

Stop termination, pay arrears and bonuses

Demand Ashulia RMG workers
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Readymade garment (RMG) workers in Ashulia yesterday demanded that the authorities stop termination and pay arrears and festival bonuses by 20th of Ramadan.

Under the banner of at least 11 workers' organisations, around 300 workers from seven to eight factories and about 20 of their leaders placed the demands during a press conference at Ashulia Press Club in Savar.

The speakers said the authorities of the factories started terminating their workers ahead of Eid. It must stop, they said.

They demanded reinstatement of the sacked workers. Mohammad Khalil, a worker of sweater factory, told The Daily Star that he and his co-workers were served show cause notices last week, asking for explanation over unrest in the factory. "All we did was raise demand for timely payment of salary."

Such a notice is actually meant for termination, said Khalil, adding all types of payment will remain pending until the show cause notice is disposed of.

"What will I do during Eid? I am the only earning member of my family," he said.

Similarly, Lima Akter, worker of another factory, said she is suffering the same fate as she demanded arrears. "Our demand is logical. I want my job back."

The authorities of the factories could not be contacted over phone despite repeated attempts.

Rafiqul Islam Sujon, president of Bangladesh Garments and Shilpa Sramik Federation, told the press conference that more than 500 workers were terminated from several factories in Ashulia in the last 15 days.

Similar situation is prevailing in all 500 factories in Ashulia, said Rafiqul. "The workers must be reinstated," he said.

Sarwar Hossain, president of Bangladesh Textile and Garment Workers League (Ashulia unit), said the authorities issue more show cause notices to workers before Eid to evade bonuses.

The organisations at the press conference included Bangladesh Garments Sramik Oikya Forum, Garments Sramik Karmachari Federation, Jago Bangladesh Garments Sramik Federation and Biplobi Sramik Federation.



Demanding wheelchair access for persons with physical disabilities at public places, Local Guides Bangla forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

UP member

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in Chawk Amhati village under the upazila, said executive magistrate Tasmina Khatun.

In another drive, the mobile court seized two such batteries in Modonhat area, she said.

On May 12, the High Court banned digging of ponds in croplands in five upazilas of the district, following a writ petition filed by Lawyer Society for Law, said Advocate Jalal Uddin.

The decision came amidst the shrinking of croplands.

Three killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

At least three persons were killed and a minor was injured in road accidents in Narsingdi and Khulna districts in the last two days.

In Khulna, two bikers including a boy were killed and a boy was injured in a road accident in Boroitala ghat area of Khulna city yesterday, reports our correspondent.

The deceased were identified as Majharul Islam Hiday and 11-year-old Shakil Alam, said Rezaul Karim, officer-in-charge of Arongghata Police Station.

Quoting locals, the OC said around 2:30pm a car hit the motorcycle, killing Majharul on the spot and critically injuring Shakil and his twin brother Fahmin.

The boys were rushed to Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) where Shakil succumbed to his injuries.

Fahmin, a fourth-grader of Tahofizul

Hafizia Madrasa in Khulna city, is undergoing treatment at KMCH, the OC said, adding that they seized the car while the driver fled the spot.

In another incident in Narsingdi, a man was killed after a cattle-laden truck hit his motorcycle in Shibpur upazila on Dhaka-Sylhet highway on Thursday, reports our correspondent.

The deceased was identified as Mustafizur Rahman, sub-inspector of Special Branch of Police, said Syeduzzaman, officer-in-charge of Narsingdi Police Station.

The accident took place near Baghaata Raton Textile Mill leaving Mustafizur seriously injured, said the OC. He was rushed to Narsingdi General Hospital, where doctor declared him dead.

Police seized the truck and detained the driver. The body was kept in Narsingdi General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Filing of a case is underway, the OC added.

First Bangladeshi expedition to Mt Pharchamo on May 21

UNB, Dhaka

Four Bangladeshi youths, led by veteran mountaineer MA Mohit, will go on an expedition to scale Mount Pharchamo in the Himalayas.

The team will leave Dhaka on May 21, Bangla Mountaineers and Trekking Club (BMTK) told reporters yesterday.

The expedition was sponsored by Ispahani Tea Limited, Azim Group and Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited.

"We hope to return on June 10 after scaling the approximately 20,300 feet high mountain," said Riasad Sunvi, one of the team members.

The other members are Bahlul Maznu, Shayla Parvin and MA Mohit. Bahlul and Shayla are seasoned climbers while this is Riasad's first expedition. He has completed basic mountaineering training in India.

National Professor Anisuzzaman said that mountaineering is a risky but enjoyable job and hoped that the affluent members of the society will come forward to help the mountaineers.

Charge of Affaires of the Nepalese embassy Dhan Bahadur Oli encouraged Bangladeshi climbers to pursue their dreams.

