30 Bangladeshi workers struggling to survive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Malaysian company has allegedly not been paying around 30 Bangladeshi workers for the last five months, leaving the migrants in a dire state.

"We have no money to buy food. Some of us are borrowing from fellow Bangladeshis and some are bringing money from home to survive," said Jasim, a worker of the Malaysian construction company Axisjaya Sdn Bhd, from their labour camp in Cyberjaya of Selangor state on the phone yesterday.

"It's Ramadan now. We had been working but we're not getting paid. It's painful. So, we stopped working for the last three days," he said.

He said the workers have repeatedly asked the management of Axisjaya to

pay, but have not received any positive

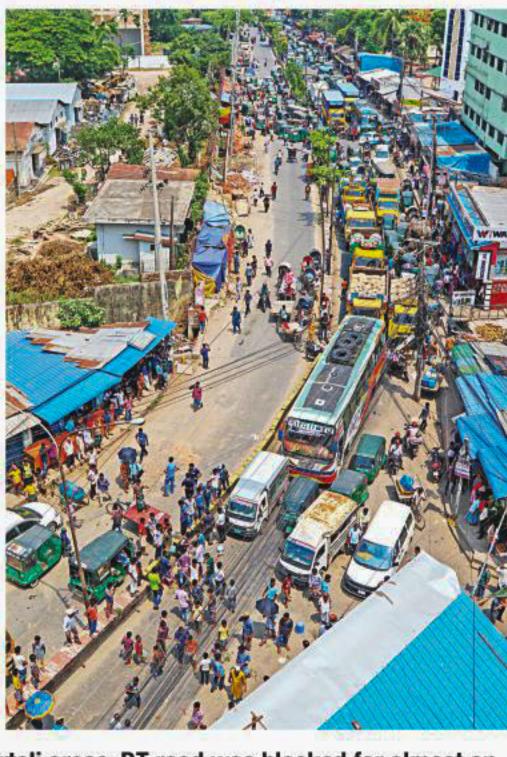
"They don't care if we eat or not. They said they have bills to receive and would pay us after receiving them," Jasim said, adding that they are preparing to lodge complaints to the Bangladesh High Commission in Kuala Lumpur.

Tareq Hossain, another Bangladeshi worker of the company, said Axisjaya recruited nearly 80 Bangladeshi workers in several phases last year. "I came here in August last year. I got

salaries for the first three months, but then they stopped paying me despite working regularly, including overtime," he said. The company "transferred" over 40

Bangladeshi workers to other companies, in violation of Malaysian law, Tareq added. SEE PAGE 4 COL 2





Citizens have taken to the streets demanding clean water in Monsurabad, East Rampur and Pahartoli areas. DT road was blocked for almost an hour amid protests yesterday. The photos were taken from Eidgah mor in Chattogram city. PHOTOS: RAJIB RAIHAN

DIU pledges support for orphaned students



CITY DESK

Daffodil International University (DIU) with Pragati Life Insurance Ltd has initiated "Guardian's Insurance Policy" for the students who lost their guardians, says a press

Under the policy, sudden death of guardians will not interrupt any student's academic life at DIU. University authorities will bear the rest of the educational expenses, from the claimed insurance.

The first cheque handover ceremony was held yesterday at 71 Milonayton of the university.

Md Jalalul Azim, managing director of Pragati Life Insurance was present as chief guest while Dr Md Sabur Khan, chairman, board of trustees, DIU, was the guest of honour.

DIU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Yousuf Mahbubul Islam presided over the programme.

DHK-TANGAIL HIGHWAY | Human chain demands footbridge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Several hundred people of Jamurki union formed a human chain beside Dhaka-Tangail highway at Pakulla Bus Stand in Mirzapur upazila yesterday, demanding construction of a footbridge in the area.

They organised the programme from 11am to 12pm, halting traffic movement, locals said.

The campaigners left the place after a police team went to the spot and assured them of relaying their demand to the authorities.

SM Abu Matin, who led the programme, said students and residents of seventeen nearby villages cross the busy highway every day risking their lives.

Post-deprived BCL faction calls off protests

DU CORRESPONDENT

The faction of Bangladesh Chhatra League who were "deprived" of posts in the central committee halted their protests yesterday, following assurance from Awami League's senior leaders.

Representatives of both BCL factions had a long meeting on Sunday night and the decision to halt protests came afterwards. Together, they went to the political office

of Awami League President Sheikh Hasina in Dhanmondi around 9:30pm on Sunday and met with senior party leaders. From what could be known, talks were

held with Joint General Secretaries Jahangir Kabir Nanak and Abdur Rahman, and Organising Secretaries Bahauddin Nasim and Mozammel Haque. The meeting took a couple of hours, sources said.

