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Weapons analysis

**7.62mm Type 56 SMG and 7.62mm Chinese Rifle**

The Type 56 is a Chinese-manufactured assault rifle based on the design of the Soviet AK-47. It is the standard-issue service rifle of the Border Guard Bangladesh and is widely used in military contexts across the world. The weapon fires 7.62x39mm cartridges, which are high-velocity military rounds. The effective combat range of the Type 56 is between 300 and 400 meters.

This makes it highly dangerous in densely populated areas. The Type 56 is not intended for crowd control, three weapon experts we talked to said. It is a battlefield weapon designed to incapacitate or kill enemy combatants, three weapon experts said. Any use of this firearm in a civilian setting introduces the risk of fatal or life-altering injury and is not consistent with protocols for managing public protests.

In at least one of the photographs reviewed, a BGB personnel is seen aiming his assault rifle without using its folding stock[the part pressed against the shoulder for stability]. A firearms expert explained that this demonstrates poor marksmanship because this means the soldier had little control over where his live rounds would end up.

**Summary Table: Weapon Distribution by Force**

**In Rampura on July 19, 2024**

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| **Weapon Category** | **BGB** | **Police** |
| **Lethal (Primary)***(Type 56 Assault Rifles)* | **91** | **5** |
| **Lethal (Sidearm)***(Pistols)* | 0 | **3** |
| **Less-Lethal (Impact)***(Shotguns, Tear-shell Guns)* | 0 | **35** |
| **Less-Lethal (Defensive)***(Shields & Sticks)* | **15** | **105** |

Note: Counts are based on documented instances in the provided visual evidence and represent the number of times personnel were visibly identified with specific equipment, not a total census of all officers present.