



A section of the employees staging a hunger strike at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in Barisal yesterday.

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200 SBMCH employees unpaid for four months

Start indefinite strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

More than 200 class III and class IV employees launched an indefinite hunger strike at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital (SBMCH) in Barisal yesterday demanding overdues salaries of the last four months.

They started the protest programme sitting in front of the hospital director's office on the ground floor, and chanted slogans.

Later police came to the spot to prevent any unwanted incident.

Till filing of this report at 8:00pm last night, the protesters were at the same place continuing their strike.

Modasser Kabir, president of the Class IV Employees' Welfare Association at SBMCH, said the hospital recruited 215 class III and class IV employees on December 12, 2015, but the health ministry withheld their join-

ing on January 18, 2016.

The employees then went to the High Court and won an order in their favour. A government challenge against the HC order was also dismissed by the Supreme Court.

Eventually, the employees, including technicians, security staff and cleaning workers, joined their service in late February this year, but ever since the new employees have not got any salaries or allowances.

Acknowledging the situation, the hospital director, Dr Baqir Hussain, said that due to fund constraints and some other pending formalities, the new employees could not be paid.

When asked, he said it would take around Tk 1 crore to pay the monthly salaries of the new recruits. "There is a process underway in this regard. Hopefully, we will be able to start paying them within two or three weeks," he said.

মাইক্রোক্রেডিট রেগুলেটরী অথরিটি
গুলফেশা প্লাজা (৭ম তলা), ৮ শহীদ সাংবাদিক সেলিমা পারভীন সড়ক
বড় মগবাজার, রমনা, ঢাকা-১২১৭।

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ক্ষুদ্রখণ্ড কার্যক্রম পরিচালনার সনদ বাতিলকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি।

নারায়ণগঞ্জ জেলায় কার্যক্রম পরিচালনাকারী ক্ষুদ্রখণ্ড প্রতিষ্ঠান "শীতল কর্মসূচী ও উন্নয়ন সংস্থা"; ঠিকানাঃ গ্রাম-লামাপাড়া, ডাকঘর+থানা-ফতুল্লা, লামাপাড়া দরগাবাড়ী মসজিদ রোড, শিরু মার্কেট, ফতুল্লা, জেলা-নারায়ণগঞ্জ, এর অনুকূলে ইস্যুকৃত ক্ষুদ্রখণ্ড কার্যক্রম পরিচালনার সনদ (নেব্র: ০০৫৫-০০১০-০০৪৬২; তারিখ: ০৩/১২/২০০৯) মাইক্রোক্রেডিট রেগুলেটরী অথরিটি বিমিহালা, ২০১০ এর বিধি-বিধান পরিপালনে ব্যর্থ হওয়ায় এবং ক্ষুদ্রখণ্ড কার্যক্রম বক্ত থাকায় উল্লিখিত আইন ও বিধিমালার আওতায় ২৪/০৬/২০১৮ তারিখ হতে বাতিল করা হয়েছে। এপ্রেক্ষিতে প্রাহকদের নিকট হতে গৃহীত সকল সংশ্লিষ্ট/আমানত আগামী ২৩/০৯/২০১৮ তারিখের মধ্যে ফেরত প্রদানের জন্য প্রতিষ্ঠানটিকে নির্দেশনা প্রদান করা হয়েছে।

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Faraaz remembered

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eatery, the terrorists particularly targeted foreigners. The gunmen were looking for "infidels", asking who could recite verses from the holy Quran and who couldn't.

Faraaz, a student of Economics at Emory University in Atlanta, US, recited from the holy Quran, and was given the chance to walk out. But he chose to stay with his friends -- Abinta Kabir, a Bangladesh-born US citizen and fellow student at Emory University, and Tarishi Jain, an Indian student at the University of California, Berkeley -- with whom he had gone to the café on the fateful night.

Faraaz was buried at Banani Graveyard on July 4.

Latifur Rahman said the values for which Faraaz was remembered with honour in and outside the country made them proud.

Meanwhile, prayers for Faraaz were also held at different places across the country yesterday.

In Tangail, a milad mahfil was held at the Tangail branch office of SKF Pharmaceuticals Limited at Shibnath Para in the town after Asr prayers.

In Noakhali, prayers were held at the regional office of Transcom at Lawyers' Colony area in the evening.

Dinajpur unit of Transcom Distribution Company Ltd organised prayers at its office in Newtown area.

SC fixes July 12

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Bangladesh Italian Marble Works Ltd.

Meanwhile, on January 18 this year, SC directed Muktijoddha Kalyan Trust to give Tk 99.21 crore in compensation to the private company by July 30.

As Muktijoddha Kalyan Trust did not pay any installment, Bangladesh Italian Marble Works Ltd recently filed a contempt of court petition with the SC.

SC directed the company to pay the amount by July 12.

3 lose lives in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Three people were killed in road accidents in three districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Chittagong, a helper of a covered van driver was killed as a truck hit him while he was crossing a road in Tobacco Gate area of Sitakunda upazila.

The victim -- Kamal Hossain, 30, son of late Yousuf Sardar from Noakhali -- was going to unload goods from the van, said police.

In Mymensingh, a motorcyclist was killed as his bike and a truck collided on Mymensingh-Sherpur road at Roudrapur of Tarakanda upazila.

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In Sylhet, a pedestrian was killed in a hit-and-run by a bus in Najirbazar area of Dakshin Surma upazila.

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