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*To my parents who inspired me to work on the path of  
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# Abstract

In television media after the political news crime report in more attractive and people demand. So most of the channels are more emphasis to collect and on air the crime news. In Bangladesh murder, raped, political crime, corruption, cheating, terrorism, violate the law and other crime occurred. A crime is an unlawful act published by state or other authority. That's why a reporter should have more knowledge about the law and order. Also know the ethics of the journalism why collect the data and make crime news. Similarly, changes in the collection and calculation of data on crime may affect the public perceptions of the extent of any given crime problem. All such adjustments to crime statistics, together with the experience of people in their everyday lives, shape attitudes on the extent to which the state should use law or social engineering to enforce or encourage any particular social norm. Criminology is the scientific study of the nature, extent, causes and control of the criminal behavior in both individual and in society. In my study I want to see what type of crime is happened in Bangladesh and the coverage of the news. Have maintained the ethics of journalism and structure of the news.

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## **Chapter 1**

### **Introduction**

Crime is the breach of rules or laws for which some governing authority can ultimately prescribe a conviction.

Crime in Bangladesh is present in various forms such as drug trafficking, money laundering, extortion, contract killing, fraud, human trafficking, robbery, corruption, black marketing, political violence, terrorism, abduction and violate the law. Corruption, political unrest, and misuse of law have also aided the increase of crime rate over the years. Despite this, Bangladeshi television media and journalism is well known for their liberal mentality and efficiency in reporting correct and truthful news.

Boundless sociology said in sociology, a normative definition views crime as deviant behavior that violates prevailing norms or culture standards prescribing how humans ought to behave normally.

People must clear about the crime incident. Keep in mind that after published or telecast crime news in future people are not influence to involve in that crime. Television reporting must know the victims' rights. Like should not telecast raped victim or under 18 pictures. Must know the accused rights. Also under 18 accused are not telecast their pictures, name. Most of the time we watch the television crime news that under 18 accused show their pictures. That's ethical violation of journalism. Which picture we show or which information we telecast should have knowledge. Visual effects, sounds are also informant in television media. This research was conducted to analyses the frame of Bangladeshi television media focus on crime news. In this thesis paper I have tried to investigate the representation of type of crime news are increase. The reporting and quality of crime news. Should have fallowed the ethics and news structure.

## Chapter 2

### Literature review

#### Context of Bangladesh

Crime reporting is specialized reporting sector in Television media. Also it's an important segment of news media. Coverage of crime news a reporter should keep two type of knowledge. One is keep knowledge about all type of crime in the society, punishments, law and order. When a crime occurred must know which authorities are involved such as police, doctor, lawyer, prosecutor, eye witness. Also knowledge about Justice System.

On the other knowledge should have a journalist must know the tactics how to write a crime report. Also know the ethics of journalism. This is the most important part of journalism.

News Presentation is most important then Data collection.

The TV news presents some key aspects of an event so that the audience can understand the significance and the dimensions of the fact. Due to audio-visual effects of TV news, the facts get lively presented to the audience and they get involved with the news. Thus, TV news satisfies the inquisitiveness of the audience's mind through presenting video footage and audio description. The TV news is a dangerously powerful and influential political institution serving the interests of the powerful class of a society (Hallin: 1986, p. 26).

Most of televisions are focus on urban area crime news. Rural areas societies are deprived to raise their voice to the broadcast media.

The Television (TV) is a powerful electronic medium which can reach the audience with news, views, education, entertainment and developmental motivation programs. Due to audio-visual nature of this medium, it can draw attention of the millions of people, even those having little or no educational background. The TV has changed the previous media in terms of presenting news and entertainment. "Television was invented as a result of scientific and technical research. Its power as a medium of news and entertainment was then so great that it altered all preceding media of news and entertainment" (Williams: 2004). The most powerful tool of TV is using the 'visualization' of a fact or event. It can be said that visualization of a fact is more powerful than the thousands of words. What cannot be described with thousands of words might be led to understand the audience with a single video footage of TV news. TV is 'superior to the print media' due to its magic power of telling and presenting a fact or event meaningfully and successfully (Acharya: 1987).

