

Cambodia police use water cannon to end textiles strike



Cambodian workers stand in front of police officials during a protest in Svay Rieng province yesterday.

Police in Cambodia made dozens of arrests and used water cannon to break up a strike on Monday by garment workers protesting over low pay, in the latest flare-up in a manufacturing sector vital to its fledgling economy.

Thousands of workers at two factories have halted work since Dec. 16 at several industrial zones to demand \$8 on top of a new minimum wage of \$140 a month. The strike spread at the weekend after four people were arrested for throwing stones.

"Workers were water hosed as they walked to factories," said Nouth Bopinnaroath, a human rights worker at the group Licadho, who witnessed the break-up. He said about 30 men and women had been detained. "The male workers have their hands tied up," he said.

Cambodia agreed in October to raise the minimum wage in the \$5 billion sector to \$140 per month from next year, far short of the sum sought by unions which had threatened to hold strikes if demands were not met.

Kem Chamroen, a leader of the Union of Movement of Workers, described the strikes as wildcat and said unions had nothing to do with them. He said arrests would escalate the situation.

"Workers will just continue to strike," he said. "They won't accept this minimum

wage and no one talked to them." Competition is heating up in Asia in garment manufacturing, which to Cambodia is worth 600,000 jobs that sustain rural families through orders from the likes of Gap, H&M, Adidas, Marks and Spencer and Walmart.

Strikes by increasingly assertive and politicized unions have left the government with a hard task of both satisfying wage needs and keeping Cambodia competitive.

Neighbouring Vietnam is seeing record investment in its footwear and textiles, owing to new free-trade pacts with major markets, including the U.S.-led Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Vietnam is the second-largest garment supplier behind China to the United States, Cambodia's biggest market.

Heng Sour, a Cambodian Labor Ministry spokesman, said the unrest was not a strike, but a riot.

"Some individuals posing as workers have destroyed private property and caused chaos among investors," he said, adding that the ministry supported the action taken by authorities.

The Garment Manufacturers Association in Cambodia, sent a letter to Prime Minister Hun Sen last week urging immediate action to restore order as strikes "severely affect investors' sentiment and their long-term investment vision".

Flipkart denies media report of Accel selling \$100m stake

REUTERS, Mumbai

Flipkart on Monday denied a newspaper report that said venture capital firm Accel Partners had sold a small stake in India's biggest online marketplace to sovereign wealth fund Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) for \$100 million.

"This information is incorrect. There has been no such transaction," a Flipkart spokesman told Reuters in an emailed statement.

The Economic Times newspaper earlier on Monday reported the deal, citing two people aware of the transaction, and said the deal valued the Indian online retailer at \$15 billion.

Accel, the first venture investor in Flipkart, remains the second-largest shareholder after New York-based hedge fund Tiger Global Management following the deal, the Economic Times reported.

