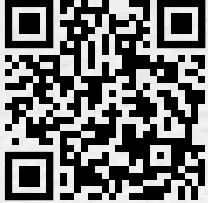


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4 Jobayer Hossain Parvej

In Chhagalnaiya, Feni, on June 27, 2026, police recovered the mutilated body of Jobayer Hossain Parvej (32), a local Jubo League activist. Parvej had previously spent over a year in prison on political charges before being released on bail.



*Jubo League activist
hacked to death in Feni*



*Jubo League leader's
throat-slit body
recovered in Feni*



*Video: Jubo League leader
Jobayer Hossain Parvez was
hacked to death by
BNP-Jamaat terrorists in front
of his own home.*



The assailants ambushed him outside his residence, severed both of his hands, and slit his throat. Local reports indicate the killing was executed by political rivals who had aligned themselves with the ruling coalition to seize his businesses while he was incarcerated.

5 Monayem Hossain

On the night of 9 September 2026, Monayem Hossain, 48–50, Awami League ward president and Union Parishad member in Vayna Union, Harinakundu, Jhenaidah, was ambushed while returning home from the local bazaar near Kalishankarpur Government Primary School. Assailants armed with sharp weapons nearly severed one of his hands and inflicted multiple deep wounds across his abdomen and body. He was declared dead at Kushtia General Hospital at approximately 10:30 pm.

The Awami League described the attack as a premeditated political assassination carried out by BNP-Jamaat cadres who, having failed to defeat him through politics, resorted to murder. His wife, Shilpi Khatun, said she and their children had been left widows and orphans, and demanded justice. Local police confirmed the injuries and launched searches. The killing took place in a climate where Awami League activities remain severely restricted.



*UP member hacked to
death in Jhenaidah*



*Video: In Harinakundu upazila of
Jhenaidah district, Md. Monaem
Hossain, President of Ward No. 9
Awami League of No. 1 Bhayna
Union and former Union Parishad
member, was brutally hacked to
death by alleged BNP-Jamaat
terrorists.*

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Abdus Shukur

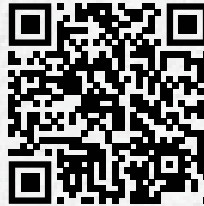
Abdus Shukur, 40, vice-president of the Ward 9 Awami League in Bhulbaria Union, Santhia upazila, Pabna, went missing on the evening of 17 July 2026. The following afternoon, his body was found dumped in a forested area in Ratanpur with his throat completely slit. He had been repeatedly threatened by local BNP-Jamaat enforcers before his abduction and murder.



Local Awami League leaders demanded a proper investigation and justice. Police recovered the body and sent it for autopsy; the official motive remained unknown. The method, throat-slitting and disposal in an isolated location, has recurred in several cases involving former Awami League local office-holders.



Video: Awami League Leader Murdered by Slitting His Throat in Santhia



Awami League Leader Killed in Brutal Throat-Slitting Attack in Santhia

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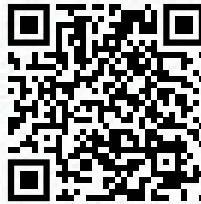
Al Amin

Al Amin (40), General Secretary of Bhairab Pourashava Jubo League and a former municipal councilor, was ambushed on August 23, 2026, near Tinpatti, Kishoreganj. While returning home on his motorcycle around midnight, an armed group surrounded him, inflicting multiple deep hatchet wounds to his head and severing his Achilles tendon. He died hours later at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

After August 2024, he had faced multiple cases, been imprisoned twice, and lived a lower-profile life. His wife last spoke to him minutes before the attack. Police confirmed the facts. The killing of a once-visible local organizer who had already passed through the post-change legal system underscores the continued exposure of former Jubo League figures.



Jubo League leader hacked dead in Kishoreganj



Video: Municipality Jubo League, who was killed in a terrorist attack, is being taken to his family home.

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Zakaria Ahsan Jilhan

In Sitakunda, Chittagong, on the evening of 16 May 2026, Md. Zakaria Ahsan Jilhan, a former president of the Sitakunda Degree College Chhatra League unit, was attacked near a union parishad pond. Assailants inflicted so many cuts, reports cited nine to ten or more, that physicians stated there was “no place left on the body for stitches or injections.” He was transferred first to Chittagong Medical College Hospital and then to Pangu Hospital in Dhaka.



Chhatra League Leader Hacked 9–10 Times with Machetes, Wounds So Deep They Couldn't Even Be Stitched

Local accounts pointed to a named individual with prior personal disputes; a Chhatra Dal figure denied political motivation. Police acknowledged the severity of the attack and said the primary suspect had gone into hiding.

The extreme physical violence directed at a former student-wing leader fits the wider pattern.



Attacks on Chhatra League Leader in Sitakunda



Video: Seriously Injured Zakaria Hasan, Vice President of Sitakunda Degree College Chhatra League, in a BNP & Jamat Terrorist Attack

How Long Will the World Remain Silent?

These eight cases are not isolated. Reporting from 2024 through September 2026 records further killings of Awami League-affiliated local leaders. The methods remain consistent: hacking with sharp weapons, throat-slitting, and attacks inside or immediately outside the home, often soon after a victim emerges from hiding. Victims are disproportionately those who held grassroots organisational roles. Families repeatedly state that political identity is the decisive factor. Awami League statements describe a campaign of elimination enabled by the new political environment in which the BNP government and emboldened Jamaat-e-Islami-Shibir networks exercise influence.

Under the current authorities, formal bans and severe restrictions on Awami League activities have left former organisers without institutional protection. Police routinely promise investigations; public accountability remains scarce. Local leaders and activists therefore live under constant threat, their deaths treated as routine crime rather than political violence requiring urgent national response.

The international community's continued silence is no longer sustainable. Media outlets, human-rights bodies, and foreign governments must confront three critical questions:

How long will global powers ignore sustained political violence in Bangladesh while maintaining normal diplomatic and trade relations?

Why is no meaningful pressure being applied on the BNP government to guarantee equal protection under the law for opposition figures?

Will international human-rights agencies demand an independent, UN-monitored investigation into the targeted killings and mutilations of Awami League members?

The systematic elimination of a political opposition violates fundamental international covenants. Continued inaction risks endorsing the collapse of human rights and democratic space in Bangladesh.



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