

Legal Basis to Protect Women's Human Right

by Shakila Begum

THE origins of human right could be traced from greek antique. According to Roman jurist Cicero, around 200-300 years BC the Greek Stoics developed...

separate action for achievement of the purpose set forth in Article 55. Then came the universal declaration of human rights as first attempt to define and codify human right...

World Conferences on Women

- A) Mexico Conference (1975) B) Copenhagen Conference (1980) C) Nairobi Forward Looking Strategies (1985) D) Beijing Conference (1995)

UN Declaration: In the Universal Declaration of Human Right, the Articles in favour of women to protect their rights are:

- Article (18): The rights of life, liberty and security of all person. Article (20): Freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

There are various measures to protect women's human right in our country as well as in international human rights instruments.

Constitutional Measures: The constitution of Bangladesh which is the supreme law of the country, has provided for equality between genders.

Legislative Measures: From 1971 to 1995, few laws were enacted, such as the Dowry Prohibition Act 1980, the Cruelty to Women (Deterrent Punishment) Ordinance, 1983, the Family Court Ordinance 1983.

International Measures: Declaration of International Women's Year (IWY) The world plan of action declared 1975 as the IWY for equality between men and women and recognizing the need for changes in the traditional role of women as well as of men.

In Search of Humanity: All Black Laws Should be Repealed, by Fayazuddin Ahmad Setu.

AFTER twenty five years of independence we the citizens of Bangladesh are again filled up with genuine hope of a democratic regime in the true sense. Our journey has begun again. Now time has come to rediscover ourselves...

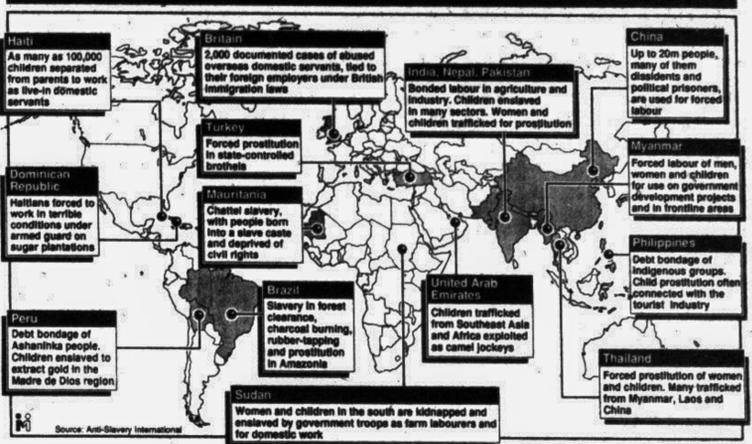
Previously, under the colonial rule of the British and Pakistanis, laws such as the Indian Safety Act, Defence of Pakistan Ordinance etc, sanctioned preventive detention, the seizure of property and restrictions on the press...

The Constitution of Bangladesh in its original form did not allow any derogations from fundamental rights. Article 11 states: 'The Republic shall be a democracy in which fundamental human rights and freedoms and respect for the dignity and worth of the human persons shall be guaranteed'...

Proclamation of Emergency: The 2nd amendment to the Constitution inserted a new section: Part IXA, empowered the President under Article 141 A, to proclaim a State of emergency if he is satisfied that 'the security or economic life of Bangladesh, or any part thereof is threatened by war or external aggression or internal disturbance'...

Removal of safeguards on Arrest and Detention: Amendment to Article 33 restricted the safeguards available to those under arrest and detention. It is specified that the detenu must be informed of the grounds of detention...

The modern slave-trade



Another Brick in the Wall for Child Slaves

by Beauty Lupiya

FRANCINETE Amaro does not look like a slave-driver. But anti-slavery campaigners in Brazil say that is exactly what she is. The huge 39-year-old woman swaying along with a pile of bricks on her head leads a group of 20 children aged between five and 15.

Every morning, she leaves her wood-fired-clay shack, gathers up the children and heads for a brick factory on the outskirts of the north eastern city of Teresina.

Her job is to carry bricks to the furnace for firing. Their job is to help her. She earns eight reals for every 1,000 bricks carried, and with the children's help she can carry 1,000 a day.

