

RMG workers' clash leaves 20 injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'gari

Some 20 people, including police personnel, were injured yesterday in clashes between garment factory workers and law enforcers in Fatullah BSCIC Industrial city.

Police and workers said about 4,500 workers had been agitated since Tuesday demanding a raise. Workers found a notice at the factory gate yesterday, saying helpers will get Tk 8,300 per month and operators Tk 9,500, and only those willing to work at this pay would be allowed to enter factory premises. Some workers entered the factory and started ransacking it around 10am, while others protested in front of the gate.

Police came to the spot and brought the situation under control by 1pm.

Factory worker Bubli Begum died from a cardiac arrest during the commotion, presumably caused by fear and shock, according to Dr Tahmina of Narayanganj 300 Bed Hospital.

Sub-inspector (SI) Mehedi of Industrial Police-4 said eight policemen were injured as workers threw bricks at them.


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M Shafiqur Rahman Khan Bachchu (Gono Forum) for Kishoreganj-2 constituencies. The HC bench of Justice Tariq ul Hakim and Justice Md Shohraward delivered the judgement after hearing three writ petitions filed by the aspirants, saying that on November 28, their respective ROs refused to receive their nomination papers on the ground of delayed submission.

In another development, the RO of Rangpur yesterday rejected the nomination paper of BNP nominated candidate and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Golam Rabbani because he did not submit the acceptance copy of his resignation from the post of upazila chairman, reports our Dinaipur correspondent.

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From left, Maleka Banu, Masuda Rehana Begum, Ayesha Khanam, and Syed Abul Maksud at an opinion sharing meeting on violence against women, at Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Demolish structures along Mayur River:HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the authorities concerned to demolish and remove structures of a part of the linear park established inside the land of Mayur River in Khulna.

Mayor of Khulna City Corporation (KCC), which established the park, and deputy commissioner of Khulna have been asked to comply with the order and to submit a compliance report to the HC in four months. The HC also directed them to develop the park outside the river, protecting the water-bodies, canals and ponds in the KCC's acquisitioned area properly.

The bench of Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore and Justice Mohammad Ullah passed the order after hearing two petitions filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh.

HC gives dissenting

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has to consider gravity of the offences in the trial of such cases.

On January 25, a magistrate's court in Dhaka gave bail to Wahidul and Abu Hena, hours after their court appearance. On January 31, a HC bench led by Justice Enayetur Rahim issued a suo moto rule asking the government, ACC and the bank's two former officials to explain why the bail granted to them by the lower court should not be cancelled.

On April 4, the HC bench sent the documents regarding the rule to the chief justice for constituting a special bench to settle this issue. Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain then formed the three-judge special bench to dispose of the rule.

India shaped global

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for waging a war against the Pakistani occupation forces. India extended its support to the then East Pakistan as it had the same principles, said writer, historian and activist Muntassir Mamoon, referring to the speech given by Gandhi.

India gave shelter to 10 million refugees, the highest refugee crisis globally, from the war-ravaged country in 1971. It also trained freedom fighters and gave them arms and ammunition.

Indira Gandhi also drummed up international support for the people of the country.

India helped shape a global opinion against genocide happening in the then East Pakistan, in favour of the Liberation War, and for release of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, said Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Dr Gowher Rizvi.

As many as 17,000 soldiers of the Indian Mitra Bahini were martyred along with 3 million Bengalis during the Liberation War. Bangladesh is thankful that India stood beside it at its hour of need, speakers said.

Pakistan had all along spread a propaganda that India was trying to intervene in internal matters of Pakistan, said Rizvi. India did not. In fact, it was providing support from within its territory until December 3. But the attack by Pakistan on India on December 3 of 1971 changed the whole scenario and paved the way for the ultimate emancipation of Bangladesh, he added.

ACC to monitor whether

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Qayyum suggested ACC not to summon a person before verifying that the allegations are true.

ETV Chief Editor and Chief Executive Officer Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul said ACC should take both hard and soft approaches.

"Awareness should be generated against corruption. At the same time, the commission needs to ensure exemplary punishment of corrupt individuals," he said.

