



Being in the gallery same as playing on the field: Football chief on Qatar'22

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Khelaiddin, the king of the country's football federation, once promised that the national team would surely play the 2022 Qatar World Cup. To qualify, he promised to do everything, although he is famous for doing nothing.

The promise had then seemed to be a magician's magical words, but in the end the man claimed he is not actually a magician. This left every Chapasthani speechless, and of course motionless due to its renowned traffic.

"Why did you give us hope? I bought advance tickets for Qatar from the black market 10 years ago, now who will refund it as I have nothing to see there?" an exceptionally excited citizen asked the football king.

"Stop being so pessimistic. I promised to be at the 2022 Qatar World Cup and that is what I am going to do. I bought some tickets to enjoy exciting matches from the gallery. Isn't it an epoch-making event for your country that one of your football GOALS is going to Qatar to watch the world cup?" Khelaiddin replied while jotting down a list of things he will buy when in Qatar.

"But you promised us that our team would be there and play the world cup," another football fan asked



"Okay, I will take some players with me," replied Khelaiddin.

"Will they play?"

"No, they will be sitting next to me in the gallery watching others play."

"That's not what you promised to the people of this country."

"Would you please tell me the difference between being on the field and in the gallery? Both watch the game - one from very close and the other a little farther away, but why should we split hairs. Don't you guys feel proud of me?"

The conversation left a sour taste in the mouths of the country's football lovers.

Some wanted immediate abdication of the king as he failed to fulfil the country's word cup dream.

Sources told Satireday that an epic fight happened in C.Barria, the country's famous battlefield, over whether Khelaiddin should resign.

However, Khelaiddin seemed not to be bothered by these reactions and conflicts.

This correspondent tried to talk to him and accepting one call, after rejecting hundreds, he said, "Stop dreaming, dude. I am not a magician. I can only afford myself and my family to be in the Qatar World Cup, not the whole team. But if I get another multimillion-dollar project, I can think about the team."

No bindi, no bonus RMG owners cancel Eid bonus as 'teep protest'

In a show of solidarity with women around the country, RMG owners have decided to cancel the festival bonus of their workers to send a message to the patriarchy.

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The ready-made garments sector (RMG) chose to make the statement as 80 percent of its workforce, or around two million, are female workers.

"Most of our workers are women, right? Can you check? Well, I think they are. Anyway, how dare someone tell them what they cannot wear? From now on, all female workers must wear teeps or bindis as some call them," said Nawabzada Malik, president of the Clothing, Hoarding Organisation of Rogues (CHOR).

"To further protest this blatant sexism, we have decided to cancel the bonus of our workers," he added.

Asked why the workers' bonuses had to be cancelled, Nawabzada said that as he thinks most of the workers were female, they had become disturbed hearing the news of the harassment of another woman by a cop.

"They were really disturbed. So productivity fell. Now, we can no longer meet the shipping deadlines. Thus, we have to cut their wages," he said.

Shamma Hoque, a worker at Brilliant Fabrics, said she was onboard with the

"We don't agree with this at all. Why should the workers' bonuses be cancelled? We want to take to the streets wearing teeps, but there's hardly any space for us, what with all the cars stuck in gridlock," union leader Afzal Quadri said.

decision. "A few days of gas crisis means our bonus is cancelled. Covid means our bonus is cancelled. Traffic means our bonus is cancelled. At least this time it's for a good cause," she said.

Asked if she would protest this move, she said she would not. "No. People already think we are violent as is. They'd rather see us stand in the roads with candles and in silence. God forbid we create a nuisance just because we cannot feed ourselves or our children," she said.

The workers union body leader, after

having tea and biscuit with the owners' association leader, however, said they were gearing for demonstrations.

