



## COMING HOME EMPTY HANDED

Returnee workers from Libya are mostly penniless. The Libyans looted their labour camps and on their way to Egypt or Tunisia they were robbed again. At the border camps they had to endure shivering cold at night and scorching heat during the day. On arrival at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, the government officials register them. They give them Tk 1,000 and some food so that the workers can reach home. Bangladesh Red Crescent Society helps them with mobile phone service so that they can call home. Some workers, who failed to bring even a small bag from Libya, bundled up their clothes and put their passport inside. They leave on BRTC buses provided by the government to get to inter-district bus terminals in the capital. The last two photos, bottom right, taken in Tunisia show Bangladeshi workers waiting in a refugee camp and a volunteer serves them tea.

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