

# 1,683 HR violations against women in last 3 months

Says MMC report

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A total of 1,683 incidents of human rights violations against women, most of those on dowry and divorce related matters, occurred all over the country in the last three months as of September this year.

According to the newspaper reports monitored by the Massline Media Centre (MMC), a non-government organisation, 754 women were killed and 556 were injured during the period.

The NGO's study was based on 12 national and 196 local newspapers.

The MMC report, published this month, said 573 cases were filed and 496 accused were arrested in this connection.

The latest study revealed that repressions on women came down in the last three months than that of the previous quarter.

"Eight women were killed and 18 repressed everyday in July-September this year while nine were killed and 22 repressed daily in April-June quarter", the study added.

According to categorical analysis of the cases of 269 females related to dowry and divorce, 156 of them were killed and 90 others injured following physical assault.

The highest number of dowry incidents took place in Rajshahi division while the lowest numbers occurred in Sylhet.

During the period, 227 women were raped and of them, 39 were

killed, said the report, adding 91 women fell victim to gang rape and of them, 14 died.

Some 72 females were sexually abused and of them, 27 were injured and two were killed. Khulna topped the list in committing such crime.

A total of 245 committed suicide during the period and of them, highest number of 107 suicide cases took place in Rajshahi division.

During the last three months, at least 54 women fell victim to acid violence, six more than previous quarter, while 51 females were kidnapped and 30 others have been trafficked.

Besides, 14 women fell victim to 'fatwa' and 138 females were forcibly engaged in terrorist activities.

## 2 criminals held in Ctg

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Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested two top-notch criminals and recovered one rifle in separate drives in Chittagong and Feni in last two days.

On information, a Rab squad arrested Riaz Uddin Majumder alias Tipu, a listed criminal, from in front of his house at East Banshpura under Chhagolnaya thana in Feni at around 2.00am yesterday.

Tipu is and an accused in twelve cases, sources said.

In another raid, Rab zarrested one Md Harunur Rashid of Badhupara under Raozan thana in Chittagong on Thursday night.

Rashid, son of late Kala Mia of Bacha Shah Nagar under Rangunia upazila, is an accused in several cases including murder and abduction.

## Documentary on Hooded Pitta

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A documentary on a songbird, Hooded Pitta, locally known as Halti, was screened at the Liberation War Museum auditorium in the city yesterday.

Sharif Khan, an ornithologist, made the documentary titled 'Nest of Hooded Pitta' after his 27 years of research. The scientific name of the bird is Pitta Sordida.

Although the bird is found in southwestern region of the country, particularly in Bagerhat district, it is rarely seen in other parts of the country.

Interestingly, this beautiful bird builds its nest on the ground, not on the tree. Its melodious song can be heard at night and it can sing 11 different tunes.

The Bangladesh Banyaprani Raksha Samity (Committee to preserve wildlife), Bangladesh Wild Club, Lovebird Club and Wildlife Club jointly organised the documentary show and a discussion.

For the first time in the country, the life cycle of Hooded Pitta has been captured in the camera of Sharif Khan. The bird has long been a resident of Bagerhat district and breeding, the speakers said at the discussion.

Cultural activist Mofidul Haque presided over the discussion. Prof Qazi Zaker Hossain of Dhaka University was present as chief guest while noted artist Hashem Khan and columnist Belal Chowdhury as special guests.



PHOTO: STAR  
Mukta Shishu O Nari Sramik Forum forms a human chain at Muktangan in the city yesterday to mark the World Rural Women's Day.

## UCEP painting exhibition begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A month-long painting exhibition, organised by Underprivileged Children's Educational Programmes (UCEP)-Bangladesh, begins in the city today to raise funds.

Selected artworks of some 25,000 UCEP students will be put on display, says a press release.

UCEP Chairperson M Sirajul Islam will formally inaugurate the exhibition at the UCEP head office at Mirpur-2. Renowned artist Shishir Bhattacharjee will be present as special guest.

The exhibition will remain open from 9:00am to 4:30pm daily (except Eid holidays) till November 20.



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A Hooded Pitta at its nest.