

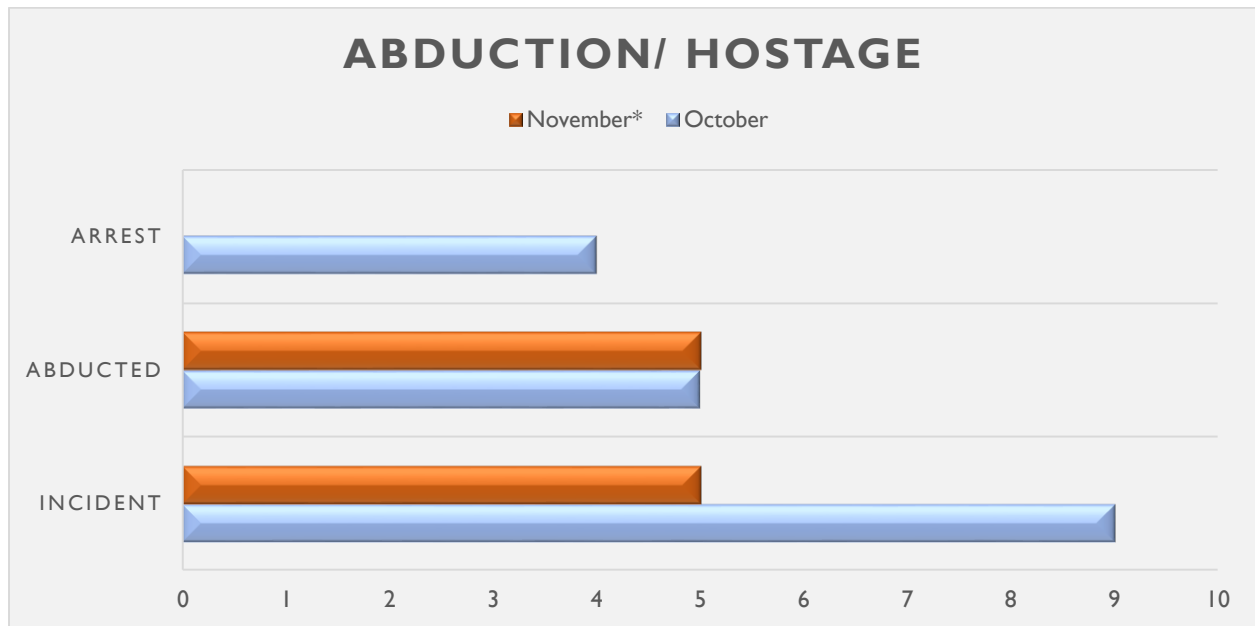
**VIOLENCE AGAINST CIVILIANS: MINORITY COMMUNITY**

Violence against minorities is not widespread in Bangladesh, but a miniscule number of incidents is taking place at a regular interval. In October 2017, Bangladesh Peace Observatory (BPO) recorded four incidents of violence against the minorities. Three of them were against a particular religious minority community, and the other one was against a minority ethnic group. Between 1 and 15 November 2017, BPO recorded two incidents where members of Hindu community came under attack. In both the cases, blasphemous Facebook posts incited violence against them. On 2 November 2017, following a rumor of posting a distorted picture on the Facebook humiliating Islam, about 200 angry people vandalized the houses and shops of Vishnu Malo, a Hindu residing in Hatkrishnapur bazar in Sadarpur Upazila of Faridpur. Police later arrested him to avoid any further unwanted incident and imposed Section 144 in the area. Again, on 10 November 2017, thousands of people vandalized, torched, and looted houses of the Hindus for the alleged religious defamation on the Facebook by Titu Roy of Thakurbari, Rangpur Sadar. So far, Police arrested more than 100 people including Titu Roy relating to the case. In response, the *Hindu Mohajot* organized a protest in Netrokona. The Deputy Commissioner visited the village and conveyed to the victims that the Prime Minister has instructed him to aid the affected people with money, housing, food, and clothes, including rebuilding the temple. Obaidul Quader, MP, the Minister of Road Transport and Bridges, visited the place and promised the victims to be by their side and ensure their safety.

**Violence against Civilians: Minority Community****October****4****Incidents****1 Ethnic & 3 Religio-centric****November\*****2****Incidents****Both Religio-centric***\*November (First two weeks)*

## ABDUCTION/ HOSTAGE

In October 2017 the BPO recorded a total of nine incidents of abduction all over the country where five people were abducted and police arrested four abductors in different cases. Between 1 November and 15 November 2017, five persons went 'missing' without any trace from Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal. Nobody was arrested in these cases, and reasons behind these abductions remained unclear till today. Among these incidents, a high profile case created a huge sensation. On 8 November 2017, Mubashar Hasan, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Sociology, North South University, went 'missing' from Agargaon area of Dhaka. So far he is untraceable. On 12 November 2017, his friends and family organized a human chain at the University of Dhaka urging the government to ensure his safe return.

