BILS participated in Dhaka Skills Summit

BILS participated in the fair of Dhaka Summit on Skills, Employability, and Decent Work held at Hotel Sonargaon on December 12 and 13, 2016. BILS and National Coordination Committee for Workers of Daily Star Building. Main objective of the roundtable was to accept recommendations from different stakeholders aimed at forming a permanent Tripartite Consultative Council (TCC) for Garment industry.

Roundtable held on Formulation of Tripartite Consultative Council in RMG Sector

BILS, with the support of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung- FES organised a roundtable on "Formulation of Tripartite Consultative Council in RMG Sector: Scope and Challenges, Role of Stakeholders" on October 4, 2016 at Azim Rahman Hall of Daily Star Building. Main objective of the roundtable was to accept recommendations from different stakeholders aimed at forming a permanent Tripartite Consultative Council (TCC) for Garment industry.

Discussion meeting held between BILS and Oxfam

A discussion meeting was held between BILS and Oxfam Australia representatives on December 14, 2016 at BILS Library & Information Centre. The main objective of the meeting was to discuss with the Trade Union leaders of Domestic Workers, RMG, Construction Workers and Street Vendors and National Trade Union Federation leaders about better understanding of labour right.

BILS- SKOP Roundtable on Safe Workplace, Decent Work and Proper Compensation

Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies-BILS and Sramik Karmochari Oikya Parishad (SKOP) jointly organised a roundtable titled “Safe Workplace, Decent Work and Proper Compensation are
Formulation of TCC
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Speakers at the roundtable said that owners and workers must understand Labour Law to apply it effectively, which will make easier to the formation of TCC between owners, workers and government. They also mentioned, the main problems between owners and workers are issues of wages, working hour, workplace safety and social security. If it is possible to form an active TCC, then these problems could be solved effectively.

Reviewing the present experiences, leaders from different workers organization opined, it is not possible to mitigate the problem only by forming TCC, because the committee gives suggestion and create proximity. They could help government to moderate the debate but these organizations are not empowered in decision making and implementation.

They also mentioned, the workers would not be benefited by this committee without strong Trade Union and committed leaders. They pointed out, following the pressure of buyers and foreign investors along with their profit making attitude, owners of the industry operated their workers.

Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Employment Mikail Shipur suggested the meeting for submitting a structure of TCC members to the ministry for its consideration.

Jatiya Sramik League President and BILS Vice Chairman Alhaj Shukkan Mahmood chaired the roundtable, while Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Employment Mikail Shipur was present as Chief Guest. BILS Executive Director Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmmed was present as Moderator.

Among others, BKMEA former Vice President Md. Hatem, BGMEA Senior Vice President Faruque Hassan, Head of Development Cooperation Section of German Embassy, Dhaka Eckhard Wilhelm Heine, ILO County Director Srinivas B Reddy, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Employment Md. Aminul Islam and Khandaker Mostan Hossain and Deputy Chief (Textile) of Ministry of Commerce Md. Ruhul Amin, BILS Advisory Council Member Roy Ramesh Chandra, BILS Joint Secretary General Zafirul Hasan, Sramik Karmochari Oikya Parishad (SKOP) Joint Coordinator and Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal President Anwar Hossain, FES Residential Representative Franziska Korn, ILO Senior Technical Officer Wael Issa, 3F Country Director Sten Petersen, Solidarity Center Country Program Director Alonso Suson, Trade Union Sahngha General Secretary Choudhury Ashiquil Alam, IndustryAll Bangladesh President Amirul Haque Amin, Karmojobi Nari Executive Director Rokeya Rafique Baby, ILO Dhaka Office Program Officer Md. Saidul Islam were present at the roundtable.

Tazreen Fire
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victims following international standard and proper treatment to the victim workers. Besides, they demanded for ensuring appropriate measures to stop such type of incidents.

Leaders of BILS affiliated and network associated organisations and Trade Union Federations participated in the programme.

