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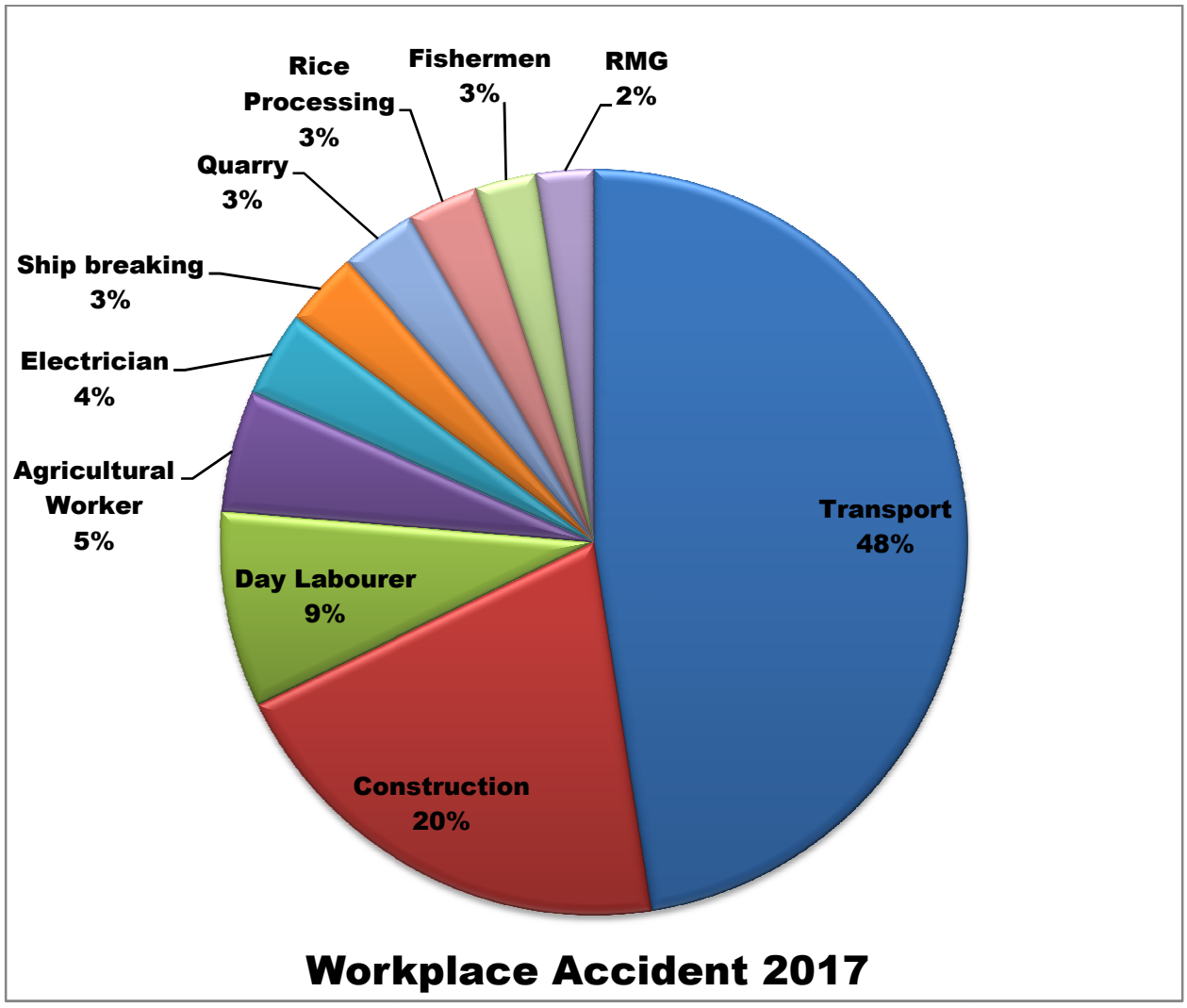
Workplace Situation Report 2017

Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies-BILS published a survey report on the basis of news of 2017 published in different National Dailies regarding workplace accident, violence, industrial unrest and workers movement issues.



