

Year 2023: What is likely to take place in Case of Crime

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What kinds of crime are likely to take place in Bangladesh in 2023 has been discussed here. For determining this sociological rather than numerical methods have been used. Indeed, mainly three main determinants have been considered which include social tension, conflict, and unrest. Likewise, upcoming national and local elections are taken into consideration. Apart from this, the impact of international events on the crime world of the country has also been considered.

Crimes likely to occur in 2023 include murder, rape, kidnapping, disappearance, terrorism, rioting, militancy, looting, banditry and extortion, abuse of women and children, human trafficking, suicide, corruption and money-laundering, smuggling and drug trafficking, theft and extortion, cyber-crime, festival crime, seasonal crime, bank embezzlement, bad loans, abuse of power, etc.

Murder: Like last year, the murder rate will remain normal this year. Compared to last year, it may increase slightly. Murders due to interpersonal conflicts are common, but political tensions may increase somewhat. But there could be one or two crime waves. Militants' attacks will continue. Due to some tensions and conflicts centered on hotspots in some cases, members of the law-enforcement force may also be affected. Moreover, people from competing parties may be affected due to political reasons in different places. However, there is little chance of large-scale violence across the country. Some social unrest may continue throughout the year. Minor attacks on ethnic groups and communities may occur. This year the persons from the government party may become victims of more violence.

Tensions may rise between government parties and may lead to crimes such as murder. Like every year, the killing of women and children will continue this year and is likely to increase slightly. Violence at the family level and drug abuse can escalate.

Rape: Rape may increase slightly this year. However, due to an increase in social awareness, it may increase very little. Post-rape homicides may decrease. Gang rape may increase slightly. The risk of abduction and disappearance will not be reduced.

Cross-Fire: Cross-fire will not be as much this year. The recent sanctions imposed by the US on certain individuals may bring incidents like Crossfire to near zero. Only a few incidents can happen. Law enforcement agencies can be more vigilant in this regard.

Militant Activity: Militants have not been eradicated though. In the current year, the efforts of the militants to carry out their activities will continue, especially their small-scale efforts. Arms and explosives will continue to be recovered from them throughout the year. There is also a possibility of one or two attacks. Some militants are likely to be active for political reasons this year.

Terrorism and Riots: Organized terrorism will continue but may increase in different pocket areas. There will be attempts to create a riot, but it may be temporary. It can be from village to village or between different communities. Certain incidents of conflict with particular groups may occur, particularly with the Rohingya, and local people's conflicts and tensions may continue. Killings, rapes, torture, and acts of terrorism will continue among the Rohingyas.

Terrorism may increase slightly in hilly areas. The conflict between the conflicting parties will continue. Juvenile gang crime may decrease somewhat. Vigilance has been increased in this regard than before.

Plundering, Banditry, and Extortion: Plundering and Banditry (Riverine, Forest, Char, and Haor) and extortion may increase slightly. But the extortion that goes on throughout the year will continue.

Violence against women and children: Violence against women and children is not likely to decrease this year, rather violence against women and children may increase slightly due to political reasons.

Human Trafficking: Trafficking of women, men, and children will continue. Attempts to traffic Rohingya women and children will continue.

Suicide: As tension in society continues to increase, the incidence of suicide among men and women will increase. It can increase due to failure in desired results in exams, failure in getting a job, failure in love, cheating, etc.

Corruption, embezzlement, and money laundering: Corruption at various places including airports, passports, land offices, and BRTAs will reduce somewhat. Corruption may decrease very slightly in the current year. The trend of embezzlement of government money will continue among government officials, but it may decrease very slightly. Money laundering will continue but may decrease slightly. Even if the percentage of corrupt people decreases slightly, the amount of corruption may increase. Bribery corruption will be reduced to some extent due to the availability of online facilities in government institutions.

Smuggling and Drug Trafficking: Gold smuggling and drug trafficking may decrease marginally in the current year. But new drugs will continue to enter the country. Rohingya participation in drug trafficking may decrease somewhat.

Burglary and Robbery: Burglary will decrease slightly in the current year, especially in places where CCTV cameras have been installed. And plundering may decrease slightly, temporarily increasing in some places. Thus, it will rise and fall throughout the year.

Cybercrime: Cybercrime may not decrease this year, but new methods will continue to be invented and used to commit crimes. It will continue through digital marketing.

Festival-based crimes: Offenses such as extortion, kidnapping, rape, counterfeiting, cyber fraud, fainting, etc., may be restricted during Bengali New Year, English New Year, Ramadan, Eid, Durga Puja, etc. As the number of attacks increases towards the end of the year, these crimes may rise again.

Loan default: Various types of money laundering and loan defaulting activities will continue. Various groups will continue to take loans from banks and try not to repay them. There will be no shortage of political and administrative support in this regard.

Abuse of power: This trend may decrease a bit in the current year. Bribe for recruitment may also increase. Contract-oriented corruption may be reduced to some extent.

Nomination Trading: There may be little nomination and support trading centering around local government elections.

Environmental Crime: Climate change is being accelerated by environmental crime. The most significant of these is the destruction of forests through illegal logging. Dry rivers of the country are now in danger of encroachment and pollution. Illegal encroachment and pollution of most rivers will continue. People will occupy these and continue building structures in urban areas. Brick kilns will continue to burn firewood freely and deforestation will go unabated. The topsoil of arable land, riverbanks, and hilly soil be used illegally for brick kilns which will continue. Again, the number of illegal brick kilns may also increase this year. As a result, the government taking various initiatives to reduce the use of plastic, and its use will decrease somewhat. Habitat destruction of elephants, tigers, and other wildlife continues in the country as a result of nature-destroying activities due to increasing demand for livelihood, and climate change is creating negative economic and social instability, which will create additional pressure on the environment.

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