Dhaka Summit on Skills
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Education (NCCWE) jointly set up a stall at the fair, where a number of publications were displayed. It was a great experience for BILS to work in this summit for supporting Trade Union leaders to sharing their findings, experience and opinion. Guests and participants of the summit from national and international level visited the stall and collected different publications from there.

Prime Minister of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina Inaugurated the summit on December 11, 2016 at Osmani Memorial Hall in Dhaka. It is significant that Director General, International Labour Organization also visited Bangladesh that time to attend this summit. Leaders of BILS, NCCWE and National Trade Union federations participated in different sessions of the summit.

In the fair a new ILO project was launched which was funded by Sweden and Denmark aimed at building social dialogue and harmonious industrial relations in the Ready-Made Garment (RMG) industry. Besides, a new skills programme funded by European Union was launched which will continue reforming skills development sector and a memorandum of intent among the government of Bangladesh, Netherlands, United Kingdom and ILO was signed to continue their joint efforts to improve working conditions in the RMG sector.

BILS and Oxfam Australia
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situation in Bangladesh and particularly Domestic Workers situation in relation to vulnerability and exploitation.

Oxfam Australia Chief Executive Dr. Helen Szoke, Head of Public Engagement Pam Anders, Oxfam Bangladesh Project Director M B Akhter, Win & Coms Manager Monisha Biswas, SPO Roksana Akhter, BLF General Secretary Shah Md. Abu Zafar, BILS Joint Secretary General Md. Zafrul hasan, Karmojobi Nari Director Rehala Rabbani, Coordinator S.M. Sultanul Azim, Jatiya Garments Sramik Jote Bangladesh General Secretary Shardar Khorsheed, BNSL General Secretary S. K. Nurul Haque, , BILS Executive Director Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmmed, Project Coordinator Nazma Yesmin, a number of Domestic Workers and Construction Workers were present in the meeting.
BILS organised a consultation meeting on awareness raising, advocacy and lobby for forming safety committee and demanding proper compensation for Tampaco Foils victims on November 17, 2016 at IRI Auditorium, Tongi, Gazipur. Jatiya Samik League Women Affairs Secretary and Convener Tongi SKOP Shamsunnahar Bhuian presided over the meeting. The meeting organised for demanding proper compensation, arranging rehabilitation and providing advanced treatment to the victims. The meeting also discussed about Advocacy and Lobby for forming safety committee in the Industries situated in Tongi area. The speakers give emphasis to strengthen factory inspection with the Trade Union leaders regularly. Leaders of SKOP Razekuzzaman Ratan, Naimul Ahsan Jewel, Mahbubur Rahman and other SKOP Leaders and affiliated organizations participated in the meeting. Among others the Principle of The Industrial Relations Institute Billal Hossain and the factory inspectors also join the meeting. BILS Executive Director Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmmed Modarated the meeting.

BILS with the support of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung—FES organised a consultation meeting titled “National Multi -Stakeholder Consultation: Advocacy Strategy for Ensuring Rights and Social Safety of Fishing Workers” on November 12, 2016 at Ava Center, Rupsha in Khulna. Conducting serial advocacy activities to ensure rights and social safety of fishing workers and determining strategy to formulate activity were the main objective of the meeting. State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Ministry Narayon Chandra Chanda, MP was present at the meeting as Chief Guest, while BILS Chairman Md. Habibur Rahman Shiraz was in the chair.

BILS organised a day long discussion and consultation meeting on presenting recent research findings and finalizing recommendations on October 29, 2016 at BILS Seminar Hall.

Main objectives of the meeting were to finalize the findings from researches and to formulate recommendations for future advocacy of workers social security at policy making level. Findings were presented of three different researches titled “Present situation of Workers at Fishing Sector in Bangladesh and Way Forward” “Setting up National Standard Compensation for the Social Security of Workers” and “Analyzing Tripartite Consultative Council for developing Sustainable Industrial Relations”.

