

Most auditors in Asia find child labour in supply chains: survey



A boy separates starched saris, a traditional Indian garment for women, left to dry on the roof of a cotton factory in Hyderabad.

REUTERS, Jakarta

The majority of supply chain auditors across Asia have encountered child labour in the last two years, and in only a third of cases could they confirm the children were removed from the factories, a survey has found.

Of 557 auditors polled, 64 percent encountered child labour during their on-site inspections in the last two years, said the Center for

of child labour cases encountered by auditors and noted there was often no remediation in place to ensure the interests of the child were protected.

"Right now it is more like 'let's just make sure the child is not in the factory' and not 'what do we need to do to make sure the child is protected?'" CCR CSR executive director Ines Kaempfer told Thomson Reuters Foundation.

"Sometimes to tell the kids to go back home... that actually puts them back in a worse situation than they were in the factory."

The consultancy said it encouraged remediation plans including engaging parents and social workers to assess the child's needs, or providing skills training for the children until they re-enter workforce at the legal working age.

The auditors reported dropping out of school and poverty as two of the main reasons behind child labour.

Most children were found working in simple production lines such as finishing and packaging. The children were allowed inside the factories due to a lack of age verification procedures and the use of forged or borrowed identification cards.

Kaempfer said auditors could play a stronger role in stopping child labour as they are often the first people to come across such practices.

"If there is a health and safety violation, the auditors will go back and check whether it has been fixed, but this is not happening with the children - that somebody will go back and see whether a best solution has been found for the child," she said.

An estimated 122 million children under the age of 15 are working in the Asia Pacific, the region with the highest number of child labourers in the world, according to the International Labour Organisation.

Child Rights and Corporate Social Responsibility (CCR CSR), a China-based consultancy that conducted the survey.

The auditors were mostly in the manufacturing sector, and most - 385 of the respondents - were from China, while others were based in countries including India, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar and Malaysia.

The consultancy said the findings, released last week, showed a "surprisingly high" number



Md Arfan Ali, additional managing director of Bank Asia, and Abu Naser Munjurul Hoque, managing director of BS Group of Companies, exchange documents of a signed deal on corporate account privilege package, at the head office of the bank in Dhaka.

India plans to import 500,000 tonnes of corn to overcome shortage

REUTERS, New Delhi

India is considering importing an extra 500,000 tonnes of duty-free corn to overcome a shortage after a second straight drought cut output, a government source said on Wednesday.

India is traditionally a major corn exporter to Southeast Asia, but higher local prices because of the drought and rising domestic demand have halted exports and forced it to import.

In its first international tender, government-backed trader PEC awarded a contract to South Korea's Daewoo International to supply 250,000 tonnes of duty-free yellow non-genetically modified corn.

"Indian corn prices have shot up massively and actual users have asked us to facilitate corn imports. That's why the talk of another

500,000 tonnes of imports has started," the official said. Local corn prices have jumped about 15 percent so far in June.

The government source, who was not authorized to speak to the media, also said that India was likely to scrap its latest tender to import 50,000 tonnes of corn due to the high price quoted by the sole bidder.

The lowest offer in the tender was \$254.55 a tonne on a cost and freight (c&f) basis for shipment to the Adani Tuna terminal in the port of Kandla followed by \$255.30 a tonne c&f for shipment to other terminals in Kandla.

The agency was comfortable with price around \$230 c&f, said the official, adding "Sourcing non-gm corn is very difficult and will continue to be difficult until at least September when the new crop will arrive in Europe."



Taufiq M Seraj, managing director of Platinum Hotels, hosts a farewell event for Mahmoud Ezzat, the outgoing ambassador of Egypt in Bangladesh, at Platinum Suites in Dhaka on Tuesday.

PLATINUM HOTELS



Manwar Hossain, group managing director of Anwar Group, and Abdul Muqtadir, head of civil engineering department of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), unveil the logo of CESA Buet-Anwar Ispat First Bangladesh Civil Engineering Summit. Anwar Ispat, Anwar Cement and A-One Polymer will sponsor the summit to be held in November.