But she does not pay the youngsters. She says they understand that it is an obligation for them to support her. 'I don't need to pay the children - they are mine. Some of them are from the neighbourhood, but they are as good as mine. They have to help,' she says.

The situation is not uncommon in this part of Brazil. Employers abuse the labour of adults, who in turn manipulate children. But government authorities say they have not inspected conditions in Teresina this year because the cases in the area are not considered sufficiently serious.

In practice, however, thousands of rich people, especially plantation owners and fruit growers, ignore abolition. The Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics says 45 million of the country's 162 million population work without a salary, or in conditions that could be termed slavery.

This figure includes people who are forced to help their relatives, children whose labour is abused by their parents and people who work in private factories and plantations without earning money.

Another seven million earn under 56 reals a month, half the minimum wage of 112 reals. Human rights organisations and labour unions have been investigating cases of slavery for years, and are campaigning for it to be stopped.

The Catholic Church's Pastoral Commission in Rio de Janeiro says the number of cases increases every year: from 4,883 in 1981 to 19,940 in 1993 and 25,193 in 1995.

The Central Workers Union (CUT) operates toll-free telephone lines to receive complaints about slavery or conditions close to slavery. Modern slave-masters do not discriminate between black and white. People of all races are now being enslaved.

In fact, in most cases, slaves have been white. 'says Roberto Souza, coordinator of a CUT help-line in Rio de Janeiro. Calls have been received from all over the country, even from remote places, from victims who are often penniless, illiterate and who have no access to newspapers or television.

Last year, three families escaped from a farm in the south-east and managed to report the case to the CUT, which has started legal action against the proprietor. 'Workers there live in slave conditions,' says Souza. They

are bound by the owner of the farm who threatens them each time they try to leave. The three families that managed to escape have received death threats. The union has arranged police protection for them and 25 other people who have escaped from other landowners.

Slavery often begins through debt. In the western state of Mato Grosso, for example, promises of good payment and steady jobs attracted 35 poor Brazilians to a heavily-guarded private farm. Forced to buy food from the farm's expensive grocery, they ran up debts.

As a result, none of them now receives a salary. Wages are withheld as debt-repayment, while they are forced to run up more bills in order to eat. In a recent attempted escape, two guards and a worker were killed.

President Fernando Henrique Cardoso has acknowledged the existence of slavery, and has promised to fight against 'this extreme exploitation of human labour'. The Government's Programme of Control of Slavery and Child Work has received notice of 449 cases. Officials have made a number of incognito visits to plantations, factories and farms in places known for slavery.

A Labour Ministry official said four companies had been closed, but he refused to name them. He said 83 slaves had been freed and 12 labour suppliers arrested. The cut expresses frustration at the Government's slowness to act.

'It is only political promise and no action', says Souza. 'The President is exploiting our popular fight against slavery and human rights abuse for his own political benefit.' Beauty Lupiya is a Zambian journalist currently living and working in Brazil.

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Sunday 30th June (All programmes are in local time. We recommend programmes printed in bold. There may be changes in the programmes.)

BTV 3:00 Opening Announcement: Al Quran Programme Summary 3:10 Recitation from the Bible 3:15 Cartoon: Woody Woodpecker 3:45 Re-telecast of Weekly Drama 4:00 News in Bangla 4:45-Dik Diganas: Magazine Programme 5:00 News in Bangla 5:25 Sports Programme 6:00 News in Bangla 6:30 Apnar Doktor 7:00 News in English 7:05 Open University 7:25 Tagore Songs 8:00 News in Bangla 8:25 Jannabumi 8:30 Giggay-O-Nan 9:00 Film Series: Akbar The Great 10:00 News in English 10:30 Shasthatatha : Health Programme 10:35 Shanto Shankalpa 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Monday's programme 11:40 Close down.