In case of Fishing Workers, different issues regarding their safety and security, life insurance, maintaining shore based registration process were discussed, while for compensation issues, fixing reasonable amount & scale and amendment of Labour Law were considered at the meeting. For Tripartite Consultative Council, preparing TU Position Paper, strengthening Tripartism and coordinating with other parties were given importance.

BILS Joint Secretary General Md. Zafurul Hasan moderated the meeting, while among others BILS Leaders, different Trade Union Federations Leaders, Researchers, Academicians, various non-government organizations officials and BILS officials were present in the meeting.
BILS Skop Roundtable
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the Human Rights of the Workers” on December 18, 2016 at Azimur Rahman Conference Hall of Daily Star Building. BILS Advisory Council Member Abdus Salam Khan chaired the roundtable, while BILS Executive Director Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmmed was present as Moderator. Deputy Inspector (Additional Secretary) of Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishment Syed Ahmed was present as Chief Guest. BILS Vice Chairman Shirin Akhter, MP, Professor of Dhaka University Economics Department Dr. M.M. Akash, Director of National Human Rights Commission Israt Hossain Khan, Doctor Robiul Karim Khan Papon of Dhaka Medical College Burn and Plastic Surgery Institute, BILS Joint Secretary General Dr. Wajedul Islam Khan, Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal President Md. Anwar Hossain, SKOP Joint Coordinator Choudhury Ashiqul Alam, Samajtantrik Sramik Front General Secretary Razekuzzaman Ratan, TUC President Shohidullah Choudhury, BILS Secretary Rawshan Zahan Shathi, BJSF President Rafiquzzaman, JSF Executive President Kamrul Ahsan, Jatiya Sramik Jote Bangladesh General Secretary Naimul Ahsan Jewel were present in the roundtable among others. Besides, BILS associated and SKOP affiliated National Federations and BILS leaders, Labour and Employ-
Joint Media Briefing held in Chittagong

BILS-DGB project, organized “Joint Media Briefing” on December 18, 2016 at BILS LRSC office, Chittagong.

At the briefing, BILS Secretary and Jatiya Sramik League Central Committee Joint-Secretary Md. Shafar Ali read out the statement. Labour leaders said that from the project, 3000 workers and their families will get information about...
Opinion sharing meeting with Gazipur Journalist Union Members

Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies—BILS organised an opinion sharing meeting with member of Gazipur Journalist Union on December 31, 2016 at Tongi Press Club Auditorium regarding role of media and journalists aimed at making safe workplace of Factories located Tongi industrial area. Gazipur Journalist Union President Md. Ataur Rahman chaired in the meeting while Joint Director for Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments of Tongi Farid Ahmed, BILS Executive Director Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmmed, SKOP Tongi Area Coordinator Shamsunnahar Bhuiyan, Toiyabur Rahman, Liton Khan, Gazipur Journalist Union General Secretary M. A. Kashem Rana, Treasurer Nurul Islam, Member Nurul Amin Shikder, Monjurul Islam, Tongi Press Club Joint Convener M. A. Haider Sorkar spoke in the meeting among others. Besides Tongi area SKOP Leaders were present in the meeting.

Seminar held on providing appointment letter and identity card to workers

A seminar held on providing Appointment Letter and Identity Card to workers according to labour law on November 29, 2016 at Hotel Golden Inn Seminar Hall in Chittagong under BILS-DGB Project. Deputy Director, Department of Labor Md Giash Uddin, Assistant Inspector General (Safety), Department of Inspection (Factory and Establishment) Sharif Ahmed Azad and leaders of National Trade Union federations were present at the seminar.

Meeting of SWBTUF (After Page 5)

Md. Abdul Hie Khan, Deputy Inspector General of DIFE, Chittagong presided over the meeting, while government officials and leaders of National Trade Union Federations were present among others. At the meeting, SWBTUF leaders said that to stop workplace accident in Ship breaking yards and to ensure workplace safety at this sector, inspection is a must. They also discussed the present scenario of Ship-breaking and other sectors in Chittagong.

