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Bangladesh among worst countries for workers: ITUC

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Bangladesh is among the top 10 worst countries in the world for workers as they are exposed to autocratic regimes and unfair labour practices due to inaccessibility to rights, said the International Trade Union Confederation.

The Brussels-based organisation is the world's largest trade union federation representing 181 million workers through its 340 affiliated organisations within 163 countries and territories.

Bangladesh got a rating of 5 in the ITUC Global Rights Index 2017, meaning there is no guarantee of rights for workers in the country.

The other countries that were rated the same as Bangladesh are: Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, the Philippines, Colombia, Kazakhstan, South Korea and Turkey.

The ITUC's report, which put the spotlight on the Ashulia labour unrest of last year, comes on the heels of the International Labour Organisation's observations last week that more needs to be done to improve workplace safety and labour rights in Bangladesh.

The United Nations organisation gave a deadline of November before it takes any harsh action against Bangladesh.

Trade unionists in Bangladesh have long suffered at the hands of the state, especially its 'notorious industrial police' and employers, which continued in 2017, said the ITUC report, which was published on June 13.

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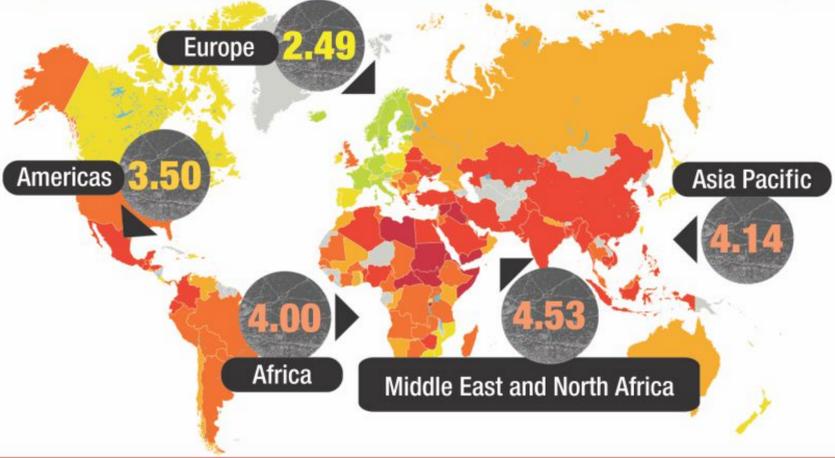


Ten worst countries in the world for working people

BANGLADESH	COLOMBIA	EGYPT	GUATEMALA	KAZAKHSTAN	PHILIPPINES	QATAR	SOUTH KOREA	TURKEY	UAE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police brutality Mass arrests Discrimination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Murders Collective bargaining undermined Discrimination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discrimination State repression Mass arrests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violence and murder Discrimination Lack of due process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State repression Arrest of union leaders Discrimination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violence, intimidation and murder Discrimination and dismissals Repressive laws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forced labour Migrants excluded from labour law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repression of protests Discrimination Precarious work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police brutality and mass arrests Discrimination Mass dismissals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forced labour Migrants excluded from labour law

Results by region

- 5+ No guarantee of rights due to the breakdown of the rule of law
- 5 No guarantee of rights
- 4 Systematic violations of rights
- 3 Regular violations of rights
- 2 Repeated violations of rights
- 1 Irregular violations of rights
- No data



The 2017 ITUC Global Rights Index covers 139 countries, reporting takes place April 2016 – March 2017. The ITUC documents violations of internationally recognised collective labour rights by governments and employers, each country is analysed against a list of 97 indicators derived from ILO conventions and jurisprudence and represents violations of workers' rights in law and practice. The final country score determines which rating a country will get, 1 being the best rating and 5 being the worst rating.

Dohatec's e-GP system for Bhutan sets sail

MUHAMMAD ZAHIDUL ISLAM

Dohatec New Media, a leading software company of Bangladesh, has designed Bhutan's electronic government procurement system which was launched on Wednesday in a state ceremony in Thimphu.

"It is matter of prestige for Bangladesh that Dohatec is competing with leading global IT solution providers," said Luna Shamsuddoha, chairman of Dohatec.

