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Nothing to Lose but their Chains

I enjoyed reading the piece. The American Federation of Labour and Congress of Industrial Organisation (AFL-CIO) has said that the new labour law does not address many key concerns. The ILO has expressed dissatisfaction over limited scope for trade unionism and collective bargaining in the new law. However the ILO hailed the elimination of previous obligations to send to employers the names of union leaders at the time of registration of a trade union. The provision for allowing workers to call on outside experts for advice during collective bargaining was also appreciated by ILO.

You can have the greatest labour law in history, but if it is not implemented, it means nothing to the workers.

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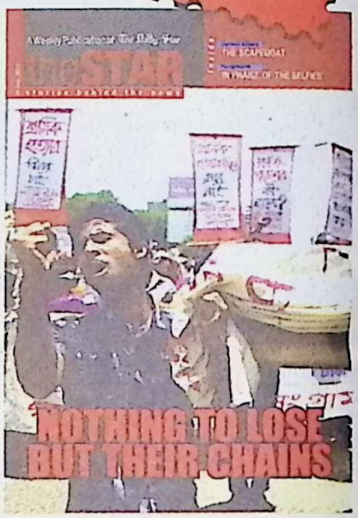
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I want to thank the writer for this well balanced article. The government must put the welfare of the workers first. We read that our labour minister has lambasted the ILO for saying that the amended law falls short of international standards. Have the ministers of this government gone totally insane? Does the minister think that he has more credibility than the ILO? We urge the government to wake up and come to its senses. Let me remind them that pride goes for destruction.

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Painting Coal Black

The writer deserves our respect for this brave and well balanced article. It is a blunder to assume that only the rural population are followers of such leaders. Leaders like him have a huge popularity among the so called modern population living in cities. One may argue that most



people living in villages have little or no education and that is why they are easy to fool. But what is the excuse of the people who are 'educated'? I hope articles like these will shed some light into the darkness they live in.

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A suggestion

I am an avid reader of the Star. Each issue of this magazine gives us new insights into contemporary issues. It also enlightens us through 'Reflections', 'Perspective', 'Chintito', 'Star Diary' and so on.

Every week the Star may publish a profile of a person who has contributed to the development of the society in his or her own way. I believe readers will highly appreciate it.

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