Consultation meeting with Youth Trade Union Leaders

BILS organised a consultation meeting titled “Role of Media for Protection of Workers’ Rights: Responsibility of Youth Trade Union Leaders” on December 26, 2016 at BILS Seminar Hall. Explaining the role of media for protection of workers’ rights and tools for communication and bridging with media, explaining the process of information collection and evaluation and informing the responsibilities of Youth Trade Union leaders to disseminate information to media people were the main objectives of the meeting.

Asst. Professor of Journalism and Media Studies at Stamford University, Mohammad Mosharof Hossain, New Age Staff Correspondent Rashed Ahmed, were present at the meeting as experts and discussed on different issues.

Regular thematic discussion meeting

BILS, with the support of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) organised two thematic discussion meetings with young trade union leaders in Dhaka. The thematic discussion meeting titled “Responsibilities of Related Stakeholders to Prevent Industrial Accident: Role of Youth Leadership to Implement those Responsibilities” was held on October 30, 2016 at BILS Seminar Hall. BILS Chairman Md. Habibur Rahman Shiraz inaugurated the discussion meeting while BILS Program Officer Monirul Kabir was present as Moderator. DIG of DIFE Farid Ahmed, JSL Women Committee General Secretary Shamsunnahar Bhuiyan, Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal President Anwar Hossain, BILS Executive Director Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmmed were present in the program. Total number of 25 participants participated in the program. Another thematic discussion meeting titled “Working People Role and Contribution to The Liberation War” was held on November 30, 2016 at Muktijuddho Jaduagh and Vanguard Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka. BILS and SKOP affiliated leaders of different Union Committees were present at the meeting.
BILS and IndustriAll Global Union jointly organized a roundtable titled “Promoting Social Dialogue for ensuring Workers Safety and Rights in Ship breaking: Role of Stakeholders” on October 27, 2016 at the seminar hall of Hotel Saint Martin in Chittagong. The roundtable was attended by the government officials, shipyard union based basic trade union leaders and workers, representatives of employers association, networking NGO officials, representatives of local TU Federations active in Ship breaking sector, researchers, BILS, IndustriAll and FNV representatives. Inspector General of the Inspection of Factory & Establishment Syed Ahmed was present at the programme as chief guest, while Assistant Divisional Commissioner of Chittagong Khoshed Alam, Joint Director of Labour-Chittagong M K Alam, Vice President of Bangladesh Ship Breakers Association (BSBA) Master Abul Kashem and Secretary Mohammed Siddique, Joint Convener of Sromik Karmochari Olka Parishad (SKOP) Qamrul Ahsan, Chairperson of OSH Foundation Saki Rizwana and Qamrul Alam of Industrial Police Department of Chittagong were present as Special Guests among others. The opening session of the roundtable was chaired by veteran TU leader and BILS Secretary A M Nazimuddin. Welcome speech was delivered by BILS Executive Director Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmed and Regional Secretary of IndustriAll Global Union South Asia Aplonva Kairwar. Education & Program Officer of IndustriAll Global Union South Asia Dr. S.M Fahimuddin Pasha and Country coordinator of IndustriAll Bangladesh Abu Eusuf Mollah were also present at the programme. The roundtable was moderated by veteran TU leader, BILS Secretary and Jatiya Samik League Central Joint-Secretary Md. Safar Ali. Three workshop papers titled “Overview of OSH Condition in Chittagong” by BFTUC leader Rizwanur Rahman Khan, “Present Status of Ship breaking Workers Safety & Rights: Challenges & Way Forward” by BILS Chittagong Office Coordinator Pahari Bhatchajee and “Ship breaking Policies and Initiative, Role of Actors: Challenges & Way Forward” by the Associate Professor of Law Department at Chittagong University Shaheen Chowdhury were presented during the roundtable.

BILS published a leaflet titled “Safe Workplace is Our Commitment” on November 24, 2016. A total number of 2000 copies of leaflet were distributed.

BILS published a leaflet titled “Stand up for someone’s rights today” December 10, 2016. A total number of 5000 copies of leaflet were distributed.