BBC 6:00am BBC World News 6:30 India Business Report 7:00 BBC World News 7:25 This Week 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 India Business Report 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Horizon 10:00 BBC World News 10:20 Britain In View 11:00 BBC World News 11:25 India Business Report 12:00noon BBC World News 12:20 This Week 1:00 BBC World News 1:05 Correspondent 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 Time Out: Film '96 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Time Out: Auction 4:00 BBC World News 4:05 Everyman 5:00 BBC World News 5:20 Arts Programme - TBA 6:00pm BBC World News 6:05 The Taurus 7:00 BBC World News 7:05 Breakfast With Frost 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 Time Out: Top Gear 9:00 BBC World News 9:05 Horizon 10:00 BBC World News 10:20 Earth Report 10:30 Time Out.

CHANNEL V 7:00am News Vision 9:00 The Ride VJ Trey 10:00 Pantalone Fashion Police 10:30 The Best of Ek Ka Teen 11:00 BPL Dye! 12:00 Samsa Mangra Ha 12:30 First Day First Show 1:00 Speak Easy 1:30 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 2:30 Videoclan-Flash Back 3:00 Asian Top 20 VJ Nome 5:00 Revind VJ Sophia 5:30 Top of The Pops 6:30 Classic Rock 7:30 Timax Time Pass 8:30 Indian Top Ten 9:00 Launch Pad VJ Sophia 10:00 Revind VJ Sophia 11:00 House of Noise VJ Luke 12:00 The Ride VJ Trey 12:30 Over The Edge VJ Sophia 1:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 2:00 Big Bang VJ Trey 3:00 Frame By Frame

STAR Sports 6:00am International Motor sport News 6:30am High 5 III 7:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships HI 3rd Rd of 16 (H) 8:30 Live PGA Tour 9:00 World Wrestling Federation Action



Zee television show Zee TV today at 10 pm

More Rhoades Around Britain 11:00 BBC World News 11:20 On The Record 12:00am BBC World News 12:20 Window On Europe 1:00 BBC World News 1:05 Under The Sun 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 Time Out: One Foot In The Past 3:00 BBC World News Report on World Business Report/24 Hours 5:00 BBC World News 5:15 The Money Programme

STAR PLUS 6:30am Voltron 7:00 King Arthur 7:30 Classic Cartoons 8:00 Terry Toons 8:30 T-Bag 9:00 Ek The Cat 9:30 India Business Week 10:30 The Road Show 11:00 Amul India Show 11:30 Kriket! 12:30 The Fall Guy 1:30 Vegas 2:30 Best Sellers 'All The Rivers Run In' 4:30 The Love Boat 5:30 'Places Around Us: Mysterious Places 6:30 Amul India Show 7:00 The Road Show 7:30 Snowy River: The McGregor Saga 8:30 Beverly Hills 90210 9:30 Picket Fence 10:30 Burke's Law 11:30 21 Jump Street 12:30 Star Trek: 'The Next Generation' 1:30 India Business Week 2:30 Amul India Show 3:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 4:00 Hoopman 4:30 Home And Away 5:00 The Sullivan 5:30 Gabrielle

STAR MOVIES 7:30am Film Club Night Of The Goals (Hindi Subtitled) 9:30 Classic: Frontier Marshall (Hindi Subtitled) 11:30 Family: Hans & The Silver Stripes PG (Hindi Subtitled) 1:30 Comedy: Local Hero (Hindi Subtitled) 3:30 Sunday Showtime: Poo-Nees Playhouse Ep 17 & 18 (Hindi Subtitled) 4:30 Sunday Showtime: All About The Movies Ep 17

ZEE TV 5:30 Infotainment (TMM) 6:00 The News 6:30 Jugan 7:00 Bhayans 7:30 Mao 8:00 Mythological HFF 10:20 Aap Ki Adalat 11:00 Galaxoo 11:30 Lakme Khoobsurat 12:00 Film Chalkar 12:30 Bourvita Quiz Contest 1:00 Namaste India 1:30 Asian Sky Shop 2:30 HFF 5:00 Daak Ghar 5:30 Insight 6:00 Colgate Get 'Yoodlee-Ao-Go' 6:30 Gaane Anjane 7:00 Ad Mad Show 7:30 FLU 8:00 Tambura Lye 8:30 Suno Suno Tring Tring 9:00 Nirma Aaha 9:30 9 Malabar Hill 10:00 The Zee Horror Show 10:30 News Roundup 11:00 Index 11:30 Philips Top Ten 12:30 Gopulee 1:00 Mr Minto 1:30 Resna Kya Scene Ha 2:00 Duniya 2:30 Infotainment (TMM)

