



Against the backdrop of the attacks on two priests and threats to 12 others, the Christian community forms a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday. They demand immediate arrest of the perpetrators.

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No stat on workplace deaths, injuries

Top ILO official tells int'l conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although workplace fatalities and injuries are prevalent in Bangladesh, the country lacks official statistics on the crucial issue, said a top official of International Labour Organization in an international conference yesterday.

Workplace safety is a right of every worker and employee, but it is also a matter of national commitment, said Gagan Rajbhandari, deputy director of ILO, Bangladesh. Citing reports of Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies, an NGO, Rajbhandari said 5,919 people died and 14,400 suffered injuries due to workplace accidents between 2002 and 2012.

The figure for occupational deaths is the largest in the construction sector, said Dr Knut Ringen, vice president of International Social Security Association (ISSA), US.

He added that Bangladesh is only behind India and China in regard to workplace

fatality and injury.

Germany-based ISSA, Harvard School of Public Health, Collegium Ramazzini and Dhaka Community Hospital Trust (DCHT) jointly organised the three-day conference on "Environment and Occupational Safety and Health in Bangladesh" in BIAM Auditorium.

Two colossal tragedies in the readymade garments industry -- Rana Plaza collapse and Tazreen Fashions fire -- in recent years led to a widespread international scrutiny into workplace safety and occupational hazard in Bangladesh, speakers said.

"Ensuring workplace safety is not a cost but an investment that pays off," said ruling party lawmaker Saber Hossain Chowdhury.

One of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the UN is dedicated to decent and safe work place, and it is crucial to monitor whether the government is playing its role in achieving the goal, said Chowdhury, also president of Inter-Parliamentary Union.



Army Chief General Abu Belal Muhammad Shafiu Huq, Navy Chief Vice Admiral M Farid Habib and Air Force Chief Air Vice Marshal Abu Esrar meet President Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban on Armed Forces Day yesterday.

Dipan believed in books' power to revitalise society

Slain publisher's father tells memorial discussion adding that his son was not anti-Islam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Growing up in a house full of books, Faisal Arefin Dipan had a lifelong fascination for books. He believed that books could rejuvenate a society, a state and a nation.

That's why he chose to become a publisher although his parents wanted him to become a public servant. Dipan's father

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BNP's Rangpur city president missing

Family claims law enforcers picked him up while cops deny

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

BNP's Rangpur city unit president was picked up by, as per his family, plainclothes law enforcers from his residence in the city's Shalban-Mistripara area on Friday around 4:30am.

Mozzafar Hossain's whereabouts remain unknown till filing of this report last night.

Some 10 to 12 men picked up Mozzafar's nephew Rubayat from a neighbouring house and used him to call and get Mozzafar to open his door on the first floor of the two-storey residence, the BNP leader's daughter Mahin Tabassum told The Daily Star.

Claiming to be law enforcers, the men asked Mozzafar to come with them and they left on a microbus, she said, adding that they did not show any identity card while no weapon was visible.

Mahin said they searched offices of law enforcing agencies, hospitals and courts but could not trace him.

Officer-in-charge of Rangpur Kotwali Police Station, Md Abdul Quader Jilani, said they had not picked up Mozzafar.

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