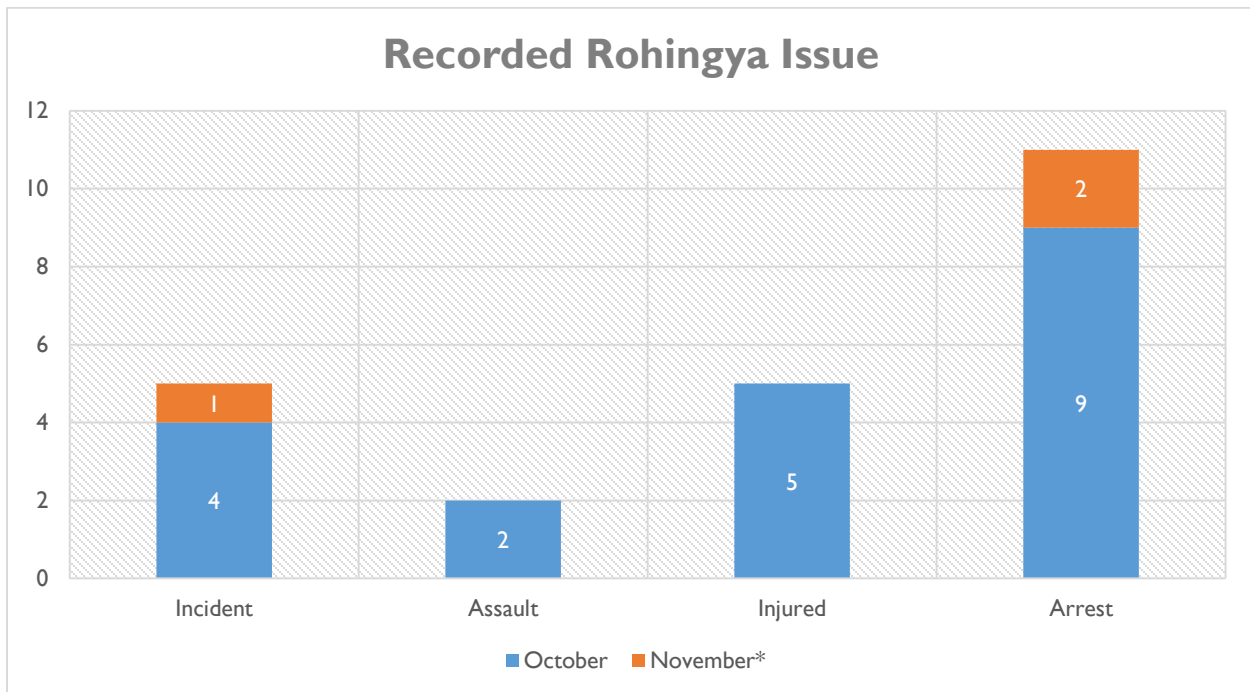


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MONTH	INCIDENT	ABDUCTED	ARREST
October	9	5	4
November*	5	5	0

### THE ROHINGYA ISSUE

Although influx is high but reports on incidents of violence relating to the Rohingyas are not very significant. Between 1 November and 15 November 2017, only one incident was recorded by the BPO and on 7 November 2017, two Rohingya girls were arrested by the Police in Brahmanbaria. Later, the Police sent them back to Kutupalong camp in Cox's Bazar. In October, however, four incidents were recorded in which a total of nine Rohingyas were arrested. Out of which, six tried to enter India illegally while three got arrested for carrying illicit drugs and arms. Also, a Rohingya allegedly killed a Bangladeshi. In another incident, a group of Rohingyas attacked Bangladeshis working at a water facility at Balukhali Rohingya camp.



\*November (First two weeks)

## SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In past two weeks, two incidents of domestic violence in Dhaka caught more attention than any other incidents of similar kind. On 1 November 2017, in Kakrail, a mother and her son were killed in their own house. Police suspected that family issues and financial feud among family members could be the reason. Later police arrested the husband, guard, and the housemaid. Just 11 hours after the Kakrail incident, another brutal murder took place in Badda. Miscreants killed a father and a daughter in their own house. In this case, police are suspecting family feud as the motive. They detained the wife for interrogation.

### Sexual and Gender-Based Violence

Types of Incident	Incident		Total Female Killed		Total Female Injured		Total Arrest	
	Oct	Nov*	Oct	Nov*	Oct	Nov*	Oct	Nov*
Domestic violence	7	2	6	0	0	0	4	4
Dowry-related	4	2	0	1	0	0	3	1
Other cause	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Other domestic/GBV/VAW	8	0	3	0	0	0	2	0
Other social	3	0	2	0	1	0	3	0
Sexual assault	31	3	14	1	30	8	32	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>9</b>

\*November (First two weeks)