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## **Chapter 3**

### **Research methodology**

The researcher has been conducted applying the abbreviation of content analysis and discourse analysis method. Content analysis is a research method for studying documents and communication artifacts, which can be texts of various formats. This method is popular with mass media researchers because it is an efficient way to investigate the content of the media. Content analysis is a research technique that uses procedures to make valid reference from text (Weber, 1990, p.9). A summarize quantitative on scientific methods and set limited to types of variables measured on context of messages (Neunendarf, 2002). Three Bangladeshi television channels were selected for the study. These studies will be analyzed selected prime news that on air.

### **Objectives of the study**

The overall objective of the study was to what type of crime news are getting more coverage by television channels and to understand the quality of the crime reports.

The Specific objectives of the study include to:

- To know the type of crime news
- To know Treatment of the crime news
- To know should have follow the ethics of journalism
- To know Urban and rural coverage of crime news
- To know should fallow news structure

## Chapter 4

### Findings of the study

#### **Duration of the Content Analysis:**

For the study, I have gathered a week's (7.3.2021 to 13.3.2021) prime time news broadcast by three television channels-Channel24, NTV and RTV. Of these channels, Channel24 is news-based channels which gives importance and spend more time to cover news and views. On the other hand, NTV and RTV are two programme and news-based televisions.

The content analysis findings have been presented below:

**Table 01: Coverage of Crime News in Three TV Channels**

	<b>Channel 24</b>	<b>NTV</b>	<b>RTV</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total news	112	188	130	430
Total crime news	25	22	24	71

### News Coverage

The content analysis shows that during the period, the three TV channels covered a total 430

news reports of

which 71 items

were on

various crimes.

Of the 71 news

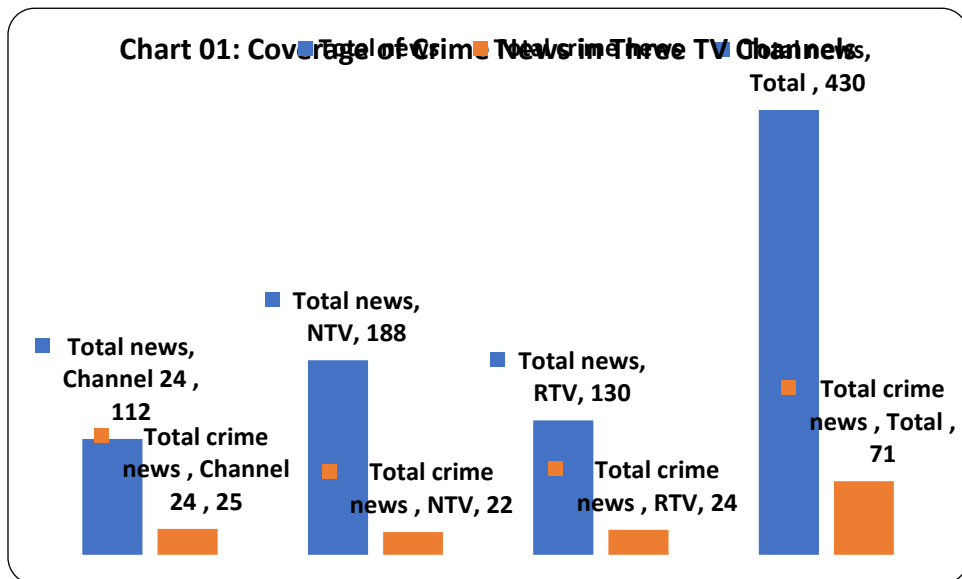
reports,

Channel 24

covered 25,

RTV covered

and NTV covered 22 items.



