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stant state of fear and those of us with children feel especially at risk." From cafes to classrooms from rickshaw pullers to housewives everyone is on edge. But are there fears justified?

Afizul Islam, Officer in Charge (OC) of Mohammadpur thana feels the public unease is at times unjustified. Mohammadpur is better known as the crime hub of the city and even with that dubious reputation Islam thinks the area under his jurisdiction has gone through a lot of positive changes. He says, "I will never say crime is in the wane, but what I do feel is that it is much lower than before. Just a few years ago, there was on average more than 20 murders a month in my neighbourhood! Now the number is closer to 2 or 3." Evidence like that is hard to refute, but as we know statistics often hide more than they reveal. When questioned about the frequency of other crimes he said, "Even muggings are down, last month only 7 were reported, while there was only one house burglary, which was rampant in previous times." His statement brings up another interesting point as to how many crimes are actually reported to our law enforcers.