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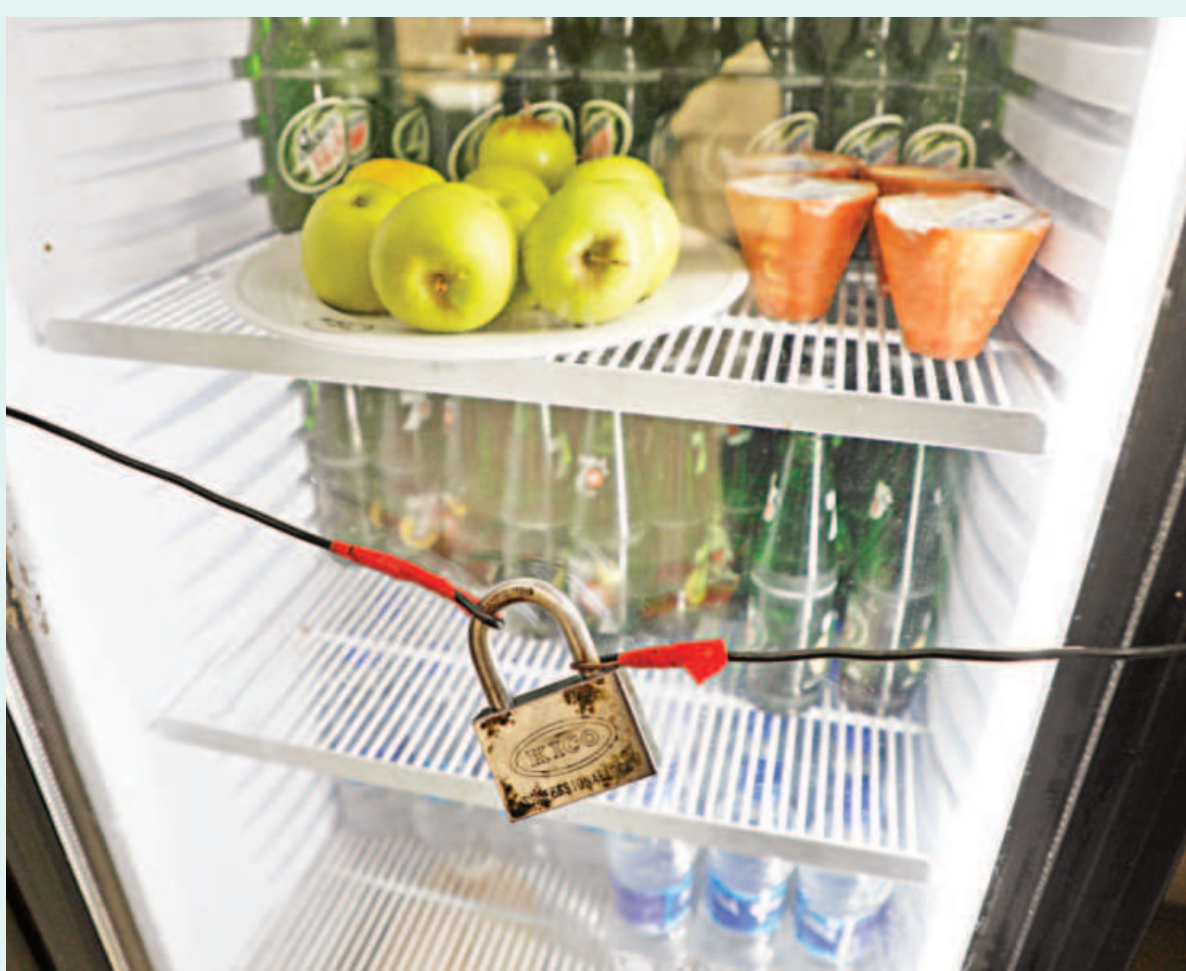
"But we don't want to do it now during such a holy month. We don't want to inconvenience our masters further," he added.

The Human Rights Body has also taken note of the situation.

"Sexism is bad. Not paying workers' due is also bad. All we want is for the workers to get their dying wages on time," Human Rights Chair Sultana Parvez said.

Asked if she meant living wage, she replied in the negative. "Lmao. Who lives on those wages? Anyway, we are planning to hold an essay competition to highlight this travesty. That's the extent of what we want to do."

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