

## **Bangladesh OHS Links – Selected Media Articles & Reports**

**April 2015 – Rana Plaza 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**

### **Basic Information**

**International Labor Organization; Occupational safety and health country profile – Bangladesh:**

<http://www.ilo.org/safework/countries/asia/bangladesh/lang--en/index.htm>

**International Labor Organization webpage: “Toward a safer garment industry in Bangladesh,” updated frequently:**

<http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/activities/all/safer-garment-industry-in-bangladesh/lang--en/index.htm>

**ILO-IFC Better Work; SME Occupational Safety and Health Toolkit – Bangladesh:**

<http://bangladesh.smetoolkit.org/south-asia/en/content/en/53241/Occupational-Health-and-Safety>

**Business & Human Rights Resource Centre – Bangladesh**

<http://business-humanrights.org/bangladesh-0>

### **Major Reports**

***New Solutions*** – Special Issue on Fire and Worker Health and Safety, Vol 24, No 4, 2015:

- Editorial, “Fire and Worker Health and Safety: An Introduction to the Special Issue;”
- Garrett Brown, “Bangladesh: Currently the worst, But possibly the future’s best;”
- Bjorn Skorpen Claeson, “Emerging from the tragedies in Bangladesh: A challenge to voluntarism in the global economy;”

<http://new.sagepub.com/content/current>

**Human Rights Watch report:** “Whoever raises their head, Suffers the most; Workers’ rights in Bangladesh’s garment factories,” April 2015: see attached PDF file and

<http://www.hrw.org/news/2015/04/22/bangladesh-2-years-after-rana-plaza-workers-denied-rights>

**ILO Report,** “Rana Plaza Two Years On; Progress made and challenges ahead from the Bangladesh RMG sector; see attached PDF file

**The Lancet,** “Prevalence and risk factors for PTSD in injured workers in Bangladesh: a study of surviving workers from the Rana Plaza building collapse,” April 2015; see attached PDF file.

## **Rana Plaza anniversary articles and reports**

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<http://www.commondreams.org/news/2015/04/24/women-around-world-rise-remember-rana-plaza>

OSHE Institute, “**Compensation and Rehabilitation: Play up our fair compensation,**” April 24, 2015: See attached PZDF file.

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