

TRENDS AND PATTERNS OF CRIMES IN DHAKA CITY: AN ANALYSIS OF RECENT CASES

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ABSTRACT

Crime statistics has always become an important source for knowing the trends and fluctuations of criminal tendencies. Performances of law enforcement agencies are measured to some extent by such statistics. The sources of such information are subsequently very important in this apprehension process as validity and reliability of such data largely depend upon these sources. Recorded crime data by law enforcement agencies thereby are considered as a great source of such information as these data include formal complaints of victims in most of the cases and count the total number of offences. Though all reported data are not recorded and all recorded data do not necessarily display the real crime situation of a particular area, police records always are considered as good indicators for understanding the crime situation of specific regions. This study therefore, intends to analyze such police data for understanding the recent trends and causes of crime under the area covered by Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP). This study also seeks to understand crime trends and patterns with respect to other extraneous factors. This study was conducted based on the data which have been collected by DMP from January to July, 2015.

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