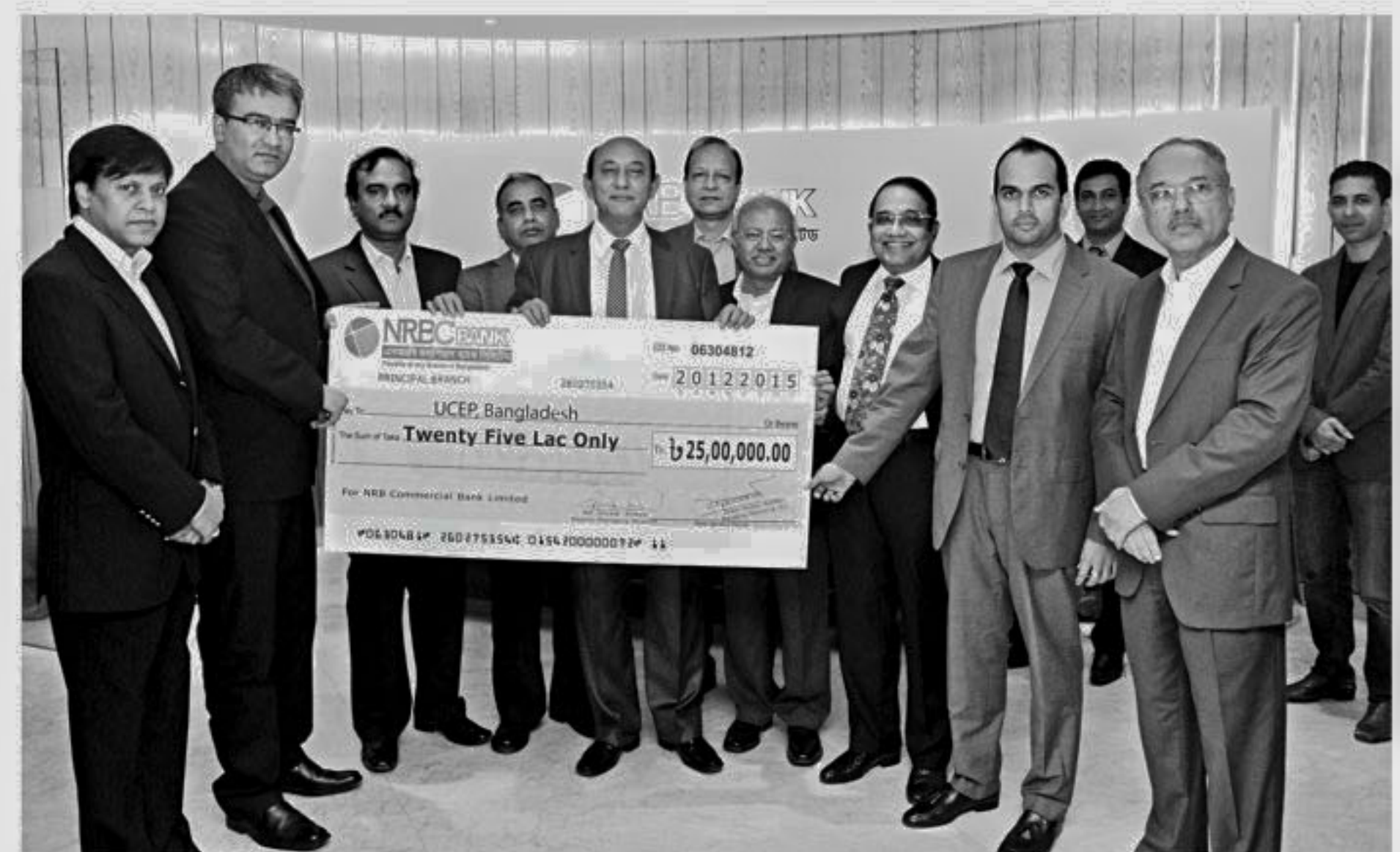
Accel and Qatar Investment Authority did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment.

"From time to time, Accel Partners, globally, has sold a small fraction of our holdings in some of our portfolio companies, as secondary transactions... All we can confirm to you right now is that no such transaction is in process," Subrata Mitra, partner at Accel Partners in India told the newspaper in an emailed reply.



Principal Secretary of the Prime Minister's Office Md Abul Kalam Azad and Chairman of Bank Asia A Rouf Chowdhury hand over a microcredit sanction letter to one of the 10-taka accountholders of the bank at an agent banking event, at Abdullahpur Union Digital Centre outlet in Munshiganj on Saturday. Bangladesh Bank Governor Atiur Rahman, Chairman of the Board Executive Committee of Bank Asia Rumea A Hossain, Policy Adviser of the Access to Information project of the government Anir Chowdhury and the bank's Deputy Managing Directors Md Arfan Ali and Mohammed Zahirul Alam were also present.

Farasath Ali, chairman of NRB Commercial Bank, presents a cheque for Tk 25 lakh to Zaki Hasan, executive director of Underprivileged Children's Education Programme, at the bank's head office.



