

RMG workers agitate in N'ganj

Demand reinstatement of sacked fellows

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Protesting the sacking of colleagues, several hundred workers of a readymade garment factory at Fatullah BSCIC Industrial Estate in Narayanganj brought out a procession in the area yesterday morning.

Workers of Abanti Colour Tex Limited of Crony Group also held a protest rally in front of Narayanganj Press Club at Chashara around noon. They also demanded a pay hike.

One of the demonstrators, Kausar Khan, said the factory owners announced in December that each worker would be paid Tk 12,000 as wage. "But our wage was increased to Tk 9,564 from Tk 8,300. Also, the overtime pay did not increase."

He claimed that the authorities have terminated 1,000 workers as they demanded the pay hike.

At the rally, Iqbal Hossain, general secretary of Garments Sramik Trade Union Kendra, Narayanganj, said the sacked workers must be reinstated. He also demanded a stop to "torture and attack on workers as well as filing of cases against them".

Contacted, Aslam Sunny, managing director of Crony Group, told The Daily Star that the workers' wage has been increased as per the government announcement and their skill set.

He claimed that the demands made by the workers are illogical. "Some worker leaders have been instigating them," he alleged.

He also claimed that not 1,000 but 577 workers have been terminated for ransacking the factory and indiscipline. Of the terminated workers, 350 have already been paid their dues, he claimed.



RMG workers demonstrate in front of Narayanganj Press Club at Chashara yesterday, protesting sacking of fellow workers.

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Father, son lose life in Sirajganj road accident

STAR REPORT

Five people were killed in road accidents in three districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents and a news agency.

Three people including a man and his son were killed as a pickup van carrying them and a truck collided in Sirajganj yesterday, our Pabna correspondent reports.

The incident happened in Jhaol bridge area near Bangabandhu bridge around 5am as the van driver lost control over the steering, said Syed Shahid Alam, officer-in-charge of Bangabandhu Bridge West Zone Police Station.

Idris Ali, 50, his son Mojnu

Hossain, 30, from Enayetpur village, and pickup driver Raju Hosssain, 27, from Sontosh village in Tangail Sadar upazila, died on the spot, he said.

Police sent the bodies to Sirajganj General Hospital morgue for autopsies. Due to the accident, traffic remained halted for several hours until police and firefighters removed the damaged vehicles from the spot.

Our Jamalpur correspondent reports, a two-year-old child was killed when a human haulier ran her over in Foliamari village of Islampur upazila yesterday.

The deceased is Laboni Aktar, daughter of Shahidul Islam.

Quoting witnesses, police said the

accident occurred when Laboni was playing beside the road near her house.

The driver fled the scene leaving the vehicle, said Aslam Hossain, officer-in-charge of Islampur Police Station.

UNB from Munshiganj adds, a quack doctor was killed when a sand-laden truck ran him over on Dhaka-Mawa highway near Shimulia Ferry Ghat in Louhajang upazila on the same day.

Jahangir Alam, 55, from Chhatinia village in Damuda upazila, died instantly, said police.

Inspector Mridul Ranjan Das of Mawa Traffic Police said the truck was seized and handed over to Louhajong Police Station.

Woman's

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some family issues, he said.

On Friday, after returning home from work around 8pm, Afroza had a fight with her husband. Their daughter was not home at that time, said the SI.

Afroza worked in Saudi Arabia for two years; after coming back, she started working at the garment factory, Reaz Uddin said, adding that filing of a case was underway.

The body was sent to Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Medical College morgue for autopsy.

NEWSIN brief

Club Notredamians gets new committee

CITY DESK

The annual general meeting (AGM) and election of Club Notredamians Bangladesh Ltd for 2019-2020 was held yesterday on the club premises in Banani, Dhaka, says a press release.

Club's founder president ASM Shahidullah Khan Badal was in the chair during the programme.

An 11-member executive committee was formed with Brig Gen (retd) Md Refayet Ullah being elected as its president.