The "deprived" faction called off their sit-in programme as AL leaders gave them assurance of a meeting with the prime minister, fair trial for the attacks at Modhur Canteen and Teacher-Student Centre, dropping "controversial" leaders from the central committee upon deeper

investigation and replacing them with "dedicated" leaders who were deprived from posts.

After the meeting, BCL president, general secretary and the delegation of deprived faction went to Raju Memorial Sculpture around 1:30am. Addressing the post-deprived leaders,

Chhatra League President Shovon said, "We will have to work for the party and country beyond greed... there must be a practice of politics. I urge you all to stop the mudslinging and let us not spoil the reputation of Chhatra League."

Admitting that they (president and general secretary) made some mistakes, he said, "The 17 controversial posts are about to be vacated. There is a chance of replacement in those posts. If you are a BCL activist then you should learn to sacrifice."

General Secretary Golam Rabbani said, "First of all, apa [Sheikh Hasina] wants to see all of us under one umbrella and she said she would not talk to any divided faction."

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ILLEGAL BRICK KILNS

Bring criminal charges against 31 owners: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed police to immediately initiate criminal proceedings against owners of 31 illegal brick kilns in Dinajpur, Nilphamari, and Rangpur, for forging two HC orders that allowed them to operate the brick kilns.

It also ordered the police to begin an investigation into the forgery.

Hearing two separate writ petitions filed in 2017 and 2018, an HC bench of Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam and Justice Mohammad Ali ordered the head of the criminal investigation department of the police to supervise the investigation, and to provide necessary assistance.

Law enforcers have also been directed to submit progress reports on the probes to the court by June 25, Deputy Attorney General Md Al-Amin Sarker told The Daily Star.

Police yesterday produced owners of the 31 brick kilns before the court, as per its April 30 order.

DAG Al-Amin said the deputy commissioner of Dinajpur handed over two "forged" HC orders issued to the attorney general's office last April, in which the HC asked local administration not to interfere in the brick kilns' operations.

He added that local administrative bodies have already put a stop to illegal brick kilns' operations.



Shoppers throng a makeshift roadside market, occupying the footpath and part of the road near Shapla Chattar in the capital's Motijheel. Authorities had freed up the footpaths from hawkers' en-croachment in recent months, but the stalls have respawned with Eid shopping season in full swing and many looking for a good bargain.

HOLEY ARTISAN CASE

4 policemen testify

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Four policemen, including the then inspector (investigation) of Banani Police Station, gave their statements before a tribunal in Dhaka in connection with the Holey Artisan attack case.

The witnesses are: the then inspector Md Wahiduzzaman, Sub-inspector Faruque Hossain, ASI Sohag Hossain and Constable Prodip Chandra Das of Gulshan Police Station.

All four policemen were present on location, on the night of July 1, 2016. Of them, Wahid and Faruque were injured in the militant attack.

Faruque was severely injured and was flown to Thailand for better treatment. He was there for over four months, he said in his statement.

Judge Majibur Rahman of the Anti-Terrorism Special Tribunal of Dhaka recorded their statements and later lawyers SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

HOLIDAYMAKERS' SAFETY

recommendations STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Watchdogs place

The National Committee to Protect Shipping, Roads, Railways (NCPSRR) and Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity (BJKS) yesterday placed 12-point and 20-point recommendations respectively, to ensure safety of holidaymakers ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.

NCPSRR placed the recommendations through a press statement, signed by NCPSRR's president Mohammad Shaheed Miah and general secretary Ashis Kumar Dey. It said there is an apprehension of traffic jam on highways, as construction and repair works are going on in many places.

Besides, roads may become risky as Eid would be celebrated in monsoon season, and there is panic among people due to frequent road accidents, it added.

Their recommendations include stopping operations of unregistered, unfit vehicles and vehicles without proper route permit; installing CCTV cameras at terminals and highways; mobile court drives to stop carrying passengers on trucks, pickup vans and roofs of buses; implementation of SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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SRDI staff want removal of organogram inconsistencies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Besides, holding the post of additional secretary or equivalent was imposed as another condition for the DG post. In another move,

separate grades, they said.

Officials of Soil Resources Development Institute (SRDI) yesterday formed a human chain demanding clarifications of the inconsistencies in the newly reformed organogram of the institute.

During the process of pay scale vetting by the finance ministry, the newly-created post of director general (DG) of SRDI has been made as a post on deputation instead of being filled by cadre employees of the institute through regular promotion, they said.

despite there being a director post in grade-2, the post of DG was not proposed to be a grade-1 one, while another new post of director was kept under grade-3. So, in the same institute two director posts have been created under two

The gazette regarding the pay-scale vetting was published on April 30.



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