Ekattor TV Managing Director Mozammel Babu recommended disposal of corruption cases within a short period.

Zahirul Islam Mamun, chief executive editor of ATN Bangla, asked the commission to take actions against politicians who are involved in the "election nomination business".

The ACC chairman said the matter of monitoring business centring nomination is out of the purview of ACC. "We can monitor corruption taking place in government organisations," he added.

Among others, Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, was present at the meeting.

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Unite to end violence against women: BMP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The need for raising awareness and coordinated efforts is vital to stop violence against women and children, speakers said yesterday.

Also, women's rights issues should be included in the curriculum, they added.

The speakers were addressing a roundtable on "Rape and sexual assault, a crime against humanity" at Jatiya Press Club. The seminar was organised by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, said a press release.

The rights activists called for a social movement to bring an end to the violence. Also, family members should come forward to combat the ever-growing menace.

They said from January 18 to October 18, a total of 646 women were raped in the country, according to information gathered from 14 national dailies. Also, 165 of them were gang raped, 53 killed after rape and 141 sexually harassed. Fourteen women died by suicide after being harassed.

Ayesha Khanam, president of the parishad, said a coordinated effort is needed to address the issue. She also announced a national committee where policy makers, academicians, civil society members, cultural personality and BMP members will work jointly to prevent violence against women.

JSD pledges

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formed to recruit nonpartisan, neutral, honest and competent individuals in important constitutional and statutory posts. An Ombudsman will be recruited and an "effective" anti-corruption law will be formulated.

Reforms will be brought in the police force, and initiatives will be taken to stop extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances, the party pledged, adding that the Digital Security Act will be repealed, and press freedom and freedom of expression will be ensured, as well as equal rights for women.

A national security council will be formed while sub regional cooperation alliances will be created for speeding up economic activities, it says.

JSD General Secretary Abdul Malek Ratan read out the manifesto.

Clarify stand on reforming

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Commission, Anti-Corruption Commission, executive and judicial departments – should be more transparent, and based on competency and determination of the candidates.

Shujan also demanded clear announcement on ensuring human rights by putting a stop to forced disappearance and extrajudicial killing, ensuring security of the minorities and independence of the media and citizens, and reformation of different repressive acts including the Digital Security Act.

"International treaties should be presented at the parliament [for review]," Badiul said.

He also urged political parties to announce action plans to bring stability in the economic sector, encouraging investment, reduction of unemployment, ensuring food security and health service, gender equity and proper use of demographic dividend.

M Hafizuddin Khan, president of Shujan, said, "We want the national election

to be transparent and as per the law but no government has done it in 47 years."

Advocate Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, said contemporary politics cannot be termed "positive".

She also criticised the EC's announcement to monitor social media and urged political parties to create a culture of dialogue.

'RULING ALLIANCE LEADERS WORKING AS EC'S PRO'

Meanwhile, Syed Abul Maksud said that the leaders of the ruling alliance are working as "public relations officer" (PRO) of the Election Commission (EC).

"Every day they [ruling alliance leaders] are praising the EC; it's a joke... They should not be doing this," said Maksud.

Talking to reporters following the conference, he also said that the EC is under an "invisible pressure" and is failing to perform properly. The EC should perform its responsibilities as per the constitution to hold a free, fair and credible election, he said.

Faction of Tabligh Jamaat

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preparations for the Ijtema, but law enforcers did not take any steps initially and that is why clashes erupted," he added.

He demanded immediate intervention of the government to resolve the crisis between the two groups.

Meanwhile, Maulana Saad Kandhalvi-led faction of Tabligh yesterday criticised Officer-in-Charge of Ramna Police Station Kazi Mainul Islam, for his negligence in filing case against followers of Maulana Zubair.

In a written statement, the faction

claimed that some Zubair faction activists have seized passports and money of Indonesian guests, who were residing at Kakrail mosque following the clash.

"They beat up our foreign guests, and their belongings were also stolen, so that they do not talk in favour of us internationally," the statement added.

On December 1, at least one person was killed in a series of clashes in front of the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport between two factions of Tabligh Jamaat, that were trying to establish control over the Bishwa Ijtema grounds. More than 200 people were also injured in the clashes.

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