

Peoples Over Profits

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Most malpractices are happening in the labor migration sector in the name of visa trading. The irresponsible businessman i.e. employers, recruitment agencies, and some corrupt government officials of both countries are involved there.

Malaysia is the second or third largest labor market for Bangladesh. In various equations, Malaysia is more acceptable to Bangladeshis than the Middle East, Singapore, and South Korea. If good governance and responsible business in labor migration are ensured, Malaysia can become the biggest employment opportunity for Bangladesh. But due to some unscrupulous recruiting agencies, irresponsible businessmen, and some corrupt government officials in both countries, it is falling again and again in the name of corruption. Migrant workers are being cheated and abused and their rights are being violated. Human trafficking is happening in the name of labor migration and increasing terrorism in the world. Bangladesh is losing a huge amount of remittances and foreign employment and the development of both countries is hampered.

In 1997, 2007, and 2019-22, Malaysia's labor market was reopened but closed due to organized syndicates. At that time, I saw thousands of starving Bangladeshi workers living on the streets in Malaysia. At that time, saw various cases of fraud in the name of employment of Bangladeshi workers in Malaysia. Till 2008-12, witnessed the dominance and bad influence of brokers in the Bangladesh Embassy in Malaysia.

Testimony: Irresponsible businessmen, unscrupulous employers, and agents are recruiting thousands of excess workers in the name of visa trading, but they are living jobless, and inhumane lives. Among them is a Bangladeshi Mr. Milon (Fake name),

Mr. Milon is one of 47 ill-fated Bangladeshi migrant workers, who arrived in Malaysia on 30 December 2022. A Chinese woman received them at the airport and handed them over to a Bangladeshi agent. The agent divided them and hid them in various locations in Kuala Lumpur and Penang. The migrant workers have never seen their employers. They don't have a job, no salary, and even not enough food, hidden in different areas of the city. Their migration costs are 3.5-4.0 thousand US\$, they have huge debts in their families. The victim Milon sought the cooperation of the government by sending evidence in his favor.

Peoples Over Profits: My village house is 40-45 km away from my city house. Almost every week on the last day of office at 5-6 pm I used to go to my village house, which takes 2.5 to 3 Hours. There were 2-3 kilometers of lonely roads on my way. I was afraid to cross this road, especially on a cold winter night. Also, my motorbike was very old and could have a disorder at any time on the way. In the middle of this long road was a dilapidated motor garage.

I was devastated when my bike was disordered on one winter night. Because in this winter the village shops are not supposed to be open until late at night. I have to go another 15-20 km or push the bike for one and a half km and spend the night in a nearby locality.

The motorbike garage was still open as a glimpse of light at the other end of the tunnel. I surprisingly asked, still left the garage open late at night? According to the less educated motor mechanic of the villagers, vehicles are plying on this road until late at night, think about you, if I was not here? Don't look at business in everything. Business is a service.

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