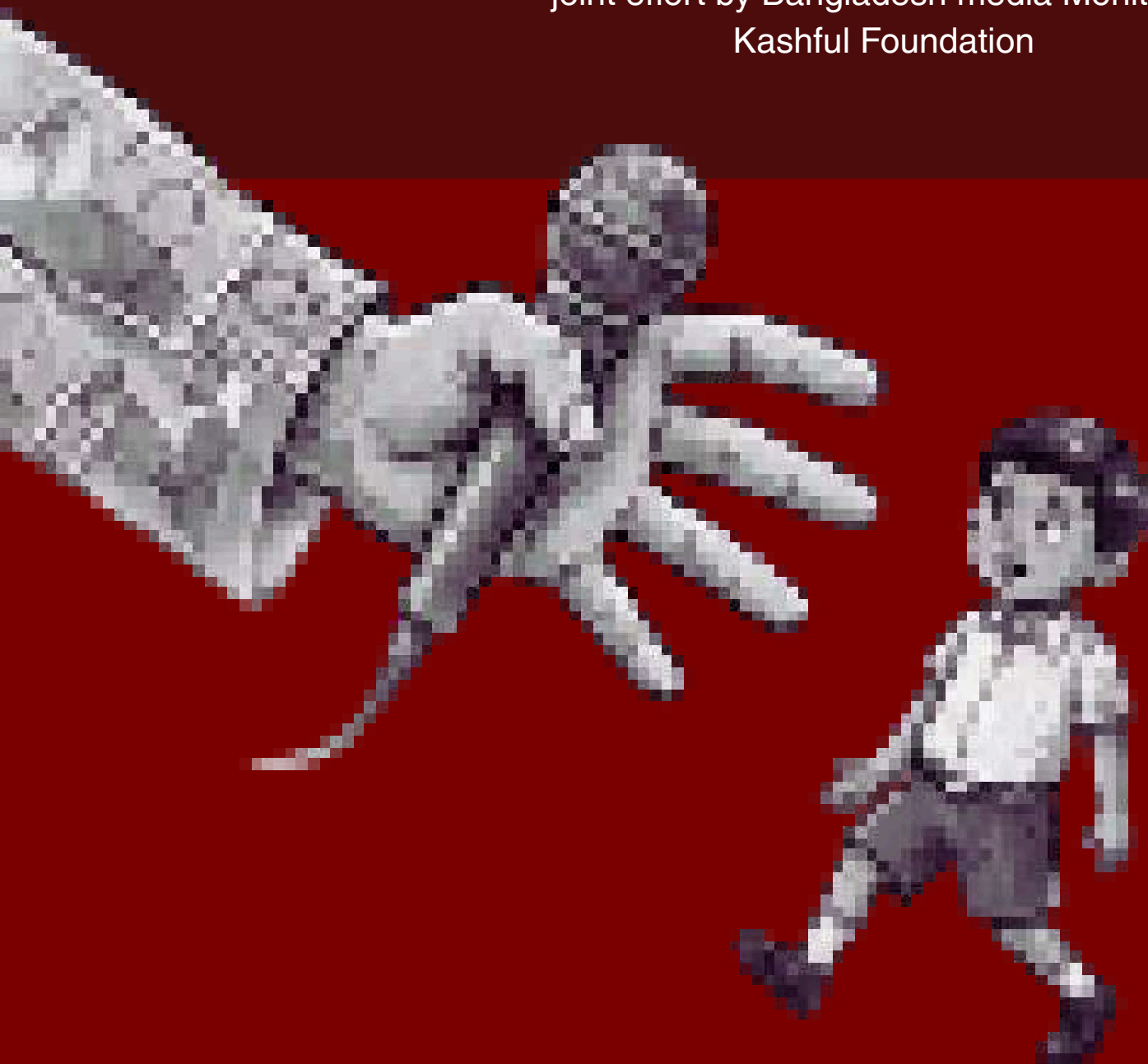


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- joint effort by Bangladesh media Monitor and
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Overall Statistics

