



Covering themselves in warm clothes, four children wait for the sun to peek out from the foggy skies yesterday morning. The photo was taken in Sunamganj's Jhawbazara area.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

RMG workers block highway for pay hike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Hundreds of garment workers protested in Konabari and Targach areas of Gazipur, demanding adjustment in salaries under the new wage board.

Traffic movement on Dhaka-Tangail highway remained suspended as around 700 workers of Meigo Bangladesh (Bay-Economic Zone) Ltd blocked the highway around 7:45am to realise their six-point demand.

According to police and factory sources, the workers took position beside the Dhaka-Tangail highway around 7:30am. Later, they blocked the road around 7:45am.

Referring to their six-point demand, the workers said according to the new wage structure announced by the government, they have to be included in Grade 1 to 4.

However, most of the workers have been included under Grade 3 and 4 to reduce the authorities' costs, they said.

The salary structure should be determined according to Tafsil "A" and "B". Instead of 10 hours workday, the salary should be fixed as eight hours workday. The basic salary and overtime rate should be



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fixed according to government rules, and workers demonstrating for their rights cannot be fired, they said.

Admin Manager of Meigo Bangladesh (Bay-Economic Zone) Ltd, Md Khalid Hasan, said efforts are underway to resolve the matter.

Mohammad Ziaul Islam, officer-in-charge of Konabari Police Station, said some workers protested in front of the Bay-Economic Zone.

Gazipur Industrial Police-2 Additional Superintendent of Police (Operation and Intelligence) Md Imran Ahmed said the workers have been protesting for the past few days. In continuation, they blocked the road yesterday.

Meanwhile, over 100 workers of Moonlight Garments Ltd and Ehsan Garments workers started demonstration in Targach area around 8:00am.

Contacted, Sub-inspector Sharmin, a duty officer of Gacha Police Station, said they do not know about the demonstration but will look into the matter.

Labour leader Azizul Islam said over 100 workers of the two factories have been demonstrating.

This correspondent tried to contact Ataur Rahman, senior admin officer of Moonlight Garments Ltd and Ehsan Garments, for comments but he did not pick up the phone.

Ctg police open 24hr help desk for expats

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chattogram

Aiming to provide better and faster legal services for remittance earners, Chattogram Range Police yesterday opened a 24-hour dedicated "Expatriate Help Desk" at its office in the port city's Khulshi area.

Noor-E-Alam Mina, deputy inspector general of police (Chattogram Range), inaugurated the desk in presence of Non-Resident Bangladeshi leaders abroad.

Through the desk, police under 11 districts of the range will provide legal assistance to expatriates at home and abroad regarding family problems, police clearance, immediate support to curb extortion and other services. Expatriates can directly

contact the desk through phone calls, WhatsApp, and other communication applications.

"Despite having limited resources and manpower, we are working sincerely to provide faster service when any remittance earner knocks us for any assistance," said the DIG.

"There are many issues but police cannot handle all those alone as over 20 departments are involved with expatriates' affairs. Police Headquarters has taken many initiatives for our remittance earners so that they can feel security both at home and abroad," he said.

The DIG said, "The expatriates' contribution is very important. The police force is now more professional and smarter and we are working on this particular issue."

AL's total vote

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This time, JP won only 11 seats despite fielding 264 candidates, while ruling AL withdrew its candidates from 26 seats in support of JP.

A staggering 236 JP candidates even lost their deposits, as they bagged even less than one-eighth of the total votes in their respective constituencies.


Former election commissioner Brig Gen (ret'd) Sakhawat Hussain said this proves that JP is losing its popularity.

The party got 5.38 percent and 7 percent votes in 2018 and 2014 elections respectively.

In 2008, 2001 and 1996 June and 1991 elections held under caretaker government, JP bagged 7.04, 7.25, 16.40 and 11.92 percent votes respectively.

JP is on the verge of extinction as a political entity, and is now depending on others to join polls and win it, said Badiul Alam.

JP chairman GM Quader, however, said his party's popularity is not receding and attributed the polls debacle to "ballot stuffing and widespread irregularities".

