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## 8 garment units vandalised in Gazipur, Savar

**STAR BUSINESS REPORT**

Garment workers vandalised at least eight factories in Gazipur and Savar yesterday as they went for agitation to join a rally in the capital to press home for several demands, including a pay hike.

The workers at the Dhaka rally demanded a raise in their minimum monthly salary to Tk 8,000, while other demands include ensuring safety at work, reducing house rent and withdrawing false cases against trade union leaders.

The workers also called upon the factory owners not to sack them for minor offences and ensure their right to form trade unions. Shramik Oikya Parishad, a platform of 52 welfare unions of garment workers, organised the grand rally at Suhrawardy Udyan at 2pm.

Road communication on the Dhaka-Tangail highway remained suspended for more than three hours till 11:30am as the workers came out of their factories to join the rally.

Fearing more vandalism, the authorities of more than 400 garment units shut their production. At least three factories were vandalised at Kaliakoir in Gazipur and five at Jirani Bazar in Savar, according to our correspondents.

The demonstration started in Gazipur as more than 10,000 workers of different garment units in Kashimpur, Konabari and Chandra took to the streets around 8:30am, said Mosharraf Hossain, assistant superintendent of Gazipur industrial police.

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## POST-MDG FRAMEWORK Equality, decent jobs in focus

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The post-MDG framework should target creating decent jobs and reducing inequality along with making efforts to cut poverty, provide quality education and ensure human rights as the backbone of the new universal agenda, analysts said yesterday.

They also called for ensuring more voice for the least developed countries in setting the next development goals.

"The post-2015 agenda will be a universal one in nature. It is also to be seen how a universal framework will accommodate the specific concerns and interests of the countries," said Debapriya Bhattacharya, distinguished fellow of the Centre for Policy Dialogue.

He spoke at a dialogue -- delivery of the MDGs in LDCs and reflections on post-2015 issues -- at Brac Centre Inn in Dhaka.

The CPD and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), a foundation of Social Democratic Party of Germany, co-organised the dialogue.

As the terminal year of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) draws near, the state of actual delivery regarding these targets has become a matter of renewed and intense debate, Debapriya said.

"An explicit understanding seems to have emerged that the MDGs are going to continue beyond 2015 in one form or other. The particular aspect has created enhanced demand on the lessons to be learnt for the future from the MDG implementation experience."

He said the post-2015 international development framework should put due emphasis on goals and targets on employment and income and quality of outcome for helping the LDCs achieve better results.

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Bangladesh should consolidate MDG gains
- Private sector must be involved in new agenda
- LDCs must have voice in new targets
- Countries must aim for a better world

## Accolades for local ad campaigns

**STAR BUSINESS REPORT**

Bangladesh Brand Forum yesterday awarded 27 campaigns by advertising agencies in a bid to promote innovations in creative communications.

A total of eight advertising agencies received the awards in 14 categories, including television, print, outdoor, radio, online, jingle, packaging activation and public relations.

"The event is designed to boost the Bangladesh advertising industry to improve and provide a platform to showcase their creative talents," said Shariful Islam, managing director of Bangladesh Brand Forum (BBF).

A panel of global and local experts selected the winners from around 205 nominations, he added.

Out of the 27 recognitions, 14 were given in the Grand Prix category, eight in Gold and five in Silver, at a ceremony styled 'Commward 2013—Excellence in Creative Communication' in Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka.

Grey Worldwide Ltd received the highest recognition, bagging 11 awards, followed by Asiatic with six, Ogilvy & Mather with four, and Adcomm with two. Bitopi Advertising, Spell Bound, Carrot and Maverick each received one award.

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## Power plants set for green light

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The government is set to approve eight power plants to be built, owned and operated by the private sector, in a bid to tackle the country's growing energy crisis.

The plants, mostly coal-based, will be able to generate 2,706 megawatts (MW) of power.

The proposals may be placed by the power division at today's meeting of

the cabinet committee on public purchase.

The power division, on the basis of proposed tariff rates, has recommended awarding the work for two of the plants in Dhaka with generation capacity between 600 and 800MW to Orion Power and Associates. The company's proposed tariff rate is Tk 6.69 per kilowatt (kW).

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