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JOB OF THE DAY

I had submitted my resume to a garments factory in our neighbourhood last month and soon enough I got a call for the aptitude test and then later for a face to face interview. When my parents, friends and relatives heard the news, they requested me not to join the garments sector. When I asked for a reason, they raised many issues, including low salary, not much honour in the job and so on. They requested me to opt for a job in a bank or a multinational organisation. I think that this attitude needs to change. I believe that the apparel industry is a blessing for the unemployed as well as graduates fresh out of college, as it allows them a platform to earn a livelihood. Nowadays, Bangladesh has started exporting RMG products to China and many other developed countries. This industry is moving towards heightened growth and is taking the country forward. Thus, I feel that no one has the right to look down upon the sector, which has given much to our country and its people.

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STOP EXPLOITING CHILDREN

I was going to the General Post Office from Motijheel on a hartal day. As I was crossing the road in front of the BDBL Bhaban, I saw a child being escorted by the police to a police van. There was a crowd surrounding the boy, who were shouting and screaming at the boy. When I asked one of the men present there for the reason, he told me that the boy, who would be around 12 years old, was caught red-handed by the police as he was about to set an auto-rickshaw on fire. I was shocked to hear that a young boy, who should have been at school, was being encouraged or forced to fulfill the agenda of a political party. This is not something new in our country, where people are always ready to exploit children of impoverished parents. They are usually offered monetary rewards or brain-washed into thinking that they are fulfilling their part in a cause. It's time that our civil society and NGOs press political parties to stop using children to carry out their agenda.

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