

875 killed, over 30,000 injured in student movement: HRSS

BSS – A total of 875 people were killed and more than 30,000 injured in the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement from July 16 to September 9, said a report of Human Rights Support Society (HRSS) today.

The report has been prepared by analyzing the data collected from 12 national dailies, HRSS's investigation unit and volunteers from across the country, said a press release.

According to the report, 77 percent of the victims died from gunshot wounds. Besides, more than 30,000 people were injured in the revolution.

The report also said that information has been received about the manner of deaths of total 772 people. Of them 599 people or 77 percent were shot dead while 61 (8 percent) people died from burn injury, 85 people (11 percent) were beaten to death and 27 (4 percent) died of other causes.

It said 327 people died from July 16 to August 3 and 548 from August 4 to September 9 (many died later while undergoing treatment). Fifty three percent of those killed were between the ages of 19 and 30. If the age is counted within 30 years, the death rate stands at 70 percent. Among the deaths, students were the highest in number (52 percent). Most were killed in shootings and police attacks.

HRSS said Chhatra League was ordered to attack the protesting students. The law enforcers made unlawful use of gunfire from helicopter and used lethal weapons like AK assault rifles and teargas shells on the protesting students, the report said.