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INVITATION FOR TENDER						
Sealed tenders are hereby invited as per "The Public Procurement Rules -2014" from the eligible tenderers as defined in the tender documents for under mentioned work as per terms & conditions stated below:-						
01. Ministry /Division	:	Ministry of Land.				
02. Agency	:	Bhshantek Punorbasan Prokalpa.				
03. Procuring Entity Name	:	Project Director, Bhshantek Punorbasan Prokalpa.				
04. Procuring Entity District	:	Dhaka.				
05. Invitation for	:	Civil Construction Incomplete Works.				
06. Invitation Ref. No.	:	Memo No.- ৩১.০৪৯.০১৪.০০.০০.০১১.২০১৪(৯৯-১)-৭৯৬, Date : 20/12/2015.				
07. Tender No.	:	03 (2015-2016).				
08. Project Name	:	Bhshantek Punorbasan Prokalpa.				
09. Tender Package Name	:	WD-01, WD-02, WD-03.				
10. Source of Funds	:	Contribution of Beneficiaries (Self-Finance).				
11. Procedure of Tender	:	Open Tendering Method. (OTM).				
12. Eligibility of tenderers	:	The invitation for tender is open to all eligible Tenderers (individual conductor or JV) who satisfy the following: a) Reputed Contractors / Construction firms / who have minimum 05 (five) years of general experience. b) Having experience in successful completion of Construction of minimum 01 (one) building in a single tender including civil, sanitary, water supply & Electrical works etc, the tender value not being less than Tk. 300.00 (Three hundred) lacs in Government / Semi-Government / Autonomous Organization in Bangladesh during last 05 (five) years. The work certificate for successful completion of a building work shall have to be issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent officer of concerned Department / Organization. c) The required minimum average annual construction turnover Tk. 450.00 (four Hundred fifty) lacs over last Five years. d) The minimum amount of Liquid Asset or working capital or credit facilities the Tenderer shall be Tk. 60.00 (Sixty) lacs. e) Up to date valid Trade License, VAT Registration Certificate with TIN and Income Tax Clearance Certificate and valid A, B & C category Electrical Contractor's License and Supervisory License from Electricity Licensing Board, Government of Bangladesh.				
13. Name & addresses of the offices selling tender documents.	:	a) i. Office of the Project Director, Bhshantek Punorbasan Prokalpa, Ministry of Land, Building no: 4, Room no: 411, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. Office of the Project Director, Bhshantek Punorbasan Prokalpa, 3 No Dhamal Coat, Mirpur-15, Kafur, Dhaka-1200. ii. Office of the Executive Engineer, Bhshantek Punorbasan Prokalpa, Ministry of Land, Building no: 4, Room no: 636, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.				
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15. Name & addresses of the office opening of tender	:	Office of the Project Director, Bhshantek Punorbasan Prokalpa, Ministry of Land, Building no: 4, Room no: 411, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.				
16. Last date & time of selling tender documents	:	10/01/2016, during office hours.				
17. Last date & time of tender submission	:	10/02/2016, Time-12:30 PM.				
18. Date and time of opening tender documents	:	10/02/2016, Time-02:00 PM. (The participating tenderer's representative with due authorization will be allowed to remain present during the opening of the tender).				
19. Brief Description of Works	:	RCC works, Brick works, Door and window, Sanitary & water supply system, Internal electrification, Gas line.				
20. Tender document price	:	Tk.1,500.00 (One thousand five hundred) only, Non-refundable.				
21. Tender Package Name	:	Package Name	Identification of Package	Location	Tender Security	Completion Time
		WD-01	Construction of Remaining work of 6-storied building no.A-15	Mirpur section-15, Dhaka.	9.50 Lac	18 months
		WD-02	Construction of Remaining work of 6-storied building no.A-25	Mirpur section-15, Dhaka.	10.00 Lac	18 months
		WD-03	Construction of Remaining work of 6-storied building no.A-36	Mirpur section-15, Dhaka.	9.50 Lac	18 months
22. Contact details of official inviting tender	:	Shams Al Mujaddid, Project Director, Bhshantek Punorbasan Prokalpa, Ministry of Land, Building no:4, Room no: 411, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, Phone : 9540280.				
23. Tender Validity	:	120 (One hundred twenty) days.				
24. Special Instruction :	:	(a) Application in letter head pad must be submitted by the tenderer for purchase of package. (b) Original money receipt of purchased tender document must be attached with the tender. (c) The procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.				

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		WD-02	Construction of Remaining work of 6-storied building no.B-48	Mirpur section-15, Dhaka.	10.00 Lac	18 months
		WD-03	Construction of Remaining work of 6-storied building no.B-49	Mirpur section-15, Dhaka.	10.50 Lac	18 months
		WD-04	Construction of Remaining work of 6-storied building no.B-50	Mirpur section-15, Dhaka.	11.00 Lac	18 months
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