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Information on political organisation called Nationalist Jubo Dal.

The Bangladeshi newspaper *The New Nation* refers to an organisation called the Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal as follows:

“The new committee of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, a major front organisation of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), is likely to be announced soon. The party intends to reinvigorate the organisational strength of its 11 front organisations, party sources said. The aspirants for coveted positions of Jubo Dal leadership have reportedly been lobbying with top leaders. The grassroots level leaders of Jubo Dal have long been raising demand for reorganisation of the youth front with new faces to rejuvenate the organisation. The demands also include recognition to those who were loyal to the party following 1/11. (The New Nation ((29 June 2009) *New committee of Jubo Dal soon*)

A *Right Vision News* article states:

“The Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, youth wing of the BNP, has announced a 3-day countrywide programme in protest against the government's alleged repression of the opposition, and for not being allowed to hold a demonstration in front of the BNP's central office. According to our correspondent, Police did not allow Jubo Dal to hold a scheduled demonstration in front of the BNP's Nayapaltan central office at 3pm on Tuesday.” (Right Vision News (18 March 2010) *Bangladesh: Police prevents Jubo Dal demonstration at Nayapaltan*)

A *BD News* article refers to the arrest of Jubo Dal leaders as follows:

“Two Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal leaders of Munshiganj district unit were sent to jail on Thursday on charges of beating two policemen. They are joint secretary Monir Hossain, 32, and Jahangir, 26, an activist of the district unit of opposition BNP's youth wing.” (BD News (14 May 2010) *Jubo Dal men land in jail for beating police*)

In a section titled “The Death of Khabirul Islam Dulal” a *Human Rights Watch* report states:

“On February 20, 2007, navy officers arrested Khabirul Islam Dulal, a 32-year-old ward commissioner and leader of Jubo Dal, BNP's youth wing, in Bhola district. Dulal was beaten in front of several witnesses and taken to a nearby naval base where he died the same day. According to witnesses interviewed by Human Rights Watch, media reports, and investigations by human rights organizations, colleagues witnessed the arrest of Dulal around noon at his office in Char Fashion Municipality by navy personnel under the command of Lt. SM Reza. According to his wife and father, Dulal was then blindfolded, accused of possessing illegal arms, and taken to the navy camp where he was stripped of his clothes and beaten. A large group of people that gathered outside the camp was not allowed to enter, but could see from

the outside what was going on inside.” (Human Rights Watch (18 May 2009) *Ignoring Executions and Torture: Impunity for Bangladesh’s Security Forces*, pp.38-39)

Numerous articles published by *The United News of Bangladesh* refer to attacks on Jubo Dal members. The following selection is typical but not comprehensive.

“Witnesses said Hossain was coming out of the Alu bazaar mosque after Esha prayer when unknown gunmen fired at him. Fatally wounded in the neck and chest he was rushed to DMCH and later shifted to Square Hospital in a critical condition where doctors declared him dead.” (United News of Bangladesh (9 February 2010) *Gunmen shot dead Jubo Dal leader and Alu bazaar Ward Commissioner, Lead*)

“A Jubo Dal activist, who was beaten up mercilessly by his rivals during a clash Tuesday night at Monarhat village in Sandwip upazila died at Chittagong Medical Hospital this (Wednesday) morning.” (United News of Bangladesh (28 April 2010) *Jubo Dal activist killed in a clash*)

“A local leader of Jubo Dal, who was participating in human chain, died being chased by police during the party’s programme in the town on Wednesday. The deceased was identified as Enamul Haque Omar, general secretary of Barogacha union Jubo Dal of Raninagar upazila.” (United News of Bangladesh (7 July 2010) *Jubo Dal leader killed being chase by police during human chain in Naogaon*)

“A Jubo Dal leader was killed and his companion injured by a gang of miscreants at village Paruigupi village in Sharsha upazila on Saturday night. The deceased was identified as Abdul Hamid, 40, son of Abdus Sattar of the village and president of ward no. 7 Jubo Dal Laksmanpur union unit.” (United News of Bangladesh (15 August 2010) *Miscreants hacked Jubo Dal leader to death in Benapole*)

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