



## INSIDE THE IRON CAVE

The shipbuilding industry in Bangladesh is a promising sector. These shipyards have positioned themselves as serious players in the international shipbuilding industry, despite facing strong competition from Chinese and Vietnamese shipbuilders. Although these shipyards are capturing international markets, workers' safety remains a hot-button issue. Traditional, local mechanisms are still in use. It takes at least three years to build one ship. Those who work inside the ships can hardly see anything but the sky above, and those who work outside pass their times cutting iron sheets and welding. Nevertheless, work gets done in the iron cave; the workers share stories in their leisure.

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