

Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies-BILS

"Occupational Accident, Violence (January-December) 2013"

Yearly Report

In January-December 2013, at least 1912 workers killed and 5738 workers were injured in Workplace Accidents and Violence. Due to the biggest ever industrial disaster that took place at Rana Plaza, Saver, these figures are exceeding previous all records.

Situation at a glance

- Killed - 1912
- Injured - 5738
- Tortured - 21
- Raped - 25
- Kidnapped - 490
- Suicide - 7

Workplace Accident

Workplace accidents got **1706** workers killed. The estimated number of injuries in accidents totaled at **3108**

Workplace Accidents at a Glance

At least **1706** workers died at workplace accidents.

Killed: 1706
Male: 542
Female: 31

Note: The rest **1133** workers are the victims of Rana Plaza Collapse where the total numbers of male and female deceased are yet to be found.

Injured: 4825
Male: 966
Female: 1420

Note: The rest 2439 workers are the victims of Rana Plaza Collapse where the total numbers of male and female injured workers are yet to be found.

Workplace Violence

Workplace Violence caused death to **233** workers among which 195 workers were male and the rest are female. The total estimated injuries in violence numbered at 923 where 87 workers were female.

Workplace Violence at a Glance

Killed: 206
Male: 168
Female: 38

Injured: 913
Male: 826
Female: 87

Road Accident

Beside workplace accidents and violence, 131 workers were killed and 150 workers were injured in road accident.

Road Accident at a Glance

Killed: 131
Male: 102
Female: 29

Injured: 150
Male: 70
Female: 80

Sector based Accident

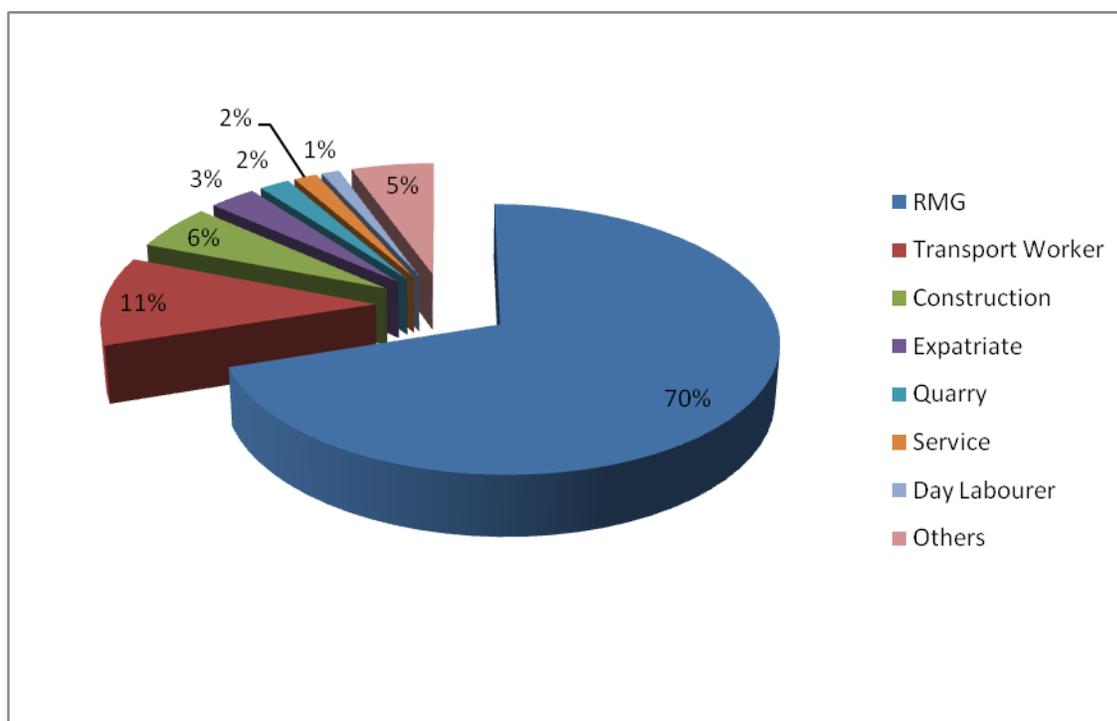


Fig-1: Number of workers Killed according to Sectors

In this time the highest number of workplace related accidental deaths happened in RMG Sector. At least 1194 workers died in this sector. Second highest 186 deaths happened in Transport sector while 3rd highest sector was Construction sector where 95 workers were died. Besides, 54 Expatriate workers, 35 Quarry Workers, 27 Service Workers, 21 Day Labourers and 63 workers from others different sectors were killed at workplace in different types of accidents.