According to the survey report, 784 workers were killed in workplace accident while 21 were women. As per the report, most workers were killed in transport sector where the number was 307. Besides, 131 workers were killed in construction sector, 55 in day labour, 34 in agricultural work, 24 in electric work, 21 in ship breaking, 21 in stone quarry, 20 in rice processing, 17 in fishing and 16 workers were killed in RMG sector.

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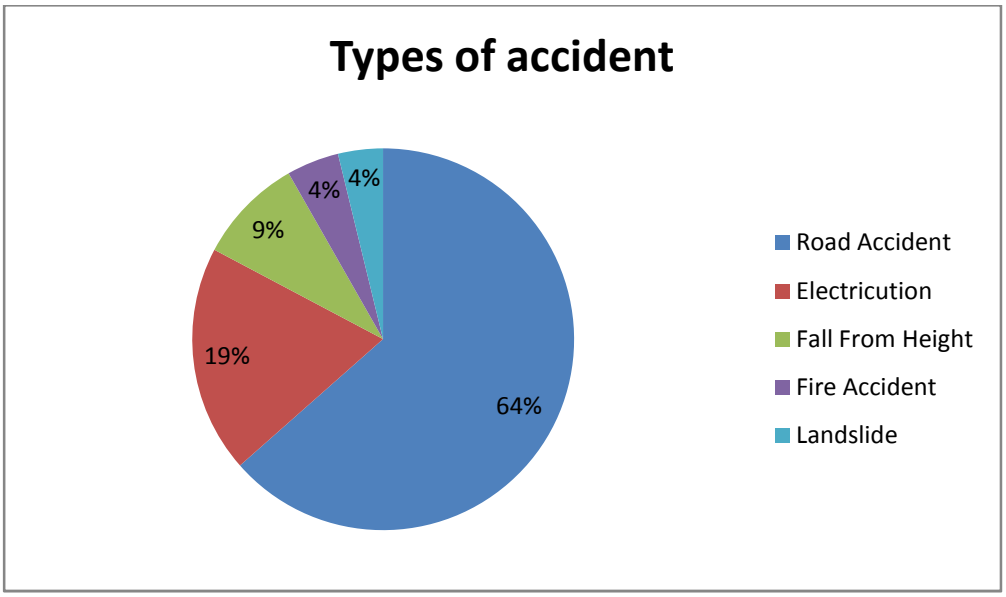
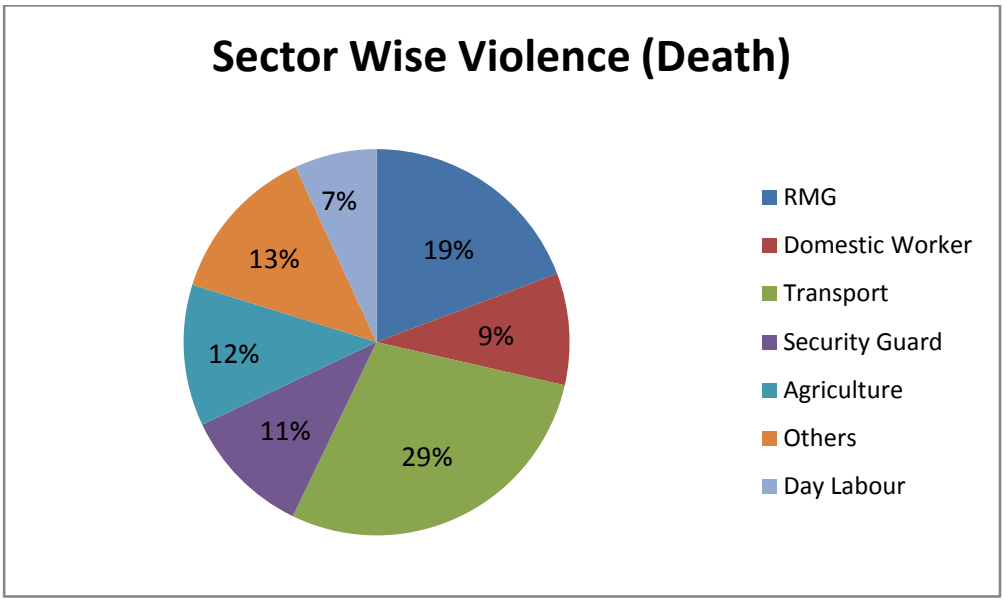