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**Table 02: Types of Crime News**

	Surface	Interpretative	Follow up	Investigative
Channel	12	0	2	0

24				
N tv	10	0	12	0
R tv	13	0	11	0
Total news	35	00	25	00

### **Types of Crime News**

The TV channels have mostly covered the surface reports containing some fundamental information only. These reports consisted of daily crime events without much analysis and investigation. Then, the follow-up reports got coverage with 25 reports out of 71. The follow-up reports contained the updates of the previous crime incidents. It is a matter of fact, that the TV channels didn't cover any single item on interpretative and investigative reports on the crime. It means that the TV channels had no any agenda or purpose to make people aware of the crime incidents or any persuasion on the policy makers and the relevant officials to take care of such incidents.

### **Subjects of Crime Reports**

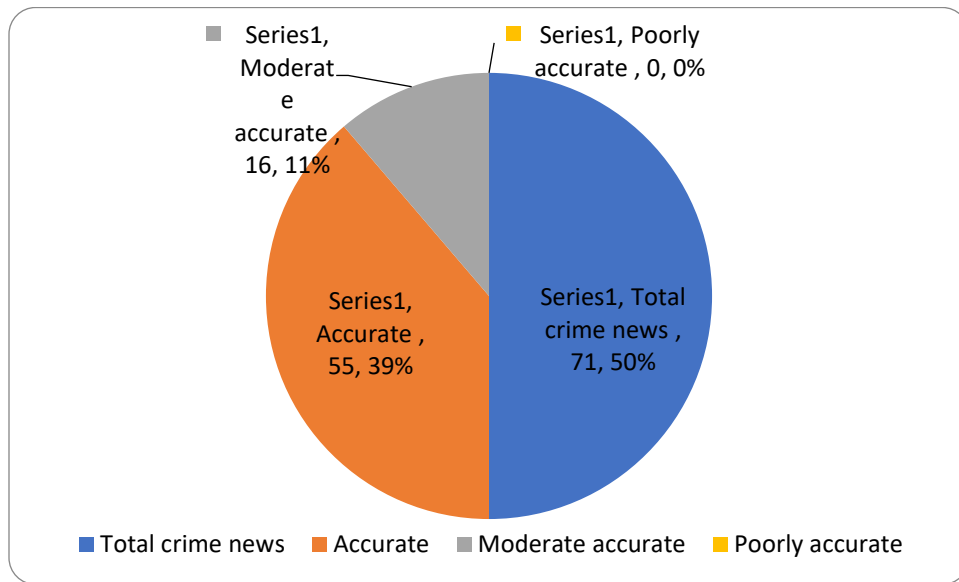
**Table 03: Types of Crime Covered in the Reports**

	<b>Channel 24</b>	<b>NTV</b>	<b>RTV</b>	<b>Total</b>
Murder	4	5	3	12
Rape and oppression on women	1	1	2	4
Political crime	7	5	3	15
Assault	5	4	4	13

Corruption and crime	3	2	2	7
Cheating and fraud	1	0	3	4
Violation of the laws and regulations	4	5	7	16

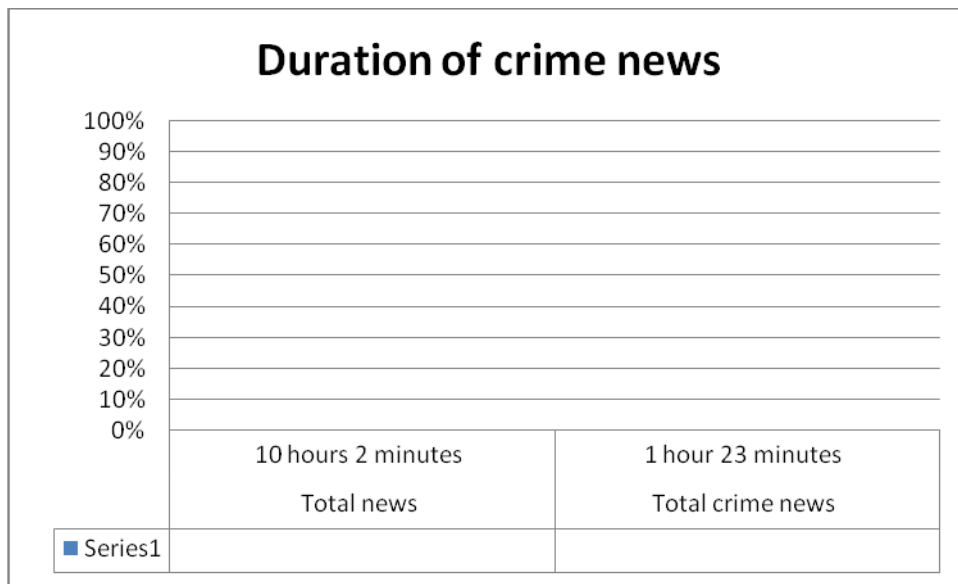
The content analysis shows that the major crime covered in the reports include violation of the laws and regulations, assault, political crime and murder. Besides, some other types of crimes covered were: Rape and oppression on women cheating and fraud. We can conclude that these are the major and common crimes in Bangladesh society that are mostly covered in the news media.