Sector wise number of deaths in Workplace Accidents:

● RMG	: 1194
● Transport worker	: 186
● Construction	: 95
● Expatriate	: 54
● Quarry	: 35
● Service	: 27
● Day Labourer	: 21
● Others	: 94
Total	: 1706

Sector based Violence:

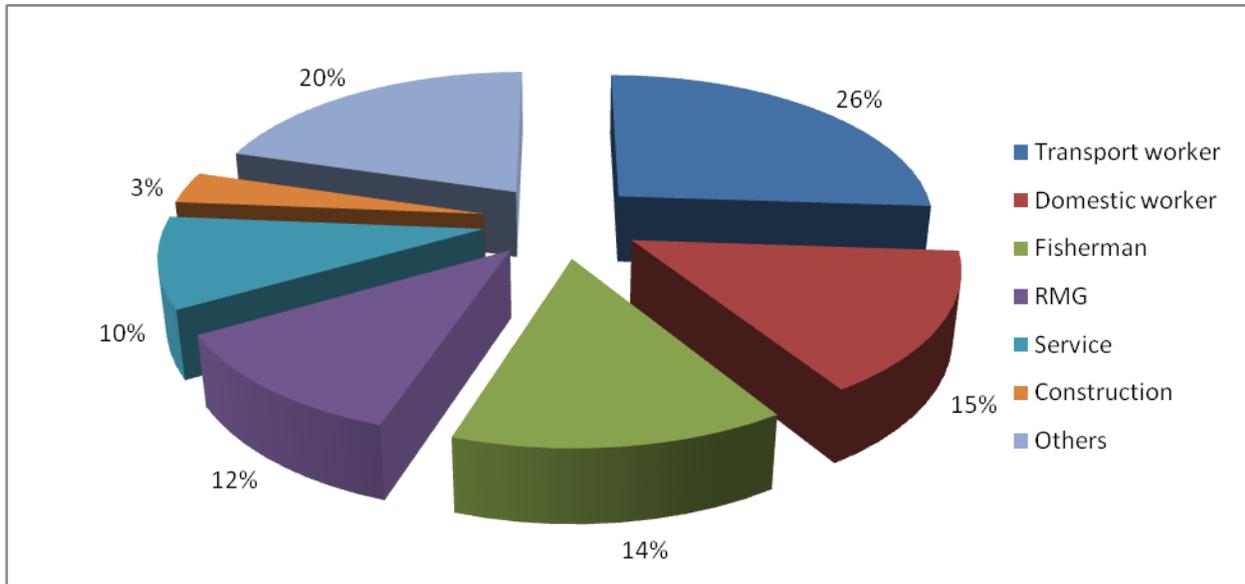


Fig-2: Workplace violence

In this time the highest number of workplace violence related deaths happened in case of Transport Sector, at least 80 workers died in different types of workplace violence Second highest 28 deaths happened in case of Fisherman, while 21 workers died at Transport sector. Workplace Violence caused 18 Domestic workers, 6 RMG workers, 5 Service workers, 3 Construction workers and 11 others get killed.

Workplace deaths due to violence : 206

Transport worker	: 54
Domestic worker	: 32
Fisherman	: 29
RMG	: 24
Service	: 20
Construction	: 7
Others	: 42
Total	:206

Special Note

Building Collapse at RMG Sector

1133 workers, killed in RMG Sector as Rana Plaza disaster that took place April 24, 2013 is the biggest ever industrial disaster in Bangladesh.

Fire At RMG Sector

8 Garments workers were killed in Smart Export Garments fire incident this January, 2013. At least 9 Garments workers were killed in Aswad Garment, Gazipur in October, 2013

Construction Sector

95 Construction workers were killed in workplace accidents from January to December in 2013

- 33 of them were killed only by falling from height which reveals construction workers are still working without any safety net measures.

- 31 of them died in Electrocution

- 11 of them died in Collapse

- And the rest of the workers died in poisonous gas, blast, hit by falling object and other reasons.

Violence on Domestic Workers

32 Domestic Workers died in violence while 30 of them were female and 14 of them were child domestic workers. 27 of them were injured in torture where all of them are female.

Tortured – 21

Rape - 6

Suicide – 7