Antarctica and North Pole expeditor Enam Ul Haque sought corporate support for mountaineers' expeditions.

Rohingya issue

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International Affairs Adviser Dr Gowher Rizvi and Principal Secretary Md Nojibur Rahman were present on the occasion, among others.

Earlier, during a bilateral meeting with Gambian foreign minister at the state guest house Meghna yesterday, Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen thanked Gambia for its leadership role in the OIC on the accountability related to the Rohingya issue.

Briefing on the gravity of the crisis that Bangladesh is facing with the Rohingyas, he said accountability on the issue must be determined, and Bangladesh will support all OIC initiatives in this respect.

Dr Momen stressed on improving "South-South-North Triangular" cooperation among developing countries like Bangladesh and Gambia.

He mentioned that cooperation may be established in agriculture and food production sectors with Gambia taking into account Bangladesh's remarkable success in the fields.

He mentioned that Gambian companies may invest in Bangladesh and cooperate in energy, agro-processing and SME industries. He also informed that Gambia may import RMG, pharmaceutical, ships and boats from Bangladesh.

Law can't take precedence over protecting families

High Court observes
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) has observed that enforcement of rules cannot take precedence over protecting families. Interpretation of law also has to be humane, the court further noted.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman made the observation on May 12, in the full text of a verdict of a petition filed by one Md Safiqul Islam, against his conviction in a dowry case.

The full text noted that misunderstandings and conflicts between a husband and a wife is not unusual. Torturing the wife and demanding dowry is undoubtedly a condemnable and punishable offence.

Nevertheless, if the couple agrees to continue their conjugal life after settling their differences, the provisions of law -- no matter how stringent -- cannot take precedence over protecting a family, the text further observed.

On July 7, 2014, Nari O Shishu Nirjaton Daman Tribunal-1 of Chattogram sentenced Safiqul to three years' imprisonment and fined him Tk 50,000 in a case filed over torturing his wife Lovely Aktar for dowry.

The couple had decided to remain together. They have a two-and-a-half year old son and want to settle the dowry case, through compromise, filed by Lovely.

However, there is no provision in Section 11 (Ga) of Women and Children Repression Prevention Act 2000 to settle such cases through compromise.

On April 10 this year, the HC scrapped the Chattogram tribunal verdict and exonerated Safiqul from the charges and the fine.

The bench directed the government to amend the law in six months for making the offences under Section 11 (Ga) compoundable.

Section 11 (Ga) of Nari O Shishu Nirjaton Daman Act deals with offences related to torture for dowry.

In the verdict, HC also said parties can settle their cases filed under Section 11(Ga) through compromise until the section of the law is amended.

The HC said if the offences under this section are settled through compromise, the number of cases will reduce substantially.

In addition, the secretary to women and children affairs ministry has been ordered to take necessary steps to amend the law.

Secretary to the legislative and parliamentary division of the law ministry has been asked to provide necessary assistance in this regard.

The court also directed officials concerned to send the full text of the verdict to the law ministry as well as all the Nari O Shishu Nirjaton Daman tribunals across the country.

RFP Ref. No.: LRPS- BAN-2019- 9148998

Request for Proposal (RFP): To establish Long Term Arrangement (LTA) with IT Company for Point-To-Point (P2P) data connectivity services between UNICEF BCO and Eight UNICEF Field Offices for 24+12 months.

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Pre-bid Meeting date: Wednesday, 22 May 2019; Time: 11:00 Hrs at UNICEF Office at BSL Office Complex, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh.

The deadline to submit proposal is **Thursday, 30 May 2019 – 11:00 Hrs.**

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Candidates should submit an application, curriculum vitae, and a list of references electronically to hrd@bracu.ac.bd.

Deadline for submitting application : **June 10, 2019**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Rajshahi City Corporation
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Nagar Bhaban, Rajshahi

Memo No. 46.12.5081.006.07.005(Part-1).15.913 Date: 14.05.2019

e-Tender Notice
(IFT-24/2018-19)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following works:

Sl No.	Reference No.	ID No.	Name of works	Tender/proposal document last selling time and date
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e-Tender Notice

e-Tender has been invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the following packages under Road Division Chandpur during the year 2018-2019 (Charged Head: Revenue).

Name of the works	Package No.	Tender ID	Tender document last selling/downloading date and time	Last date and time for tender security submission	Tender closing date and time
Repairing of damaged road pavement by Aggregate Base Type II Carpeting on Repair Portion & Seal Coat Work at 6th km p 7th km p & 9th km p of Chandpur Nanupur-Dokanghar-Harina Road Z1403 Road under Road Division Chandpur during the year 2018-2019.	egp/CRD/EE/22/2018-19	316845	30-May-2019 13.30	30-May-2019 13.50	30-May-2019 14.00

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