BILS published a leaflet titled “Be Vocal and Active Protesting Rights of Domestic Workers” on December 21, 2016. A total number of 2000 copies of leaflet were distributed.

BILS published a leaflet titled “CSR Ensures Workers Participation in Owners’ Profit and Build Strong Bonding between Workers and Owners” on December, 2016. A total number of 4000 copies of leaflet were distributed.
Capacity building training for BILS Fishing Workers Advocacy Team

BILS, with the support of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung-FES organised a capacity building training for BILS fisheries advocacy team held on October 8 and 9, 2016 at Hotel Bashundhara in Khulna. The main objectives of the training were to explain the core concept, elements and types of advocacy, to analyse challenge of advocacy activities and identify way forward strategies, to develop the materials selection, preparation and advocacy planning, to identify stake holder for advocacy and analyzing them, to explain the role of campaign team, team behavior and internal communications, to explain advocacy related policy, law, regulations, skims and its implementation structure and process and to develop the advocacy planning.

BILS leaders and officials and external experts were present among others in the program. Besides, leaders of BILS affiliated and SKOP affiliated National TU Federations, representatives of employers committees, experts, academicians and representatives of RMG industry affiliated national and international organisations were present on this occasion.

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to discuss on different media issues. A total of 26 members participated at the training programme. BILS Executive Director Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmmed addressed the inaugural session, where he described the aim of this training. Former General Secretary of Chittagong Press Club Nazimuddin Shyamol, Associate Professor of the Department of Journalism at Chittagong University Dr. Morshedul Islam, BFTUC Treasurer Rizwanur Rahman Khan, BILS-DGB Project Coordinator Kohnnoor Mahmood, Information Coordinator Md. Yousuf Al Mamun and BILS-DGB Information Officer, Ferdous Ara conducted different sessions of the training. At the closing session of the training programme, Joint secretary of Jatiya Sramik League and Secretary of BILS Md. Shafar Ali and Bangladesh Jatiyatabdi Sramik Dal Chittagong President and BILS Secretary A M Nazim Uddin addressed among others. Certificates were handed over to the participants after training session.

Discussion meeting on CSR guideline

BILS organised a discussion meeting on ‘Corporate Social Responsibility, Social Justice and Workers Welfare: Recommendation towards Advocacy for National Guideline’ on October 1, 2016 at BILS Seminar Hall. The main objectives of the meeting were to ensure workers participation in the policy and to receive their opinion about future advocacy initiatives. BILS Leaders, CSR Advisory Committee Members and stakeholders participated in the meeting.

OSH Outreach training for RMG workers

BILS, with the support of International Labour Organisation-ILO organised a two-day OSH Outreach training for RMG workers titled “Refresher Course for OSH TU Core Trainers” which held on December 14 and 15, 2016 at BILS Seminar Hall. The main objectives of the training were to introduce the training activity, determine training aim and objectives, introduce the training system and manual, training management, practical exercise and to prepare report and accounts.

National Coordination Committee for Workers Education-NCCWE affiliated trainers participated in the training. Another two-day training held on same issue with the participation of IndustriAll Global Union Bangladesh Council-IBC affiliated trainers on December 17 and 18, 2016 at BILS Seminar Hall.
BILS organised a meeting under BILS-LOFTF Project with the participation of Ship Breaking Workers’ Trade Union Forum (SBWTUF) and the leadership of Metal sector campaign and advocacy team on December 26, 2016 at Hotel Regent Park, Chittagong. The meeting was presided over by Ship Breaking Workers’ Trade Union Forum (SBWTUF) Joint Convener and BILS Secretary A M Nazimuddin, while leaders of SBWTUF and BILS officials were among others.

A study is going on titled “Feasibility Study on Issuance of National Identity Card for The Construction Sector Workers of Bangladesh: A Pilot Scheme” under BILS Research Department. Under this study, the core study team took photos of around 500 construction workers throughout the Dhaka city deviding it in specific seven zones (Mirpur, Uttar, Mohammadpur, Tejgaon, Jatrabari, Lalbagh and Shyampur) each consisting of several thanas. Now, the study team is preparing a database for the construction workers.