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh					
Divisional Family Planning Office, Dhaka Division Azimpur, Dhaka-1205					
Invitation for Tender (OTM/NCT, Non-Consulting Services)					
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Medical Education & Family Division			
2	Agency	Directorate General Family Planning			
3	Procuring entity name	Director, Family Planning, Dhaka Division.			
4	Procuring entity code	3211131			
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka			
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Physical Services (Ward Boy and Aya) through Outsourcing Process.			
7	Invitation Ref No.	8 (New-Recruitment)-23/2024/58			
8	Date	11.01.2024			
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (OTM/NCT (Non-Consulting Services))			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget			
11	Development partner (if applicable)	Not applicable			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	-			
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	-			
14	Tender Package No.	Fp/dhaka/SR-01			
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Physical Services (Ward Boy and Aya) through Outsourcing Process.			
16	Tender publication date	14.01.2024			
17	Tender last selling date	31.01.2024			
	Date	Time			
18	Tender dropping closing date and time	01.02.2024 12.00pm			
19	Tender opening date and time	01.02.2024 12.30pm			
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address: Selling tender document (principal) Divisional Family Planning Office, Azimpur, Dhaka-1205 Selling tender document (others) Divisional Family Planning Office, Azimpur, Dhaka-1205 Receiving tender document Divisional Family Planning Office, Azimpur, Dhaka-1205 Opening tender document Divisional Family Planning Office, Azimpur, Dhaka-1205			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
21	Eligibility of tenderer	1. Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the Contract under the Applicable Law. 2. Tenderers shall be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade organisations registered in Bangladesh. 3. Tenderers shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and regulations of Bangladesh. 4. Details are given the tender document.			
22	Brief description of services	Procurement of Physical Services (Ward Boy and Aya) Outsourcing Process.			
23	Price of tender document (Tk.)	Taka 2000/- (Taka two thousand) only, non-refundable, Mode of payment should be made by Treasury Chalan from Bangladesh Bank/Sonali Bank Code No: 1-781-0000-2366 in favor of Director Family Planning Office, Dhaka Division, Azimpur, Dhaka-1205. Original copy of the Treasury Chalan must be online verification/certified (CTR) by the concerned accounts' office.			
24	Package No.	Identification of package	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
	Fp/Dhaka/SR-01	Procurement of Physical Services (Ward Boy and Aya) through Outsourcing Process.	Dhaka	2,00,000/-	30/06/2024
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
25	Name of official inviting tender	Divisional Family Planning Office, Azimpur, Dhaka-1205			
26	Designation of official inviting tender	Director Family Planning Office, Dhaka Division, Azimpur, Dhaka-1205			
27	Address of official inviting tender	Divisional Family Planning Office, Azimpur, Dhaka-1205			
28	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel No. 02-551551119, Email: ddpdhaka01@gmail.com			
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.				
 Md. Mahub Alam Director (Joint Secretary) Family Planning, Dhaka Division Dhaka-1205 Tel No. 02-55155119					
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AL gets one more MP

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at the centre, while independent candidate from within AL, finished second receiving 355 votes, as per results announced by Presiding Officer Prof Mosharruf Hossain.

Including the votes of this centre, Poppy secured 54,491 votes while Somnath got 52,566 with "truck" symbol.

In the 12th national election, out of 11

constituencies in Mymensingh district, AL got five seats while independent candidates won the rest.

Polling in Bhalukapur High School centre was postponed on charges of irregularities on January 7 general elections.

Poppy led the constituency by 985 votes after the completion of vote counting in the rest of the centres on that day.

Jatiyo Party splitting

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place at the Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh at the city's Kakrail. GM Quader expelled two senior JP leaders on Friday - Kazi Firoz Rashid and Sunil Suvho Roy - for instigating the party's grassroots to stage a protest in front of the chairman's Banani office.

Both Firoz and Sunil are supporters of JP Chief Patron Raushan Ershad.

Due to conflict between GM Quader and Raushan, the latter didn't participate in the January 7 election.

Contacted, Sunil yesterday told The Daily Star that GM Quader is responsible for the election debacle of JP and he will have to resign from the

party. "Jatiyo Party will be destroyed... the way GM Quader is running the party. That's why the party's grassroots want him gone," he added.

He said they will also call a council of the party soon to select new leadership.

In the recent election, JP contested a record 265 seats after a tough negotiation with AL, which agreed to concede 26 seats by withdrawing its candidates.

JP only secured victory in 11 seats, marking the party's poorest performance since 1991, with 90 percent of its candidates, including several prominent ones, losing their deposit.

3 cops held


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and snatched three of the six gold bars worth around Tk 30 lakh from him.

Basdev later complained to the higher authorities of the police about the matter. When the three policemen were interrogated by senior officials, they confessed to the incident, said the statement.

The arrestees were produced before the court yesterday, added the OC.

IN MEMORIAM



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