To get the contract, Dohatec competed with leading companies from India and other developing nations, she told The Daily Star before leaving for Thimphu to attend the programme. Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay inaugurated the system.

The system, which is modelled on Bangladesh's e-GP that Dohatec developed five years ago, will have the capacity to handle 15,000 bids a year.

Bhutan's digital tendering system is being piloted now, and for the full-fledged launch and maintenance Dohatec has partnered with Bhutanese company New Edge Technology for a period of eight years. The project's total cost is \$395,690, a part of which was provided by the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, according to the Bhutanese media.

As of June 1, Bangladesh's e-GP has floated more than one lakh tenders, of which 61,288 -- involving Tk 43,828 crore -- have been awarded electronically, according to the Central Procurement Technical Unit.

Some 38,890 tenders were floated in 2016-17, with the number expected to grow further.

"e-GP is a huge achievement for Bhutan," Luna told Bhutanese newspaper Kuensel.

All Bhutanese bidders and procurement agencies have to register to participate in the bidding process. The entire procurement process save for the signing of contracts will be done online. The new e-GP will allow all the users to submit their tender documents from anywhere in the world, the Dohatec chairman said.

Dohatec also developed Bangladesh's voter identity registration and biometric matching systems, which the Bangladesh Election Commission made public in April 2007.

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Call money rate rises slightly on Eid pressure

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The call money rate crept up to 4 percent this week, after hovering between 2 percent and 3 percent for two years, on the back of a cash withdrawal pressure in the lead-up to Eid-ul-Fitr.

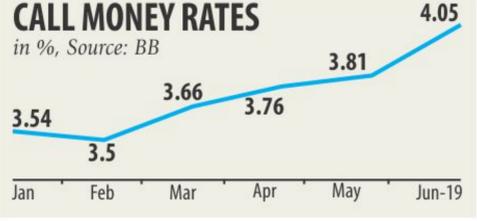
"Still, it is less than the cost of funds for banks," said Abul Kashem Md Shirin, managing director of Dutch-Bangla Bank.

The call money rate is the rate at which short-term funds are borrowed and lent in the money market by banks.

Banks take deposits at 5 percent interest, so they are still making losses in the call money market, he said.

The call money market has remained subdued for long due to excess liquidity in the system. "As a result, there is no cash crisis in the market despite the surge in cash withdrawal ahead of Eid," Shirin added.

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Kushtia bans noncompliant rice millers for two years

AMANUR AMAN, from Kushtia

Kushtia's local food administration has decided not to buy rice from the noncompliant rice millers for next two years after they failed to deliver the staple food to the government in violation of contracts.

Over 200 disobedient rice millers have been served notices while the local food office has blacklisted 416 more mills with whom the government would not sign any deal to buy rice for the next two years.

Kushtia District Food Controller Tanver Rahman confirmed to The Daily Star about the decision. He added that other defiant millers would also be served notices.

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edotco to buy Pakistani tower firm for \$90m

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Malaysia's edotco Group, which runs businesses in South and Southeast Asian countries including Bangladesh, yesterday said it would buy a tower company in Pakistan for \$90 million to expand operations in the country.

The acquisition of Tanzanite Tower Private Ltd will give edotco Group 700 towers, enabling it to provide service to all major mobile operators in Pakistan.

This is an important strategic development for edotco's existing operations in Pakistan and allows the company to expand its footprint in the country, according to a statement of Robi, a shareholder of edotco Bangladesh.

"This opportunity is in line with edotco's plans to scale up its Pakistan operations and makes it the largest independent tower company in the country."

The deal is expected to be completed by the third quarter of this year, Japan's Nikkei Asian Review quoted Axiata Group as saying. Axiata owns the majority of Robi's shares.

Robi said the purchase puts edotco in a strong position to accelerate its tower business and take advantage of further acquisition and consolidation opportunities.

"The acquisition supports edotco's growth strategy and ambition to position itself as the leading independent telecommunications infrastructure services provider across Asia," said Suresh Sidhu, chief executive officer of edotco Group.

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