

Bangladesh OHS Links – Selected Media Articles & Reports

April - July 2015

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>

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Update from the International Labor Organization

- ILO Bangladesh Newsletter – No. 2, July 2015:
http://www.ilo.org/dhaka/Whatwedo/Publications/WCMS_381573/lang--en/index.htm
- “Rana Plaza victims’ compensation scheme secures funds needed to make final payments” June 8, 2015: http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_374239/lang--en/index.htm
- “ILO Director-General welcomes G7 commitment on responsible supply chains,” June 8, 2015: http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/who-we-are/ilo-director-general/news-and-press-releases/WCMS_374316/lang--en/index.htm?shared_from=media-mail

News from the Bangladesh Accord:

- Accord signs cooperative agreement with International Finance Corporation to provide \$50 million in loans for RMG factory safety improvements, July 13, 2015: <http://bangladeshaccord.org/2015/06/accord-statement-on-steering-committee-meetings-bangladesh/>

- Statement from Steering Committee, June 22-24, 2015:
<http://bangladeshaccord.org/2015/06/accord-statement-on-steering-committee-meetings-bangladesh/>

News from the Alliance for Bangladesh Worker Safety:

- Alliance and IFC join forces on credit facility to finance improvements in Garment factories in Bangladesh, July 7, 2015:
<http://www.bangladeshworkersafety.org/en/300-alliance-and-ifc-credit-facility>
- Nepal Earthquake: Garment factory assessment update, May 14, 2015:
<http://www.bangladeshworkersafety.org/en/292-nepal-earthquake-garment-factory-assessment-update>

Films – Audio/Visual

- Documentary: “The True Cost; Who pays for our clothing,” May 2015:
<http://truecostmovie.com>
- TUC (UK), Documentary film on women trade unionists in Bangladesh, “Arise,” May 7, 2015: <https://www.tuc.org.uk/node/122762>
- June 2015 AIHCE Ignite presentation by Garrett Brown:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4VW8uihBTo&list=PLm2Z0uH10mT5lrTQslK7PV97pK5PY8rk1&index=9>

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<http://business.financialpost.com/news/retail-marketing/class-action-suit-seeks-2-billion-from-loblaw-joe-fresh-over-2013-bangladesh-garment-factory-collapse>
- Ataur Rahman Belal, Stuart M. Cooper, Niaz Ahmed Khan, Corporate environmental responsibility and accountability: What chance in vulnerable Bangladesh?, *Critical Perspectives on Accounting*, 2015,
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1045235415000167>
- “Quartz” website:
 - “The thing that makes Bangladesh’s garment industry such a huge success also makes it deadly,” April 24, 2015: <http://qz.com/389741/the-thing-that-makes-bangladeshs-garment-industry-such-a-huge-success-also-makes-it-deadly/>

- “The way to start a real fashion revolution: Put Bangladesh’s invisible garment factories on a map” April 24, 2015: <http://qz.com/390238/to-avoid-another-rana-plaza-lets-start-mapping-bangladeshs-invisible-garment-factories>
- Foreign Policy, “Laundering the global garment industry’s dirty business, April 24, 2015: <http://foreignpolicy.com/2015/04/24/laundrying-global-garment-industrys-dirty-business-rana-plaza-bangladesh-factories/>

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- Erik Loomis (University of Rhode Island), *Out of Sight: The long and disturbing story of corporations outsourcing catastrophe*, May 2015, New Press, New York.
- Yale School of Management Insight, “Despite risks, garment factory jobs have long-term benefits for Bangladeshi women,” May 2015: <http://insights.som.yale.edu/insights/despite-risks-garment-factory-jobs-have-long-term-benefits-bangladeshi-women>
- Voice of America News, “Labor unions gaining ground in Bangladesh garment industry,” May 1, 2015: <http://www.voanews.com/content/labor-unions-bangladesh-garment-industry/2744414.html>
- Nation of Change, “Third blogger hacked to death within three months,” May 13, 2015: <http://www.nationofchange.org/2015/05/13/third-blogger-hacked-to-death-within-3-months/>

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- Dhaka Tribune, “Rana Plaza collapse: Owner Rana, 41 others charged,” June 1, 2015: <http://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/2015/jun/01/rana-plaza-collapse-sohel-rana-41-others-charged>
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