

### 6.3.3. Other incidents

In 2025, there were reports of abductions of civilians, including two incidents in Lama Upazila (Bandarban) in February 2025 where seven tobacco farmers, and 26 rubber workers were abducted. The rubber workers were held hostage by unknown perpetrators and were released for a 'hefty ransom'.<sup>[624](#)</sup> There were also reports of five students being abducted in Baghaichari, Rangamati, on 16 April 2025.<sup>[625](#)</sup> They were released after one week.<sup>[626](#)</sup> Some kidnappings of civilians were attributed to the United People's Democratic Front (UPDF),<sup>[627](#)</sup> which the party denied.<sup>[628](#)</sup> There is a history of inter-party violence and killings between the PCJSS and the UPDF in the CHT,<sup>[629](#)</sup> and three UPDF members were reportedly shot dead in Khagrachhari, by a group of 'miscreants' on 30 October 2024,<sup>[630](#)</sup> and another UPDF member was shot in Manikchhari, Rangamati, on 16 March 2025, allegedly by the PCJSS.<sup>[631](#)</sup>

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