At least 517 workers were injured at workplace, while 109 workers were women. Among these, the largest number was in garments industry, which was 158. Besides, 92 workers were injured in construction sector and 48 workers were in transport sector. Reason behind the accidents showed that 416 accidents were occurred by road accident, 126 were occurred by electrocution, 59 incidents were happened by falling from height, 29 were occurred by fire accident and 25 were occurred by landslide.



In addition, 258 workers were killed and 120 workers were injured by violence that happened between January to December. At least 27 workers committed suicide and 27 workers were missing during this period.

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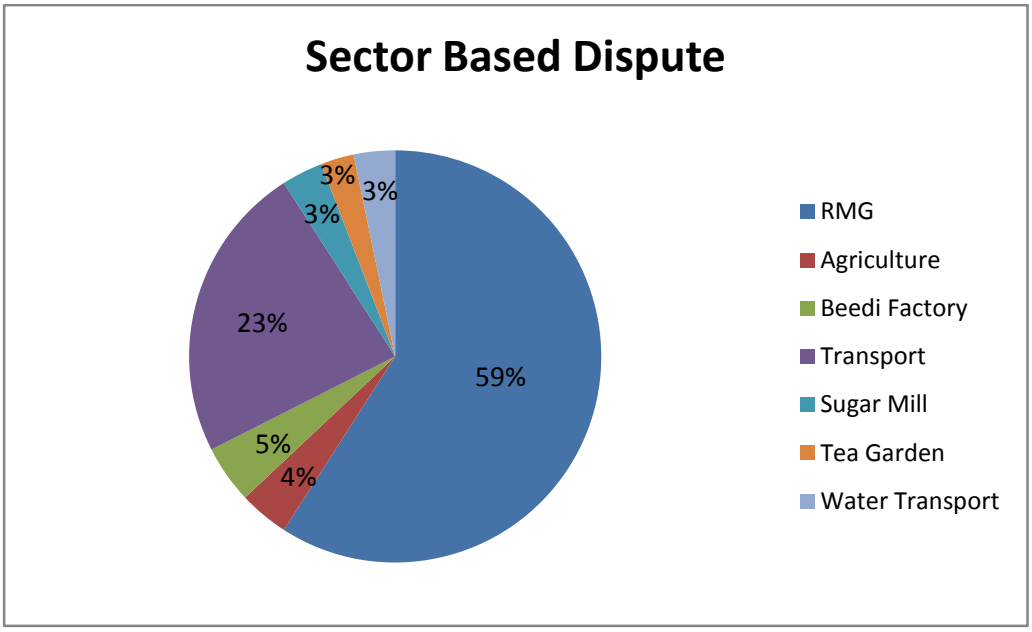
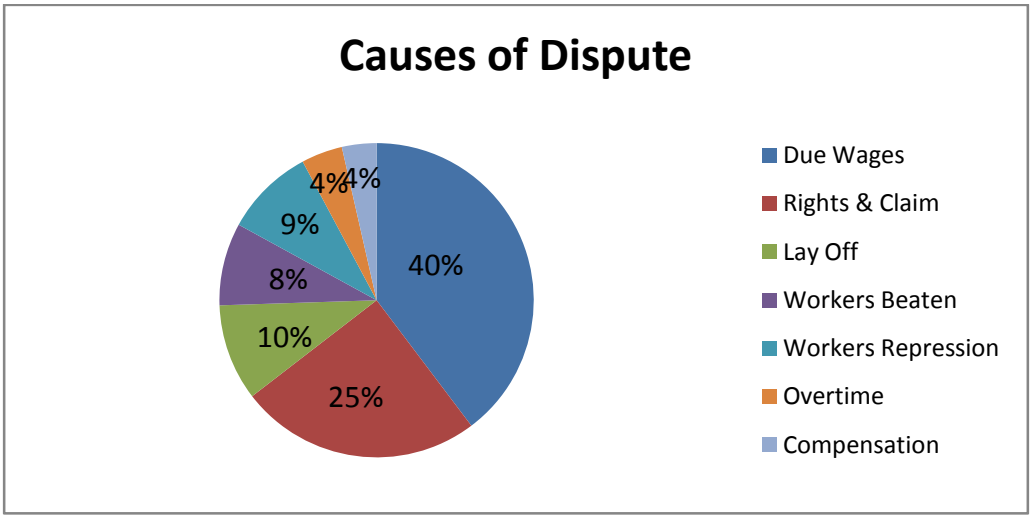
In last year, 181 industrial unrest occurred, including 91 in RMG sector, 36 in transport sector, 7 in Biri industry, 6 in agriculture sector and 5 occurred in water transport. Due wages, over time, compensation, factory closure without notice, workers retrenchment were the main reasons behind the industrial unrest. In this regard, 68 protests and 21 human chains were organised. In addition, 18 strikes, 15 road blockades, and 12 rallies were taken place.