ELTV 00:30 Mohd Rafi Special 01:30 Nasir Hussain Special 02:30 Anirahab Bachchan Special 03:30 Dance Dance 04:30 Jugal Jodi 05:30 Mohd Rafi Special 06:30 Nasir Hussain Special 07:30 Anirahab Bachchan Special 08:30 Ferozi Its My Choice 9:00 Alto Rubaru 09:30 Fat Or Fit 10:00 Foltene Chalo Cinema 10:30 Song Yatra 11:00 Moov Usha Uthup Show 11:30 Liberty Public Demand 12:30 Sorry Meri Lorry 1:00 Zalka Ka Sehar 1:30 Dance Dance 2:30 Money Game 3:00 Instinct Puraah Khetra 4:00 Zandu Balm Dance Mania 4:30 Ordu Hi Thi

PTV 8:00am Tasawat Aur Tarjuma/Handi/Nast 8:20 Cartoon 9:30 Khabran 8:45 Fun Time 9:35 TV Encyclopedia 9:25 Khat Farnahish 9:40 Sports Clinic 10:05 PTV Gold 10:30 English Film Darkwing Duck 11:05 Mast Mast Sanyo 11:00 Khabran 11:10 Sports Hour 12:05pm

Biscop 95/Dasm Hahani 12:55 Quran e Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 Aaj Di Kahani 1:40 Aaj Di Sheam 2:00 Kinara Ep 36 (Drama Serial) 2:55 Ghost Writer 3:55 Karabar 4:15 Education 5:25 Raat for 9th 5:55 Zameen Per Zindagi (Drama Serial) 6:25 Anou Courses 7:00 English News 7:30 English Film 'Star Trek Deep Space Nine 8:20 Hawwa Ki Naam 9:00 Break for Headlines News 9:20 Sur Tasver (Pakistan Film 1947/95) 10:00 Khabarnama & Commercial News 11:00 Perwaan 11:35 Home Victoria (New Serial) 12:35 News Masters Raag Rang 1:00 Khat Khat Khabran

SONY ET 8:30am Jai Bir Hanuman 9:00 Yaadon Ki Baarot 9:30 Gaane Jaane Maano 10:00 Hindi Hits Songs 10:30 Jadugar 11:00 10 Civil Lines 11:30 Sunday Ki Sun 12:30pm Audio Video Premier 1:00 Good Shoot 1:30 Pehchan 2:00 Hum Sa Barker Gong 2:30 Mere Message Meri Geet 3:00 Naye Tarane 3:30 Gaane Jaane Maane 4:00 Dekh Tamasha Dekh 4:30 O'Maria 5:00 Jane Kaha Mera Jigar Gaya Ji 5:30 Ghav 6:00 Dekh Tamasha Dekh 6:30 Aahat 7:00 Cine Classics Hindi

DD 7 7:40 Harekrakamba 8:20 Binodan 8:30 Bangla Cinemar Romantic Juti 9:00 Geetmalay 9:30 TBA 10:00 Light Music 12:30 Surur Asar 1:00 Dhrigad Dhrigad Bole 1:30 Marzada 2:00 Prabaha 2:25 Uru Katu Madna 3:00 Irsha 4:30 Patho Halo 'Dori': Cast-Uttam (Kapor, Dharmendra) 9:30 Songs 10:00 Suhag 12:15 Film Balam 12:45 Heeron 'Ka Chor (Mithun Chakraborty, Bindya)

ZEE CINEMA 8:30 Hit Hit Hit Hit 9:00 Tarana 9:30 Ghazal (Sunil Dutt, Mina Kumari) 12:15 Film Batein 12:45 Sautein Ki Betei (Jeetendra Rekha) 3:30 Anne Saane Antakshari 4:00 Ayaash (Sanjeev Kumar, Rati Agnihotri) 6:45 Mahaveera (Kapor, Dharmendra) 9:30 Songs 10:00 Suhag 12:15 Film Balam 12:45 Heeron 'Ka Chor (Mithun Chakraborty, Bindya)

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