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EXTRACTION OF CONFESSIONAL STATEMENTS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE OF  
BANGLADESH: LAW AND REALITY

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ABSTRACT

The main objective of this paper is to assess the various types of irregularities which are being practiced in the Criminal Justice System of Bangladesh both by the police and magistrates in extracting confession from the accused. In doing the assessment the paper examined the existing laws for confession and its evidentiary value in Bangladesh. Some evidences are also shown to suggest that convictions based exclusively on confessions are frequent occurrences in Bangladesh because it is the easiest way of concluding a case. Finally the paper recommended some courses of actions to be taken in order to address the problems of torture of accused persons at police custody and forcible extraction of confession by magistrates.

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