

Press Statement

VOICE has kick started the 16 Days Campaign to eliminate Violence Against Women

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Voices for Interactive Choice & Empowerment (VOICE), a rights and advocacy organization has kick started the 16 Days Campaign (25 November-10 December) as part of global observation of International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women through different set of activities for the 16 days period. As part of the series of programs the Campaign kick started with a dialog session and inception of Info-graphics on Violence Against Women at VOICE's office in the capital today.

Ahmed Swapan Mahmud, executive director of VOICE has unwrapped the info-graphics and kick started the campaign. Speaking on the Occasion he said that rape and torture become epidemic like coronavirus. The incidents of violence against women at home and outside have increased sharply in recent years.

The Info-graphics portrays the alarmingly increasing trend of violence against women in Bangladesh. It's evident that, a total of 1413 female were subjected to rape in 2019. Of them, 76 were killed after rape while 10 other victims killed themselves. The reported number of rape victims was 732 in 2018 and 818 in 2017.

907 women or girls were raped in just the first nine months of 2020. The conviction rate for rape in Bangladesh is below 1 percent.

In April 2020, a total number of 4,705 women and children were the victims of domestic violence while 50 percent fell as first time victims. A total of 632 rape incidents took place between April and August 2020. On average, 04 women have been raped every day during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Comparing to 2019 the violence against women and girls during COVID-19 has increased by 70%, a drastic rise of the trend.

Among others, Zayed Siddiki, Gulshan Ara, Israt Jahan, Shanti Pada Saha, Abtab Khan Shawon spoke on the occasion. They echoed in one voice to enforce legal instruments and raise social awareness to eliminate Violence Against Women.

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