



## MINIMUM WAGE IN RMG SECTOR

# Workers reject Tk 12,500, warn of tough demos

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The wage board for garment workers has set the minimum salary at Tk 12,500, a little over half of what workers demand.

Union leaders have rejected the new minimum wage put forth by the wage board, which accepted the proposal of factory owners' representative Siddiqur Rahman.

The current starting wage is Tk 8,000.

Union leaders yesterday threatened to go for tough demonstrations. Workers had demonstrated for 12 straight days.

State Minister for Labour and Employment Begum Monnujan Sufian announced the salary hike at a press briefing at her secretariat office.

Before the announcement, members of the Minimum Wage Board, formed on April 9, held a meeting at its office. While the meeting was going on, union leaders outside chanted slogans demanding a minimum wage of at least Tk 23,000.

Demanding a starting salary of Tk 25,000, Montu Ghosh, president of Garment Sramik Trade Union Kendra, said the measly amount set was not enough to lead a good life. Inflation and high prices of essentials have made things worse for garment workers.

Ghosh along with other union leaders of the Mojuri Briddhite Garment Sramik Andolon, a platform of workers' unions, in a statement rejected the new minimum wage and called for a rally on Friday where they would announce tougher programmes.

Nazma Akter, president of Sammilito Garment Sramik Federation, said if the value of the dollar is considered, the new minimum wage is a little more than the Tk 8,000 fixed in 2018.

If the workers' unrest continues, the responsibility will lie with the wage board, Nazma said.

Sirajul Islam Rony, workers' representative on the board, on the

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## OUST-GOVT MOVEMENT

# Family members now face arrests Police say they acted on specific allegations

MUNTAKIM SAAD and  
SAURAV HOSSAIN SIAM

Soon after the BNP announced its October 28 rally, Salauddin Salo, member secretary of Jatiyatabadi Swechhchasebak Dal's Narayanganj unit, left his home to avoid arrest.

Five days later, on the night of November 2, detectives and local police went to his home in Senpara area of Kanchpur union to arrest him in a case filed over vandalism in Kanchpur area on October 28, family members said.

Salauddin was not home. Police then went to Behakoir village, where his father-in-law Ishaq Bhuiyan, 65, lives. Salauddin was not there either.

So, police went to Ishaq's electronics shop in Kanchpur area and arrested him. His two sons, who went to meet him in jail on November 5, ended up being arrested in the same case the next day, family members said.

"My father-in-law has no connection with BNP. Still, police detained him as they could not find me. They arrested him in a case filed under Anti-Terrorism Act. He wasn't even accused in the case," Salauddin told The Daily Star in a text message.

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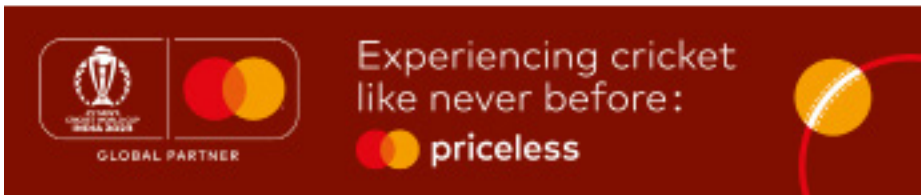
## NOTICE

We have brought out a four-page colour supplement on the **DHL-THE DAILY STAR BANGLADESH BUSINESS AWARDS 2022** with our regular Star Business pages today.



Australia's Glenn Maxwell struck a knock for the ages in an ICC World Cup fixture at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai yesterday as his unbeaten 128-ball 201 steered his side from the brink of defeat to a three-wicket win against Afghanistan.

PHOTO: AFP



# Magical Maxwell pulls off miracle in Mumbai

REUTERS, Mumbai

Glenn Maxwell fought through cramps to smash an unbeaten 201 off 128 balls, single-handedly guiding Australia to an improbable three-wicket win over Afghanistan in a World Cup match on Tuesday and sealing the team's spot in the semi-finals.

Afghanistan appeared set for a famous victory against five-time champions Australia at the floodlit Wankhede Stadium, reducing them

to 91 for seven wickets after setting them a victory target of 292.

But the Afghans then watched in disbelief as Maxwell launched a counter-attack. With captain Pat Cummins for company, Maxwell took Australia past Afghanistan's total of 291 for five wickets with 19 balls to spare.

The right-handed batsman suffered cramps after going past his fourth hundred in the 50-over format but laboured on,

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# Tigers' closing act to be sans Shakib

MAZHAR UDDIN from Pune

Bangladesh team sans skipper Shakib Al Hasan and Liton Das reached Pune yesterday, a day after they broke a six-match losing streak in the ICC World Cup by clinching a thrilling three-wicket victory against Sri Lanka in



New Delhi.

The Tigers checked into the JW Marriott hotel and are expected to rest for a couple of days before resuming training ahead of their eighth and final World Cup fixture, against Australia on November 11.

A little too late but the Sri Lanka win arrived as a breath of fresh air in the Bangladesh camp. Bad news, however, came the morning after as Shakib was declared ruled out of the World Cup after the ace allrounder suffered an injury on his left index finger during his 65-ball 82-run knock against Sri Lanka.

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