

Subsidy, import duty

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Ashraf Hossain, former whip and recently expelled joint secretary-general of BNP, and writer Selina Hossain.

BBC World Service Trust in conjunction with the BBC Bangla Service organised the event that was moderated by Kamal Ahmed of BBC.

All the speakers said the present government would have to take responsibility if it fails to control the rising prices of essentials.

Dr Khan, also a former cabinet secretary, said various initiatives of the present government in tackling the price hike including release of numerous warehouses to prevent illegal hoarding and harassment of business leaders were not appropriate.

He advised the government to increase the supply of commodities in the market and at the same time, enhance its own stockpile.

Describing the sufferings of people of limited and fixed income group, he also suggested that the government should import more essentials and undertake a massive essential goods distribution programme for the poor.

"Above all, the government will have to put emphasis on the food management for overcoming the enduring problem," Khan said.

Former whip Ashraf said this government is already proven to have failed in curbing the spiralling prices despite involving the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) in the sale of commodities.

Maj Gen (retd) Subid Ali said there has to be a problem somewhere down the line for which the government failed to control the price.

Selina Hossain said an silent famine exists in the country as a large number of the impoverished

population cannot afford to have adequate food due to the ongoing price spiral of essentials.

Relying to a query, all the discussants suggested that the government should take necessary measures immediately to solve the prevailing problem centring the national flag carrier Biman.

In their opinion, Biman was destroyed in a planned way during the three previous political governments.

Dr Khan and Subid Ali both said that to get through the present crisis, the government should adopt an open-sky policy for foreign airlines for at least six months to one year.

They also advised the government to charter sufficient airplanes and send the stranded Bangladeshi workers abroad.

Dr Khan said the best way to overcome the crisis is to privatise the Biman as soon as possible.

Ashraf said the present government has to resolve the Biman crisis effectively to prove the previous regimes unsuccessful.

Selina demanded investigation into all corruption in Biman. She suggested that the money smuggled out of the country by the corrupt should be brought back and used to purchase new airplanes for the national flag carrier.

Relying to another query, Ashraf said, since the party chairperson is now in jail custody, a new chairperson might be selected through discussions.

He also said a detained person does not have the right to expel anyone and the process of his expulsion by the detained chairperson was undemocratic as it was not in compliance with the party constitution.

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DEPZ factories

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police with Ashulia Police Station on Friday night against around 100 unknown workers for attacking police and damaging government properties during the agitation.

The detainees are Ilyas, Monir and Adam Ali.

Police said they talked to Halal over cell phone yesterday evening when Halal told them that he had been kept confined at a place in Sylhet.

Halal also talked to his wife Farida Akhter yesterday evening, police sources said.

A police official wishing anonymity said, "It is now clear that a vested quarter including Halal tried to create workers' unrest in the DEPZ."

"It will be clear who were behind the demonstration, once Halal is caught," he added.

Police are also looking for Sumon, who spread the news of Halal's killing on Thursday over stealing of a cell phone set.

Meanwhile, Featherlite Ltd in a press release yesterday said the workers of the factory turned violent on September 13 and beat factory officials and destroyed documents, raw materials, readymade garments and equipment after Sewing Operator Halal Uddin went missing following a trifling matter of stealing a mobile phone.

It also said the personal information given by Halal is false and fabricated.

It has been known from the workers that Halal is hiding around the DEPZ area, the release added.

It said the incident has no link with the workers' salary, and the authorities are not involved in the incident at all.

The company provides salaries according to the latest Labour Law, 2006 and in line with directives of the BPEZA, the release claimed.

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