

‘We want land rights, Tk 600 daily wage’

Tea Workers Trade Union Center holds first national conference in Sreemangal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The first national conference of the Tea Workers Trade Union Center was held in Moulvibazar's Sreemangal yesterday, with a renewed call for land rights, increased wages, and an end to discrimination against the tea garden community.

The daylong event, held at the Zilla Parishad auditorium, opened with a cultural programme showcasing the heritage, struggle, and resistance of tea workers through music, recitation, and drama.

The conference began with the hoisting of the national and organisational flags.

The national flag was raised by Mujahidul Islam Selim, former president of Communist Party of Bangladesh, while Sabuj Tanti, convener of the Trade Union Center, hoisted the organisation's flag.

The formal inauguration was announced by organiser Manisha Wahid.

A procession followed, drawing hundreds of tea workers and students from across Sylhet division.

Mujahidul Islam Selim said the tea worker community remains “one of the most deprived and oppressed” in Bangladesh. He urged the government to grant land rights to tea workers, citing available land outside tea estates that could be allocated.

“During Ershad's time, we won some rights through movement. What is stopping the current government from doing the same?” he asked, while demanding implementation of a 10-point charter of demands that includes a minimum daily wage of Tk 600.

The conference was presided over by Sabuj Tanti and moderated by SM Shuvo.

Other speakers included Dr Nazia Chowdhury, professor at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology; Sohrab Hasan, joint editor of Prothom Alo; Jolly Talukder of the Garments Workers Trade Union Center; journalist Mahbub Alam; and several tea garden leaders and workers.

Speakers called for the inclusion of the tea workers' demands in the manifestos of political parties ahead of national election.

They said land rights and a fair wage of Tk 600 are no longer just demands, they are necessities. They also stressed the need for improved housing and education for families of tea workers.



Hundreds of tea workers and students bring out a procession in Sreemangal as part of the first national conference of the Tea Workers Trade Union Center yesterday. At the daylong event, they demanded land rights, increased wages, and an end to discrimination against the tea garden community.

PHOTO: STAR

ALOKBALI UNION IN NARSINGDI

Lack of bridge puts 50,000 locals in peril

JAHDUL ISLAM, Narsingdi

Over 50,000 residents of Alokballi union in Narsingdi Sadar upazila continue to suffer due to the absence of a bridge connecting their river-encircled villages to the district headquarters.

Surrounded by the Meghna, this remote char area consists of nine villages where residents rely solely on boats for travel.

Despite being just 20 kilometres from the town centre, locals often spend four to five hours navigating the river, frequently delayed by water hyacinth and adverse weather conditions.

“Due to water hyacinth, even a one-hour route takes up to four hours,” said Rubel Ahmed, 32, of Alokballi village.

Ahmad Mia, 25, of Bakhrnagar shared

a tragic personal account. “On January 10, my father suffered severe chest pain around 2:30am. Because of thick fog and river blockages, no boatman agreed to take us. By dawn, we managed to cross



the river after 90 minutes and reached Narsingdi Hospital, but my father had already had a major heart attack. Though doctors referred him to the National

Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases in Dhaka, he died at the hospital gate. Timely medical attention could have saved him, but the delay proved fatal.”

Fulkam Badsha, executive engineer of the Local Government Engineering Department, said, “During my field visit, I experienced a three-hour delay due to water hyacinth. A feasibility study for a 300-metre bridge from Alokballi to Srinagar in Karimpur union has already been completed. We're actively working to move the project forward.”

Asma Jahan Sarkar, UNO of Narsingdi Sadar upazila, said, “I recently visited the area by boat. The residents are indeed deprived of many facilities due to poor connectivity. We have assessed the feasibility for a bridge, and necessary steps will be taken soon.”

13 senior cops suspended for long absence

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said the officers were suspended under civil service rules for desertion.

The suspended officers include three superintendents of police (SPs), eight additional SPs, and two assistant SPs.

The 13 officers are -- SPs Sanowar Hossain, Md Shahjahan and Golam Mostafa Russell; additional SPs SM Jahangir Hasan, Shah Alam Md Akhtarul Islam, SM Shamim, Iftekhairul Islam, Mishu Biswas, Hasanuzzaman Molla, Rubaiyat Zaman, and Masudur Rahman Monir; and assistant SPs

Mahmudul Hasan and Md Imrul.

According to the notifications, Sanowar Hossain, former SP of the Anti-Terrorism Unit and currently attached to the Barishal Range DIG office, has been absent since January 1 without approval. Former Narayanganj SP Golam Mostafa Russell, who is attached to the same office, has been absent since the same day.

SP Md Shahjahan, formerly posted in Rangpur and now with the Chattogram Range DIG office, has been absent since January 16.

Among the additional SPs, SM Jahangir Hasan of the Naval Police went on 15 days' leave for cardiac treatment in Thailand on October 8. He was due back on October 23 but instead requested an additional 60 days citing treatment at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore. The extension was not approved. Two official notices were sent to his address, but he did not return.

