

166 children killed, 163 raped in six months: BSAF report

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A total of 166 children were killed and another 163 were raped across the country in the first six months of this year, according to a report of Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF).

Also, 18 more children were raped and killed during this period, it

said.

The report, based on newspaper reports, was released at a press conference at the National Press Club in the city yesterday on the occasion of Child Rights Week-2004.

It also revealed that 652 children died an unnatural death, 206 were

abducted, 268 went missing and 62 children were smuggled out of the country.

Besides, 34 children suffered bomb injuries and 36 acid burns.

Addressing the press conference, speakers called on the government to set up information and technology centres for the children.

They also urged the prime minister to establish an ombudsman to ensure child rights.

The Child Rights Week-2004 will be observed from September 29 to October 5 with children's fair, discussion, debate, sports and cultural programmes. The theme of the week is 'Secured world for children'.

BSAF Vice-Chairman Imranul Haque Chowdhury presented a keynote paper at the press conference.

BSAF Chairperson Roksana Khandaker and Director Asgor Ali were also present.