

**A Memorandum on "Reconsideration the decision of Ban on Recruitment of Bangladeshi Migrant Workers in Bahrain"**

The Honorable Adviser  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka

Dear Sir,

We express our deep concern to the incident of the alleged murder of a Bahraini national by a Bangladeshi migrant worker, Ayub Mia in Bahrain. We express our condolences to the bereaved family members, friends, relatives of the victim, and after all to the whole Bahraini nation for the saddest death.

We are concern as well in the recent decision of Bahraini government regards to a blanket ban on the whole Bangladeshi community in Bahrain for the killing. This is very pity for us if the decision comes into the force. This is because the punishment of the whole Bangladeshi community in Bahrain for a single crime that committed by an individual is a big penalty.

You know, there are more than 100,000 Bangladeshi migrant workers including the females in Bahrain. There are many professionals, skill and unskilled workers including the domestic workers over there. This huge numbers of Bangladeshi migrants are contributing substantially to the development of Bahrain. They are also the only source of feeding their families back home. The decision of expelling all Bangladeshi migrant workers in Bahrain taken by your government is catastrophic not only for the migrants but also for more than 500,000 members in their family. This attempt will also affect the ravaged national economy of Bangladesh.

Bahrain is a pro-democratic country with its respect to the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. Bahrain has ratified as well as signed different International Conventions including International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, International Convention on the Crime of Apartheid, Anti-Slavery Convention, International Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, International Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, International Convention on the Rights of the Child, International Labour Convention on the Training and Employment of the Handicapped. It is also a signatory to the International Labour Convention on Discrimination in Recruitment and Professions, which upholds the principle of equality in the workplace. Moreover, Bahrain took the position in the UN HRC very recently that carries the responsibility of implementing human rights standards in the country.

We believe that the government of Bahrain is respectful to all the international conventions, laws and policies and is committed to uphold its accountability.

On such a ground, the government of Bangladesh should take a prompt initiative to protect the rights of Bangladeshi migrants. We believe that this is the right time for the government to make use the diplomatic relations in a way to uphold the national interest. We draw your attention in the following urges in this regard:

- The government of Bahrain would consider the murder from the point of a discrete one and the government will not choose to ban the entire Bangladeshi community in Bahrain for one person's crime that ultimately will affect the lives of about 500,000 innocent family members back home.
- The murder incident involving the Bahraini and Bangladeshi nationals would be dealt with according to fair and honest legal proceedings and the family of the murder victim would find

justice and be awarded compensation to avoid any socio-economic difficulties brought by the loss due to the murder.

In solidarity,

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