Shah Alam Md Akhtarul Islam, former ADC of Ramna Division and now posted at the Sylhet In-Service Training Centre, has been absent since January 26.

SM Shamim, former ADC of DMP, has not reported for duty since September 18 last year.

Iftekhairul Islam, former ADC of DMP and now serving with the Cox's Bazar APBn, has been absent since February 16.

Mishu Biswas, former ADC of the Detective Branch and now at the Jamalpur In-Service Training Centre, has been

missing from duty since October 26 last year.

Hasanuzzaman Molla, posted at the Rangamati APBn, has been absent since February 2.

Rubaiyat Zaman, former ADC of Tejgaon Division and now at the Sunamganj In-Service Training Centre, has been absent since January 29.

Masudur Rahman Monir, acting company commander of Rab-8 in Barishal, has not reported to work since November 13 last year.

Among the assistant SPs, Mahmudul Hasan of the Rajarbagh Police Telecom has been absent since September 13 last year.

Md Imrul, posted at the Cox's Bazar Ukhiya APBn, has not been seen at work since January 28.

All 13 officers have been charged with desertion under service regulations and suspended accordingly. During the suspension period, they will receive a subsistence allowance.

5 killed in two

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were cousins and Javed was their uncle. They went to Kuwait Bangladesh Friendship Government Hospital to see one of their relatives, and while returning to Khilkhet, they were hit by the truck.

In another incident, the motorbike carrying Sajjadur and Md Fahim was hit by a microbus on Bijoy Sarani, said Abdullah Al Mamun, OC of Kafirul Police Station. The motorbike was heading towards Jahangir Gate when the microbus made a sudden turn.

Both riders died on the spot. The microbus driver fled the scene.

“We are trying to identify the vehicle using CCTV footage,” the OC added.

Redwanur Rahman, Sajjadur's uncle, told The Daily Star that Fahim had returned from Dubai a few days ago. “Around 2:00am, they went out for a ride on the motorbike. In the morning, we heard the tragic news.”

STATUTORY NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO-1052 of 2025

An application under Section-81(2) and Section-85(3) & 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.
Taskin AhmedPetitioner:
VERSUS:
The sky Traders (pvt) Ltd. and another Respondents

Take Notice that an application U/S-81(2), 85(3) and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh for condonation of delay in holding the AGM for the year 2023 to 2025 of The sky Traders (pvt) Ltd. Upon hearing of the application on 26.06.2025 Hon'ble Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sobel has been pleased to admit said application. In the said order, the Honorable Justice directed to publish advertisements in the newspaper, and submit affidavit-in-compliance.

If you are interested to oppose the said application you may appear behalf the Hon'ble Court either in person or through an Advocate. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the under mentioned advocate on payment.

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বাংলাদেশ মেরিটাইম ইউনিভার্সিটি
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SL No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Reference No.	Description of goods/ works	Last selling date and time	Closing date and time	Opening date and time
01	ID-1129197	EA-GRI-02 (FY 2024-25)	27 11.0000 304. 25.227.25 Date: 29/06/2025	Procurement of Portable Meter Testing Set	21-Jul-2025, 17:00	22-Jul-2025, 14:00	22-Jul-2025, 14:00

These are online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/ hard copies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

For more details please contact to the PE's Support Desk (01768015538).

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FOREIGN OPERATION OF NCT HC asks govt if it has taken any decision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday wanted to know whether the advisory council of the government has taken any decision about handing over the responsibility of operating the New Mooring Container Terminal (NCT) in Chattogram to any foreign company.

The court asked Attorney General Md Asaduzzaman to place the information before it on Tuesday (July 1).

It came up with the order during the hearing of a petition that challenged legality of the government's decision to initiate the process for awarding UAE-based company DP World the contract for container handling operations at the NCT.

Justice Habibul Gani-led HC bench set the date. Bangladesh Jubo Arthanitibid Forum submitted the petition to the HC on March 20, seeking its directive to ensure fair and competitive public bidding before appointing any container terminal handling operator to run the existing NCT.

The shipping secretary, chairman of Chittagong

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3 of a family found dead in city hotel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three members of a family were found dead at a hotel in Dhaka's Moghbazar area yesterday morning.

The deceased were identified as Monir Hossain, an expatriate; his wife Swapna; and their son Arafat Hossain Nayeem, said Masud Alam, deputy commissioner of Ramna Division Police.

“We suspect it might be a case of food poisoning. The bodies will be sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy to determine the exact cause of death,” the DC said.

According to police, the family had travelled from Lakshmipur to Dhaka on Saturday to see a doctor. As they could not get the appointment, they decided to stay overnight at the hotel.

“In the morning, Monir called his relatives and informed them that all three of them were feeling unwell and vomiting. The relatives rushed to the hotel and called police,” said the DC.

Preliminary findings suggest that two of them died at the hotel. Monir was taken to the ICU of a nearby but was later declared dead, he added.