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Workplace Accident-2017

Sector	Death			Injured			Missing		
	Male	**Female**	**Total**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
RMG	16	1	17	66	92	158			
Jute Mill	1		1	5		5			
Migrant Workers	16		16	4		4			
Rice Mill	20	5	25	28	1	29			
Security Guard	6		6						
Ship Breaking	21		21	21					
Stone Quarry	21	1	22	13		13			
Water Transport	2		2	4		4			
Workshop	19		19	10		10			
Construction	131	3	134	91	1	92			
Brick Kiln	8		8	1		1			
Cleaner	6	1	7	1		1			
Coil Factory	1		1						
Domestic Worker	2		2						
Textile	6	1	7	2		2			
Pharmaceuticals				3		3			
Hawker	5		5	2		2			
Poultry Industry	1		1						
Re- rolling				5	4	9			
Transport	307		307	48		48	2		2
Shop Keeper	2		2						
Printing & Packaging	4		4						
Railway	2		2						
Salesman	4		4						
Spinning Mill	2		2	5		5			
Shoe Factory	4		4	4		4			
Steel Mill	3		3	4		4			
Tailoring	2		2						
Agriculture	34	2	36	3		3			
Day Labourer	55	4	59	53	1	54	2		2
Electrical	24		24	3		3			
Other factories	15	3	18	37	10	47			
Fisherman	17		17	1		1	2		2
Hotel Restaurant	2		2	15		15			
Paper Mill	4		4						
Total	**763**	**21**	**784**	**408**	**109**	**517**	**6**		**6**

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Causes of Accident-2017

Causes	Number
Boiler Blast	8
Crane Collapse	6
Cylinder Blast	14
Electrocuted	126
Entangled with Machine / Wire	5
Fall into Septic Tank	7
Fall from Height	59
Hit by falling Object	20
Girder Collapse	2
Explosion	7
Land Slide	25
Building / Wall Collapse	11
Poisonous Gas/ Chemical (infected)	8
Stamped	14
Not mentioned	1
Road Accident	416
Lightening	25
Boat / Trawler Capsized	14
Fire Incident & Burnt	29
Ac /Compressor Blast	4
Others	2
Total	**803**

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Types of Violence According to Sector

