

## River vessel workers' strike from tonight

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River vessel workers will go for nationwide indefinite strike from midnight tonight protesting the government's indifference to extortion, robbery and other criminal activities in inland waterways.

Noujan Sramik (river vessel work-

ers) Federation decided to go for strike as the government ignored May 23 deadline to fulfil its nine-point demand that included deployment of river police in high-risk waterways to protect vessel workers, passengers and goods from pirates.

The federation will also hold a grand rally at Muktangan in the

capital at 5:00pm tomorrow to realise its demands.

A procession will also be brought out following the rally, said a press release of the federation yesterday.

Federation leaders have urged all vessel workers to observe the strike and join the grand rally.



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Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SKOP) stages a demonstration at Muktangan in the city yesterday protesting the killing of a worker of FS Sweater Factory in Gazipur.

## KILLING OF GARMENTS WORKER Strike at Gazipur factories today

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Garments Workers' Unity Forum has called a dawn-to-dusk strike at garments factories at Gazipur for today in protest against the killing of a worker of FS Sweater Factory at Sreepur.

The worker was killed on May 20 when the police opened fire on agitating workers demanding wage hike.

In a statement yesterday, President of the forum Mosharefa Mishu and General Secretary Komol Debnath urged all garments workers to make the strike a success.

They also called on the factory authorities to meet the demands of the workers.

At a protest rally on Sunday, the forum leaders condemned the police firing and placed a seven-point demand.

The demands includes immediate action against the factory owners and policemen involved in the killing, withdrawal of false cases against workers,

compensation to the families of those killed or injured and immediate release of the workers.

Meanwhile, Five-Left Party held a rally at Muktangan in the city in protest against the killing of the garments worker.

The party will enforce a dawn-to-dusk hartal at Gazipur today.

### Human chain today

UNB, Dhaka

Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB), Jatiya Oikya Mancha and Bangladesh Tarikat Federation will jointly form a human chain in front of the Supreme Court main gate at 11:00am today to press home their demands, including immediate resignation of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC).