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Bangladesh: Illegal 'crossfire' killing must stop

On 24 August 2011, Amnesty International will launch a report revealing how the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), a special police force set up by the government to tackle a breakdown in law and order in Bangladesh, has been implicated in the extrajudicial execution of at least 700 people.

Crimes Unseen: Extrajudicial executions in Bangladesh looks at the activities of RAB since its creation in 2004, and examines the ways in which RAB has avoided proper investigation by judicial or government authorities.

The report also details testimony from victims of RAB, and families of victims.

Limon, 16, was shot in the leg by RAB officers on 23 March 2011. His injuries were so severe that he had to have both his legs amputated.

Limon told Amnesty International. "I want punishment if impartial and independent investigation finds me guilty. If not, I want punishment for those who held me by the collar of my shirt before shooting me holding the gun against my leg."

Further information:

- Still images are available
- Interviews with victims of RAB are available
- Amnesty International spokespeople are available for interview

For an embargoed copy of the report, to arrange interview or for any other information please contact the Amnesty International press office at press@amnesty.org or +44 (0)20 7413 5566

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