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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Dhaka, Aug 13---President of the Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) Professor Khaleda Khanam on Thursday called for enforcing the existing laws to prevent violence against children and women and give deterrent punishment to the perpetrators, says a press release.

She made the plea at a human chain organized by the FPAB in front of the National Press Club in Dhaka on Thursday.

Prof Khaleda Khanam regretted that due to slow trial process, weak and poor socio-economic status of women and children and the culture of denial of justice in the country, children and women are becoming victims. The types and dimension of violence against children and women are brutal and inhuman, she pointed out.

The FPAB organized the human chain to express its solidarity against violence against children and women. Volunteers, senior officers and staffs of all level participated in the human chain.

Dr. AFM Matiur Rahman, Executive Director of FPAB said that ruling Awami League government has earned reputation for its contribution to reducing poverty, maternal and infant mortality but all its good works are going to be shattered by the recent

incidents of brutal violence against children. One- third of the total population in Bangladesh is adolescent and youth. Without ensuring the rights and security of this huge populace, any development cannot be sustainable. He urged the youth to be united to protect their rights.

Honorary Secretary General of the FPAB Nasir Ahamed Babul in his speech urged to the government to ensure safety and security of children at home, in schools and in areas of their movement.

It is to be noted that the FPAB has been working for upliftment of children and women and providing sexual reproductive health services and rights since 1953. Currently, it is operating through its 35 branches and special units in 21 districts in Bangladesh. The FPAB has taken special steps for healthy growth of children in the country.

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