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Readymade garment workers block the Dhaka-Tangail Highway in the Chandra Palli Bidyut area of Gazipur's Kaliakoir upazila yesterday, demanding a wage hike. The demonstration began around 9:00am, bringing traffic to a standstill on both sides of the highway for over two hours. Police later fired teargas canisters and sound grenades to disperse the protesters, leaving several workers injured. PHOTO: STAR

RMG owners may invoke 'no work, no pay' from today

Industry leaders give nod as wage unrest enters third week

STAR REPORT

Industry leaders have given garment factory owners the go-ahead to shut their units under the "no work, no pay" provision of the labour law from today if ongoing labour unrest continues to disrupt operations across major industrial hubs.

At least 147 factories employing around 3 lakh workers were unable to operate yesterday because of the unrest. Of them, 55 factories have already invoked the "no work, no pay" provision of the labour law, while production at another 92 units was severely disrupted before they were forced to shut down.

The decision was announced yesterday by BGMEA President Mahmud Hasan Khan at a joint press briefing following an emergency meeting of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) at its Uttara office in Dhaka.

Leaders of the Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) also attended the meeting and expressed solidarity with the move.

Section 13(1) of the Bangladesh Labour Act allows employers to suspend operations and withhold wages when production is disrupted.

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GDP growth overstated by up to 1.3 points since FY15

Forensic audit blames factories' self-reported production figures, inflated export numbers among others

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Bangladesh's GDP growth was overstated by 0.7 to 1.3 percentage points annually from FY2014-15 onwards, largely due to inconsistencies in manufacturing data, unverified tax figures, and unreliable administrative records, according to a forensic audit by a government panel.

It identified seven major sources of overestimation: factories' self-reported production figures, the use of tax collection data to estimate industrial output, inflated export figures, unverified production data from state-run monopolies, flawed construction estimates, mechanical projections for small industries, and incorrect subsidy adjustments.

The findings suggest the economy was portrayed more favourably than it actually was during the Awami League government's tenure, when reported GDP growth climbed to nearly 8 percent

The seven-member panel presented its initial findings at the BBS headquarters in Dhaka yesterday, seeking feedback from stakeholders.

Experts said the findings underscore the need to restore the credibility of official statistics, as inaccurate GDP estimates can distort economic priorities and lead to flawed policy decisions.

Officials said steps had been taken to improve the consistency of official data, including the introduction of an integrated system to strengthen tax data reporting and the decision to use Bangladesh Bank's export figures as the authoritative source.

The discrepancies largely involved secondary and administrative data rather than information collected directly through Bangladesh Bureau of

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Trump, Xi, Putin to meet in China

AFP, *Washington*

Donald Trump, Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping will hold the first three-way meeting between the leaders of the United States, Russia and China at a summit in Shenzhen on Thursday.

Trump wants to talk about reducing nuclear arsenals at the trilateral talks and is also set to bring up his war in Iran -- but he is not expected to discuss Russia's war in Ukraine, US officials said.

The three leaders will meet on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in

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