

Ctg dock workers threaten movement

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Dock workers at Chittagong port have threatened to go for a tougher movement, including work abstention, demanding cancellation of the tender invited for privatisation of New Mooring

Container Terminal.

Bandar Sramik Karmachari Parishad, a conglomerate of 22 trade union bodies, held a demonstration yesterday to press home their demand for cancellation of the tender invited by Chittagong Port Authority (CPA)

for privatisation of the container terminal.

The leaders of the parishad urged the authorities concerned to accept their demand by March 14. They also submitted a memorandum to the CPA chairman in this regard.

CPB calls half-day hartal Mar 2

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Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) called a countrywide half-day hartal on March 2 demanding punishment to the people responsible for killings of garment workers in Chittagong and labourers in Dhaka recently.

CPB leaders announced the hartal programme at a press conference at the party central office in the city yesterday.

CPB also called hartal demanding electricity, diesel and fertiliser at a fair price for the farmers, adequate supply of electricity in the residential and industrial areas and lowering the price of essential commodities.

CPB President Manjurul Ahsan Khan said the government observe national mourning day when soldiers are killed in foreign soil on their peace-keeping mission but it remains indifferent when hundreds of workers killed in the country while working.

He also said if a building had collapsed and fire claimed so many lives in other countries, concerned ministers would have resigned but in Bangladesh they even do not express grief.

Despite the legal obligation of workers' safety in the work place in the country as well as in the ILO convention, the law cannot be enforced for some greedy men in the administration, CPB president alleged.

Reading out a written statement, CPB General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim called upon the democratic political parties, farmers, agriculture labourers, and workers of different organisations to come forward and make the hartal a success.

He stressed to reinstate the 1972 constitution and called upon all to form liberation council as did the residents of Kansat in Kushtia to launch mass movement across the country demanding fertiliser, diesel and electricity.

Presidium member Shahidullah Chowdhury and central leaders Morshed Ali, Ruhin Hossain Prince, Ahsan Habib Lavlu and Sajjad Zahir Chandan were present at the press conference.