

Good afternoon everyone, I am Aishee Biswas.

The numbers we've just heard show us the harsh reality of the crimes happening in Bangladesh today. But how do these numbers measure up to what we saw in the past? How did we go from a time when crime seemed less frequent to a situation where it now feels like an everyday part of life?

Let us take a moment to compare the crime rates from the past to where we are today. In 2025, the number of murders has risen by approximately 1.08 times compared to 2020. Meanwhile, sexual violence has increased by 1.3% over the past 9 years. These are not just numbers. **These are real people, real families.**

So, let me ask you: **How did we reach this point? How did things go from bad to worse so quickly?**

The truth lies in the vulnerability of our law enforcement. After the independence of August 5, 2024, following the fall of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, many police officers were killed by the public, and others had to flee to save their lives. And we know this for a fact **when the guardians of law flee, chaos walks freely**. As a result, criminals who once feared the law are now free, causing chaos everywhere. Terrorists who were once imprisoned have been released and are now moving around without any restrictions, spreading violence everywhere. The collapse of the police force has allowed these groups to grow stronger than they were before. Our streets, that have always been unsafe, are now even more dangerous than the past.

So, before I end my speech I want to ask again: **What is the value of independence when our people, our women live in fear? We may be free on paper, but can we really walk in the streets and move freely? Will we continue to live in fear, or will we take a stand for a safer future? The choice is yours.**

Thank you.