Use of Children in Election Campaigning

Total

205+

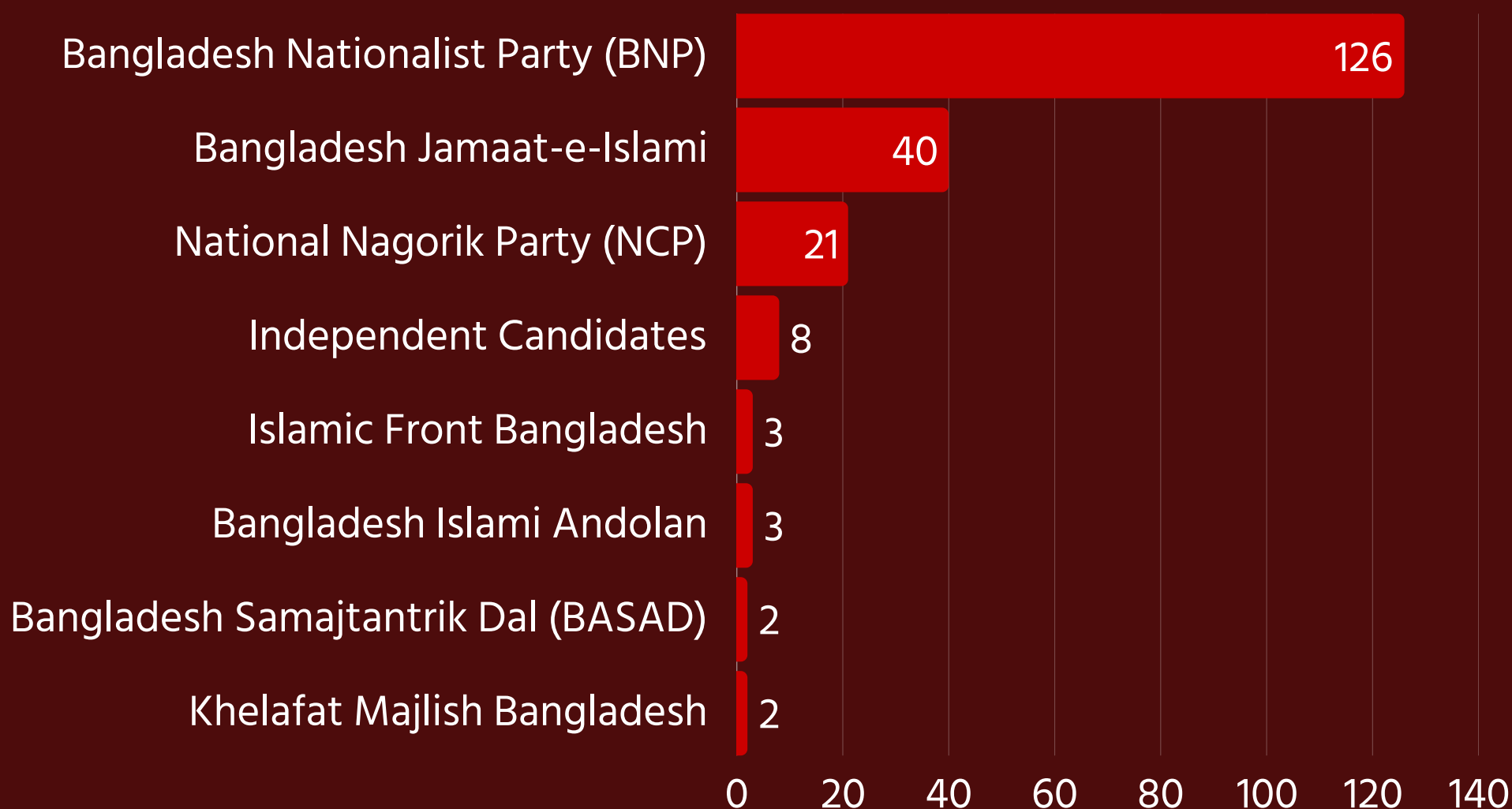
Specifically Documented Incidents

- **Involved Parties:** Evidence has been found regarding the use of children in the campaigns of the BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami, NCP, Islamic Front, Islami Andolan, BASAD, and Khelafat Majlish, as well as various Independent candidates.
- **Fatalities & Violence:** As a result of this political exploitation, 2 children lost their lives, and 1 child fell victim to physical violence for chanting slogans in favor of the "Sheaf of Paddy" (Dhaner Sheesh).
- **Role of the Media:** Alongside political parties, various media outlets have also been observed to be involved in the process of utilizing children for political purposes.

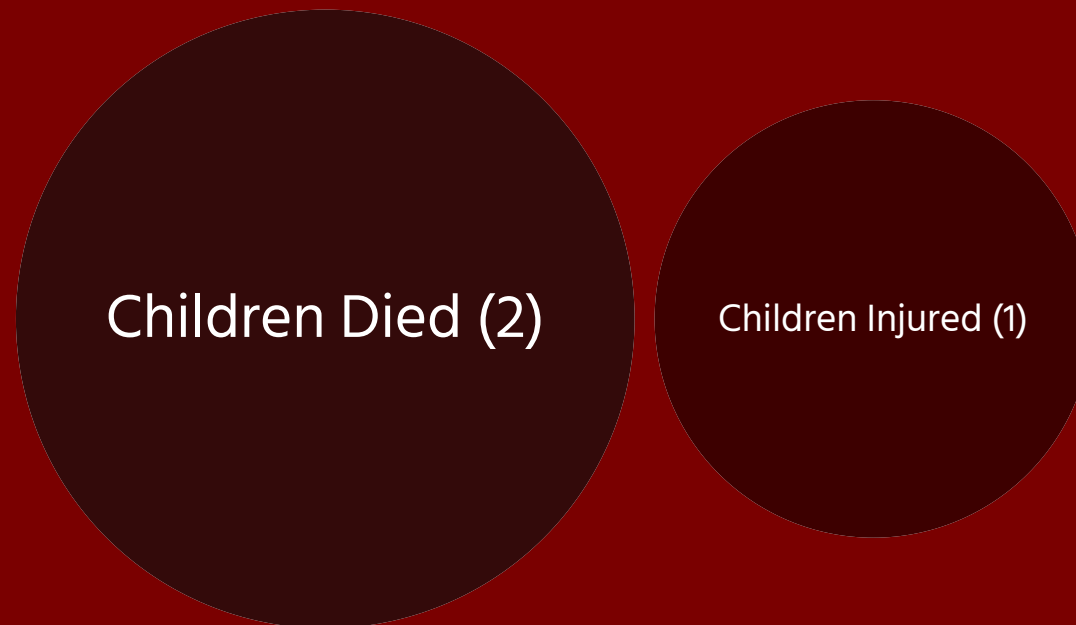
Which party is most responsible for using children?

According to data collected by CREMI, a content analysis of more than 205 incidents reveals an alarming picture of the use of children in political campaigning.

The party-wise statistics are as follows:



Documented Incidents of Child Fatalities and Injuries



- **Fatality:** A 7-year-old girl died in Satkhira after being crushed under a battery-run rickshaw van while collecting election leaflets.
- **Fatality:** A 14-year-old boy, Saidul Islam Chishti, died while recording a video at a political rally in Chattogram.
- **Injured in Assault:** A 12-year-old child, Mehedi Hasan, became the victim of a brutal attack by Jamaat activists in Lakshmipur for chanting slogans in favor of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

More than fifty individuals contributed to this investigation. We plan to publish a comprehensive report following the post-election period. However, due to constraints in manpower and resources, this study had to be conducted on a limited scale. Therefore, we request that the information presented here be considered a symbolic snapshot rather than a complete representation of the situation across Bangladesh.

Any organization may publish or utilize the data from this survey for public interest, provided they follow the appropriate guidelines and regulations.

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