**Table 04: quality of crime news coverage**



This content analysis shows that the quality of the crime news that on aired in the television channels. 5 indicators I followed to show this content. First I saw was the news was accurate. Then saw the news was balanced, complete and fallowed the ethics of journalism. Most of the news was followed the ethics of journalism and maintain the structure of the news. . But 16 news I found some lacking. Break the ethics of journalism.

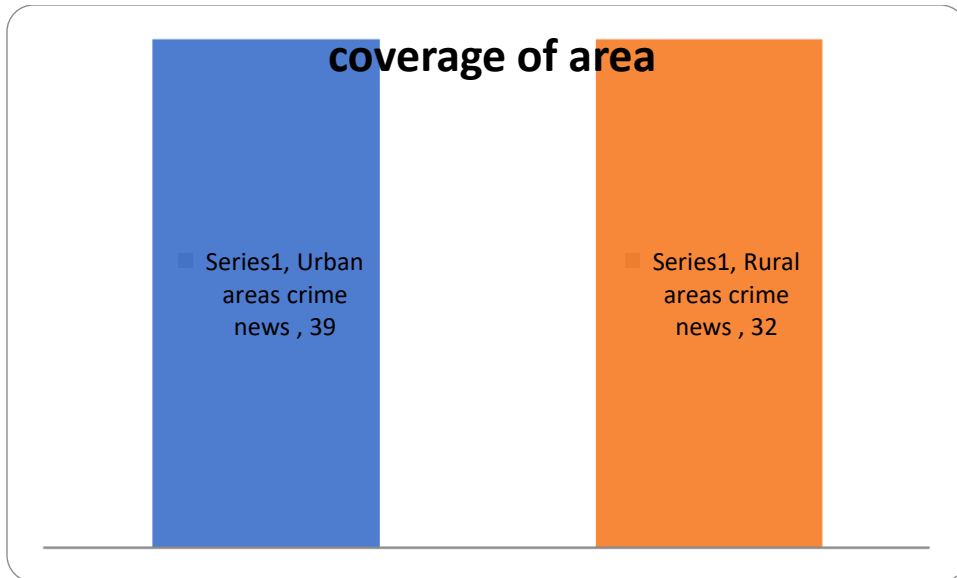
**Table 05: Duration of crime news**



There I show that most of the television channels crime news slot was poor. Three channels total duration of the news was 10 hours 2 minutes. The crime news was only 1 hour 23 minutes. In Bangladesh everyday several crimes occurred. But Without big events of crime news Television channels were not interested to focus on.

**Table 06: coverage of area**





In my findings I show that urban areas crime news were more on aired.. Murder, rape, political crimes were occurred in urban areas. But few of the time rural areas crime news were more focus the basis of crime.

## Chapter 5

### Conclusion

Make a livable and keep stable society crime reporting play a vital role. General reports then a crime report have a different. That's why a crime reporter always has alert and tactic. In my research I show what type of crime report is on air. And the quality of the crime news. My findings was most of the political crime news was more published. Then murder, corruption and women and girl assault news. I also show the percentage of urban and rural areas crime news coverage .The placement of the crime news of the three channels.The three television channels most of the news was maintain the ethics and follow the structure of news. But I found that few of the news were not balanced. Like not touch the every side and lack of information. Not follow the news structure.

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