



Socialist Labour Front-SLF

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138th May Day observed in Bangladesh



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Socialist Labour Front-SLF of Bangladesh (a mass organization of the socialist party of Bangladesh-SPB) observed the 138th May Day with the demand for job security, just wages, safety at the workplace, Employment Injury Insurance, Trade union rights, and Democratic Labour Law. They arranged rallies in the capital city, Dhaka, and another 30 districts of Bangladesh with the call to strengthen the proletarian struggle. In this rally, leaders expressed their anger and anxiety about working hours. After 138 years of heroic battles of May Day, the workers of Bangladesh are still bound to work more than 8 hours. Workers' wages are so minimal that they have no choice but to work extra hours for their livelihood. Trade union rights are squeezed and restricted by labor law. Trade unions are weak, so there is no collective bargaining process, especially in ready-made garments. In Bangladesh, the total workforce is 73.6 million. Out of these, 85 percent work in informal sectors with no fixed working hours and wages. Women workers are increasingly engaged in the workplace, but there is discrimination in wages and maternity benefits, and facing Gender-based violence and harassment in the workplace. The leaders of SLF also demanded ration (government food support) for the workers at the rate of military rationing. The leaders also Called for an adequate pension system for formal and informal workers. They demanded to make a safe workplace for the workers. If accidents occur, the compensation should be based on loss of year earnings for death cases and rehabilitation, as well as compensation for injury and disability of the workers due to accidents. The leaders called for judicial inquiry and justice for the murder of 4 garment workers in the recent garment worker wage movement. Also, they called for the withdrawal of false charges and harassment of the workers by the police. They also demand immediate withdrawal of draconian bills in the name of the Essential Services Act, which curtails workers' rights to strike. They were determined to resist the undemocratic and fascist 'Essential Service Act 2023". The leaders and workers of SLF expressed their firm assertion and commitment to transform this Trade union movement into a struggle for emancipation and socialism. After the rally, a decorated procession took place and moved around different streets of the cities.

With revolutionary regards.

Thanking You



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