

# Release of RMG workers demanded

## Hunger strike on Eid day

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Sramik Karmachari Sangram Parishad (SKSP), an alliance of the workers' associations, yesterday demanded release of the garment workers arrested in recent times and withdrawal of cases against 11,000 workers.

They expressed solidarity with Garments Sramik Sangram Parishad to stage a token hunger strike at Mukhtangan in the city at 10:00am on the Eid day.

At a press conference at its office in the city, they said the factory owners in connivance with the government have been filing new cases against the workers let alone fulfilling their demands.

They urged the owners to pay Eid bonus and stop harassment by police and threat by the local hoodlums.

Terming the newly enacted Labour Law 2006 'undemocratic', the leaders also demanded repeal of the law and implementation of the tripartite agreement.

SKSP Coordinator Shah Atiul Islam read out a written speech while SKSP leaders Dr Shamsul Alam, Abu

Bakar Ripon, Jubran Ali Jewel, Golam Sattar, Golam Mostofa, Advocate Abdus Salam and Shahidul Islam Shabuj were present at the press conference.

# PM returns home

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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia returned home yesterday morning concluding her week-long visit to Saudi Arabia.

A VVIP flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines that carried the PM and her entourage from Madinah landed at the Zia International Airport at around 9:10am.

LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Health Minister Khandokar Mosharraf Hossain, and Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka, received the PM at the VVIP tarmac.

During her stay in Saudi Arabia, she performed Umrah and offered ziarat at the holy Rawja Mubarak of great Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM).



Hindu devotees light candles at Siddheswari Kali Mandir in the city yesterday on the occasion of Kali Puja. PHOTO: STAR