Sector	Types of Violence									Total
	Torture	Murder	Rape	Others Harassment	Mystery death	Push from the roof	Beating	Kidnap	Others	
RMG	4	17	33	1	25	0	6	2	6	**94**
Domestic Worker	11	5	6	1	21	1	3	0	2	**50**
Transport	8	37	0	0	11	0	12	1	7	**76**
Mechanical sector	3	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	**10**
Electric Sector	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	**3**
Migrant workers	3	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	**10**
Bakery	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	**1**
Security Guard	2	11	0	0	8	0	8	1	2	**32**
Wood Cutter	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
Cleaner (City corporation & others)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	**2**
Agricultural workers	4	12	0	0	6	0	7	0	1	**30**
Constructions	21	2	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	**32**
Rice Mill	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	**1**
Brick field	6	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	13	**27**
Others	3	17	7	0	7	0	4	70	3	**111**
Day Labourer	1	10	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	**16**
Rice Processing Sector	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	**2**
Welding / Workshop	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**3**
Fisherman	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	12	**31**
Hotel Restaurant	1	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	**7**
Hawker	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	**3**
Salesman	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	**9**
Wax Factory	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
Hardware Shop	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	**1**
Manufacturers Industry	2	3	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	**11**
Feed Mill	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	**2**
Plastic Factory	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
Textile	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
Shopkeeper	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
Dragger Workers	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	0	0	**10**
Sanitary Factory	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
Ice Cream Factory	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**2**
Total	**80**	**133**	**52**	**2**	**102**	**1**	**71**	**92**	**49**	**582**

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Sector Wise Casualties

Sector	Causality					Total
	Death	Injured	Missing	Suicide	Not Mentioned	
RMG	39	39	2	9	5	**94**
Domestic Worker	19	22	0	9	0	**50**
Transport	58	13	3	1	1	**76**
Mechanical sector	4	6	0	0	0	**10**
Electric Sector	0	2	0	1	0	**3**
Migrant workers	5	3	0	2	0	**10**
Bakery	0	0	0	1	0	**1**
Security Guard	22	9	1	0	0	**32**
Wood Cutter	1	0	0	0	0	**1**
Cleaner (City corporation & others)	1	1	0	0	0	**2**
Agricultural workers	24	4	0	2	0	**30**
Constructions	10	21	0	1	0	**32**
Rice Mill	1	0	0	0	0	**1**
Brick field	8	7	12	0	0	**27**
Others	27	13	70	1	0	**111**
Day Labourer	14	1	1	0	0	**16**
Rice Processing Sector	2	0	0	0	0	**2**
Welding / Workshop	1	2	0	0	0	**3**
Fisherman	1	0	30	0	0	**31**
Hotel Restaurant	6	1	0	0	0	**7**
Hawker	1	2	0	0	0	**3**
Salesman	6	2	1	0	0	**9**
Wax Factory	0	1	0	0	0	**1**
Hardware Shop	0	1	0	0	0	**1**
Manufactural Industry	5	6	0	0	0	**11**
Feed Mill	0	2	0	0	0	**2**
Plastic Factory	0	1	0	0	0	**1**
Textile	0	0	0	0	1	**1**
Shopkeeper	1	0	0	0	0	**1**
Dragger Workers	1	9	0	0	0	**10**
Sanitary Factory	1	0	0	0	0	**1**
Ice Cream Factory	0	2	0	0	0	**2**
Total	**258**	**170**	**120**	**27**	**7**	**582**

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	Causality					Total
Sex of the victim	**Death**	**Injured**	**Missing**	**Suicide**	**Not Mentioned**	
Male	211	104	119	8	2	444
Female	47	66	1	19	5	138
Total	**258**	**170**	**120**	**27**	**7**	**582**

Violence in Workplace-2017

Sector	**Types of violence**				**Total**
	Murder	**Rape**	**Mystery death**	**Beating**	
RMG	1	1	0	1	3
Security Guard	2	0	1	0	3
Salesman	1	0	0	0	1
Ceramic industry	1	0	0	0	1
Spinning Mill	0	1	0	0	1
Total	**5**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**9**

Sector	**Causality**		**Total**
	Death	**Injured**	
RMG	1	2	3
Security Guard	3	0	3
Salesman	1	0	1
Ceramic industry	1	0	1
Spinning Mill	0	1	1
Total	**6**	**3**	**9**