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Dated: 20 June, 2016

Invitation for International Tenders

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide manufacturers/suppliers/agents for supply of the following material as per specification, terms and conditions mentioned in the relevant tender documents:-

01	Ministry/division	Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.		
02	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC).		
03	Procuring entity name	Eastern Refinery Limited (ERL).		
04	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.		
05	Invitation for	Goods		
06		(a) ER/PUR/IT-16/2016(Re-tender) dt. 20-06-2016 (b) ER/PUR/IT-17/2016 dt. 20-06-2016. (c) ER/PUR/IT-18/2016 dt. 20-06-2016		
07	Procurement method	Open Tendering with International Competition (OTM).		
08	Budget and source of funds	Eastern Refinery Limited.		
09	Eligibility of tenderer	As stated in the tender document.		
10	Tender last selling date & time	(a) 18-07-2016 up to 16:00 hours BST. (b)&(c) 02-08-2016 up to 16:00 hours BST.		
11	Tender closing date & time	(a) 19-07-2016 up to 14:30 hours BST. (b) & (c) 03-08-2016 up to 14:30 hours BST.		
12	Tender opening date & time	(a) 19-07-2016 at 15:00 hours BST. (b) & (c) 03-08-2016 at 15:00 hours BST.		
13	Tender document selling address	(i) Accounts Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong, and (ii) Manager (DLO), ERL, YMCA Bhaban (2nd floor, West side), 1/1, Pioneer Road, Kakrail, Dhaka.		
14	Tender dropping/submission place	(i) Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong.		
15	Opening address of tender	Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong.		
16	Brief description of Goods:			
	Name of materials	Price of tender document	Tender security (Tk.)	Shipment validity
(a)	CENTRIFUGAL PUMP (HORIZONTAL) COUPLED WITH ELECTRIC MOTOR	Tk. 800.00/Set (non-refundable)	Tk. 1,00,000.00 (one lac)	90 days
(b)	VARIOUS PIPE FITTINGS	Tk. 800.00/Set (non-refundable)	Tk. 1,00,000.00 (one lac)	90 days
(c)	ERW CARBON STEEL PIPE	Tk. 500.00/Set (non-refundable)	Tk. 50,000.00 (fifty thousand)	90 days
17	Name of official inviting tender	Mollah Abul Kalam Azad.		
18	Designation of official inviting tender	Asstt. General Manager (Purchase).		
19	Address of official inviting tender	Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong.		
20	Contact details	PABX (Ctg): 88-031-2501261-67 Ext.-382 Dhaka (DLO): 88-02-8391991 Fax: 88-031-2501269 E-mail: purchase@erl.com.bd shafiq@erl.com.bd md-office@erl.com.bd Website: www.erl.gov.bd, www.erl.com.bd		
21	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without showing any reason.			

Mollah Abul Kalam Azad
Asstt. General Manager (Purchase)

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Daimler to rev up e-mobility drive

AFP, Berlin

German luxury automaker Daimler, owner of the Mercedes-Benz and Smart brands, plans to speed up its push into electro-mobility in the race against US pioneer Tesla and German rival BMW, a report said Wednesday.

Business daily Handelsblatt reported that Daimler plans to market six new electric models by 2020, starting with an SUV based on the Mercedes GLC, to be presented at the Paris Motor Show in September and hitting the market next year.

Daimler plans to launch a new sub-brand of e-cars with a range of over 500 kilometres (300 miles), to be built in its plants in Germany, the United States and China, the report said.

The strategic shift would be subject to approval by the supervisory board of the Stuttgart-based company at a July 20 meeting, the business newspaper said, citing unnamed company sources.

Contacted by AFP, Daimler did not comment on the specific report but confirmed that the group wants to focus more on electric cars in coming years.

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