Two arrested with 8,568 yaba pills

CU CORRESPONDENT

Rab arrested two people with 8,568 yaba pills in Station Road area of Chattogram city on Friday night.

The arrestees -- Afsar Mia, 30, and Alamgir, 30 -- are from Ilzia village in Ukhia of Cox's Bazar, said Rab-7 officials.

Mashkur Rahman, assistant director of Rab-7 media wing, said a team of Rab found the contraband drug after searching their bags.

During interrogation, the duo said they were going to Dhaka to sell the pills.

Rokeya, Rabeya

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they walk, but have done so using a mirror," he said.

When this correspondent visited the twins in their cabin at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on Friday, they were seen taking bangles from their mother Taslima Khatun's hands and putting them on their own hands. They looked at their mother and laughed loudly.

Taslima said she and her husband know well about the risks related to the surgery, but have decided to go for it anyway.

A doctor, preferring not to be named, said there is no alternative to the separation surgery, because when the babies grow up, the complications will increase.

Doctors say the sisters may live normal lives as two separate individuals after the surgery, which will take place in Bangladesh six or seven months later.

The twins were born joined at the head on July 16, 2016, to primary school teachers Taslima and Rafiqul Islam in Pabna. They can talk and walk now and are under supervision at Sheikh Hasina Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery of DMCH.

'Thank you Bangladesh'

Indian envoy Harsh Vardhan Shringla bids farewell

UNB, Dhaka

Outgoing Indian High Commissioner Harsh Vardhan Shringla has conveyed his gratitude to all in Bangladesh, for their friendship and support during his tenure.

Senior editors and friends from the Bangladesh media bade farewell to the high commissioner on Friday.

Shringla thanked the Bangladesh media for supporting the High Commission's efforts to promote friendly ties between the two countries, according to the Indian High Commission in Dhaka.

A number of well-wishers from all walks of life, including political and cultural arenas, met him to say goodbye and convey their best wishes to the high commissioner.

Shringla has already been appointed the next Indian Ambassador to the USA.

He is expected to join the new assignment soon, according to Indian External Affairs Ministry.

He was appointed Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh in November 2015.

Senior Indian diplomat Riva Ganguly Das, now serving as the director general of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), has been appointed the next high commissioner of India to Bangladesh.

She is expected to take up the assignment shortly, said Indian Ministry of External Affairs.

2,000 people

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a thousand passengers, said Ajmol Huda Mithu, Deputy Director of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC).

BIWTC officials said the vessels got stuck as they failed to follow route safety markings in foggy weather.

"The launch was plying slowly in a foggy weather, and got stuck in a shoal," said Rahman Rintu, owner of one of the launches, and vice president of Launch Owners' Association.

Younus Hossain said navigation has been problematic on the route, causing the launch to get stuck.

In winter season, many southern rivers face navigability issues, and water transports getting stuck in shallow water is not uncommon.

Policeman's wife

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the house and found Mina's body hanging from the ceiling fan, said police.

A team of police went to the house around 3:00am and found her body lying on the bed, said Rajon.

"We did not find any mark on the victim's body except the black mark on the neck," he said, adding that the body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Sources said that ASI Sohel told police in interrogation that Mina and he got into a quarrel soon after he reached home. Later, she went to another room and hanged herself with the ceiling fan within ten minutes. Realising the situation, he broke the door, taking help of neighbours.

The Daily Star tried to communicate with ASI Sohel regarding the incident, but to no avail.

Morgue sources said police first tried to take away Mina's dead body without any autopsy. But the hospital authorities handed over the body after autopsy in the evening, sources added.

Mahfuzur Rahman, inspector (investigation) of Bhatara Police Station, said that they are closely investigating the case.

Fakhrul's remarks

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strong stance against evil and communal forces also helped the party get an unforgettable victory in the election.

The minister said their party will celebrate the victory through a rally at Suhrawardy Udyan on January 19.

At the beginning of the meeting, one-minute silence was observed paying homage to recently-deceased AL former secretary general Syed Ashrafur Islam.

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