



Islamic Militancy in Bangladesh: Public Awareness and Attitudes

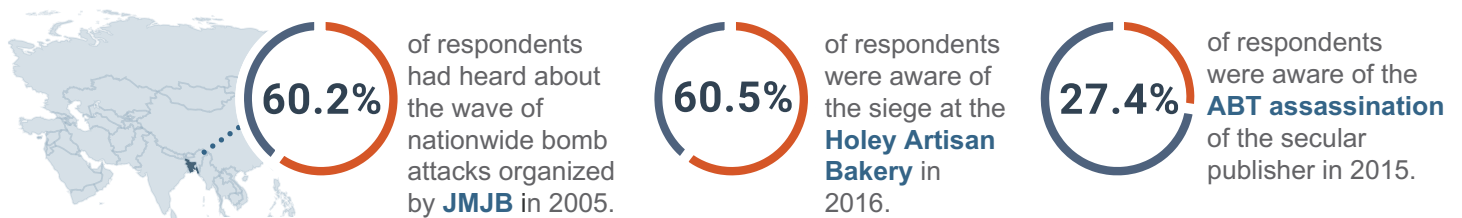
This fact sheet provides a snapshot of findings from the RESOLVE Network’s 2016-2017 Bangladesh Research Initiative. As part of the Initiative, RESOLVE conducted a nationwide survey of 4,067 Bangladeshi respondents enumerated in April 2017. Respondents were asked about three high-profile events of domestic extremist violence in the past twelve years, as well as key democratic principles, such as elected representatives, an independent judiciary, freedoms of speech and assembly, and property rights. Findings derived from the survey regarding militant groups and tactics provide insight into how Bangladeshis view the most prominent militant organizations operating in the country in the recent past and present. The findings also expose important variation in support for militant groups and tactics based on gender, education, and socioeconomic standing.

To learn more about the research methodology and longer form findings, please refer to this fact sheet’s companion RESOLVE Research Brief: *Islamic Militancy in Bangladesh: Public Awareness and Attitudes*.

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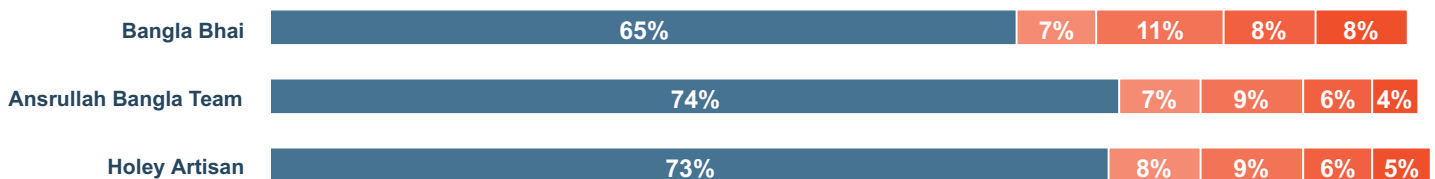
A face-to-face representative survey of 4,067 households in Bangladesh

NOT ALL BANGLADESHIS ARE AWARE OF ACTS OF EXTREMIST VIOLENCE



MOST BANGLADESHIS WHO ARE AWARE OF VIOLENCE REJECT MILITANTS’ GOALS, BUT SOME DO NOT

Solid majorities reject the goals of militant groups, but a sizeable minority does not.

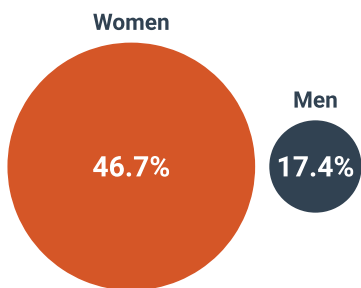


Distribution of Support: None at all

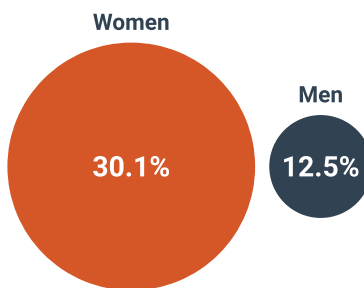
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MORE WOMEN SUPPORT VIOLENT TACTICS THAN MEN

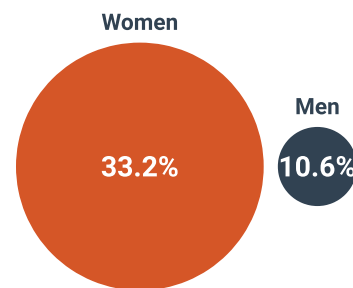
Support for JMJB



Support for Ansarullah BT



Support for Holey Artisan Attackers/Islamic State Cause



Bangladesh



The findings suggest that more effort should be focused on women, who are likely to have an important role in the decisions made by men in their households.

Community Perceptions Matter

Understanding the context in which the local population perceives the goals and activities of militant groups is crucial to better understand the extent of those groups' popular support. While low across the board, indicators of empathy or support are largely correlated to weakness in criminal justice, policing, and community security. Among Bangladeshi supporters of militant groups, women represent a significant proportion, as do individuals in the middle and upper socioeconomic level. Understanding the resonance of militant narratives, tactics, and goals among these constituencies is needed to create more responsive interventions.

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RESOLVE's four key themes of focus arose from our text mining literature review of over 3000 articles related to the study of CVE and political violence. For more on our themes of focus, the Network, our partners and how to get involved visit our website, www.resolvenet.org, and follow us on Twitter: @resolvenet.



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