BILS organised four Sector-based Workshops on October 14 and 15, 2016 at BILS Chittagong Office under BILS-DGB Project.

The two workshops titled “Sector-based Workshop on Implementation of Advocacy Strategy at Ship Breaking” and “Sector-based Workshop on Implementation of Advocacy Strategy at RMG” were held on October 14, 2016 while another two workshops titled “Implementation of Advocacy Strategy at Construction Sector” and “Sector based Workshop on Implementation of Advocacy Strategy in Hotel and Health” were held on October 15, 2016. Above mentioned workshops were organised to supervise activities of Ship-breaking, RMG, Construction, Hotel and Health sector as TU leaders of those sectors committed to do some work for effective advocacy regarding their two campaign issues: identity card and appointment letter.

BILS leaders and officials were present among others in these workshops.
Human Rights Day  
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2016 with this slogan, Domestic Workers Rights Network-DWRN observed Human Rights Day 2016 by organising human chain and rally on December 10, 2016 at National Press Club.

Jatiya Garhosto Nari Sramik Union Advisor Abul Hoassain moderated the programme, while leaders and representatives of Network affiliated Human Rights organisations, National Trade Union Federations and organisations for professionals participated in the programme.

A round table titled ‘Labour Right is Human Right’ was held on December 10, 2016 at Seminar hall of Hotel Asian S R, Chittagong to mark the International Human Rights Day 2016. Factory Inspector of the Department of Inspection (Factory and Establishment) Raju Barua, President of BJSD Chittagong and Secretary of BILS A M Nazim Uddin, President of Trade Union Kendra Chittagong Tapan Dutta, Central Joint Secretary of JSL and Secretary of BILS Md. Shafar Ali, Former General Secretary of Chittagong Journalists Union Nazimuddin Shaymol, District Joint Secretary of BFTUC Rizwanur Rahman Khan also spoke at the meeting.

Earlier, hundreds of people joined a rally on December 9, 2016 to mark the International Human Rights Day 2016 in Chittagong. Under BILS-DGB project, the rally was formed in front of Chittagong Press Club, which ended at Chittagong Shaheed Minar.

Recalling Fidel Castro  
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of this leader was the main objective to organise the discussion meeting.

BILS Advisory Council Member Mesbahuddin Ahmed chaired the meeting and Executive Director Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmmed was present as Moderator. Senior Politician Manzurul Ahsan Khan was present as key discussant. BILS Secretary General Nazrul Islam Khan, BILS Advisory Council Member Shah Mohd. Abu Zafar, Joint Secretary General Md. Zafrul Hasan, Samajtantrik Sramik Front General Secretary Razekuzzaman Ratan, Jatiya Sramik Jote Bangladesh General Secretary Naimul Ahsan Jewel were present among others in the meeting.

forward to ensure fair wage, live and livelihood of workers. He added that workers-owners good relationship is necessary for ensuring economic development and national progress. He urged everyone to play vital role with patriotic consciousness for overall development of workers.

In the seminar speakers urged everyone to work together for establishing workers’ rights. They expressed their hope that BILS-DGB Project continuing activities will play important role to ensure workers rights in Chittagong.
**Journal Launching Programme**
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Women and Children issues should be addressed for research, should be addressed for BILS research and journal, TU market analyzing of forthcoming types of jobs like virtual work, home based work etc, conducting Micro level of RMG sector regarding working hour, compensation for injury etc, new advocacy strategy from different angles including Macro, micro, short term and long term issues, Labour Rights related international agreement, migration and repatriation of workers, dispute settlement, industrial relations etc should be addressed for BILS research.

Md. Mojibur Rahman Bhuiyan, Vice Chairman, BILS chaired the meeting, while Md. Zafrul Hasan, Joint Secretary General delivered welcome speech. Mesbahuddin Ahmed, BILS Advisory Council Member delivered vote of thanks. Prof. Dr. Christoph Scherrer, Executive Director, International Center for Development and Decent Work (ICCD) and Director, Global Labour University, Germany; Jens Aarup, Special Consultant of LO-FTF Council, Denmark; Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmmed, Executive Director, BILS; Dr. Mahfuzul Haque, Former Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment; Dr. Monirul Islam Khan, Professor, Dept. of Sociology, University of Dhaka; Prof. Dr. Khaleda Islam of INFS, University of Dhaka; Dr. Md. Ziaur Rahman, Chairman, Dept. of Criminology, University of Dhaka; Dr. Rezaul Karim; Professor, Dept. of Social Work, Jagannath University; Dr. Jakir Hossain, Professor, IBS, Rajshahi University; Mostafiz Ahmed, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Social Work, Jagannath University; Mohammad Jahirul Islam, Chairman, Dept. of Criminology and Police Science, MBSTU; Md. Moniruzzaman Muzib, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Economics, MBSTU; Aurongajeb Akond, Lecturer, Dept. of Criminology and Police Science, MBSTU; Dr. Talukder Golam Rabb, Chairman (Acting), Dept. of Economics, Southeast University; Syed Robaet Ferdous, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Law and Justice, Southeast University, Mohammad Mosharraf Hossain, Asst. Professor, Dept. Of Journalism and Media Studies, Stamford University Bangladesh; TIM Nurunnabi Khan, Former ILO Officials; Md. Khairuzzaman, Sr. Journalist, Daily Sun; Ataur Rahman, Sr. Journalist, BSS; Repon Khan, Executive Coordinator, Japan International Coopera-

**SBWTUF Meeting in Chittagong**
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A report on BILS-LO FTF Project activities covering from January to November 2016 was placed in the meeting. Forum leaders, while speaking in the meeting said, due to the relentless efforts of NGO’s and TU organizations and Ship breaking workers Trade union Forum, nowadays, our workers are much more aware regarding workplace safety and TU rights. In some yards, workers are receiving personal protective equipment; they are getting legal compensation in case of accidental injury and death.

**Consultation meeting**
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Leaders of Tea gardens, Valley and Ponchayet Committee, Union Committee, National Federations, Representatives of Local Government, Government Officials and Lawyer participated in the workshop.
Human Rights Day 2016 observed

BILS organised different activities observing Human Rights Day 2016 in Dhaka and Chittagong.

“Be vocal and active protesting human rights of domestic workers, follow the instructions of Domestic Workers Protection and Welfare Policy

BILS-DGB Project Annual Output Users’ Conference held in Chittagong

Chittagong City Corporation Mayor A J M Nazir Uddin addressed with other leaders in the conference


Chittagong City Corporation Mayor A J M Nasir Uddin was present at the programme as Chief Guest, while

BILS Chairman Md. Habibur Rahman Shiraz was in the chair. BILS Executive Council Secretary as well as Jatiya Sramik League Central Joint Secretary Md. Shafar Ali was present as Moderator. BILS Secretary and Divisional

Recalling Fidel Castro

Senior politician Manzurul Ahsan Khan addressed BILS leaders in discussion meeting

BILS organised a discussion meeting recalling Revolutionary Leader Fidel Castro on December 7, 2016 at BILS Seminar Hall. Showing respect to Fidel Castro and inspiring young generation by the ideal

BILS organised journal launching programme and consultation meeting

BILS, with the support of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) organised a journal launching and consultation meeting with trade union leaders and academicians titled “Labour and Development Issues and Areas of Forthcoming Research” on November 21, 2016 at BILS Seminar Hall.

Taking directions, recommendations and initiatives from the discussion of leaders and academicians on recently published three journals and labour and development issues aimed at marking the areas of forthcoming researches were the main objectives of the meeting. In the meeting the participants recommended that issues regarding impact of globalization and neo-liberalism, uneven wealth distribution, inequality, Industrial Restructuring, Global Supply Chain, Precarious Work

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