

Eng. Khandker Mosharraf Hossain meets the UAE labour Minister at Abu Dhabi

Eng. Khandker Mosharraf Hossain, MP, Minister for Labour & Employment and Expatriate's Welfare & Overseas Employment, Govt of Bangladesh, who is on an official visit to the UAE. Hon'ble Minister met his UAE counterpart H.E. Saqr Gohbash Saeed Ghobash on 29th noon at the latter's office and he thanked the Government of UAE for recruiting Bangladeshi workers in good numbers for the last 3 years. Hon'ble Minister underscored that Bangladeshi workers are hard working and law abiding and Bangladesh would be able to provide more semi skilled & skilled workers to meet up the growing demand of the UAE. Hon'ble Minister requested his UAE counterpart to consider more recruitment from Bangladesh and sought his support to ensure that Bangladeshi workers get the agreed salary in time and requested his support for fixing minimum wage and reduce the migration cost. He also requested to look after the welfare aspect of the Bangladeshi house maid working in the UAE. The UAE Minister briefed the Bangladesh Minister about the various measures like Wage Protection System (WPS), inspection of accommodation standard etc. Two ministers discussed about the ways & means of improving the recruitment, training, working conditions of the labourers and they agreed that these are shared responsibility.

2. Hon'ble Minister then visited the biggest project site of Abu Dhabi Saadiyat Island and met high officials of the project management and requested them to recruit Bangladeshi workers for this mega-project. Then Hon'ble Minister visited the labour camp, which is one of the class one and met some Bangladeshi labourers working there.

3. Hon'ble Minister attended the Independence & National Day Reception in the previous evening hosted by Md. Nazmul Quanine, the Ambassador of Bangladesh to the UAE, as the Guest of Honour. The chief guest from the UAE Government side was the UAE Labour Minister H. E. Saqr Gohbash Saeed Ghobash. Hon'ble Minister met a number of high officials, representatives of recruiting & employing companies of Bangladeshi workers and members of the cross section of Bangladesh Community. Hon'ble Minister thanked the Bangladesh community for their contribution to the development of Bangladesh and asked them to contribute more in business, maintenance and other nation building activities and improve the image of Bangladesh in the UAE.

4. Hon'ble Minister visited the Embassy in the morning of 29th March 2010 when he met a number of labourers and Bangladeshi people who came to the Embassy for various services. He unveiled a booklet prepared by the Labour Wing of the Embassy on the "Guideline and advices for Bangladeshi Labourers".

5. Hon'ble Minister then attended a reception program given in his honour by the governing body and school authority of the SKBZ Bangladesh Community School at Abu Dhabi. Hon'ble Minister assured the authority, teachers, students of possible support from the Government. It is mentionable that this school runs classes up to SSC and HSC under the Dhaka Board curriculum.



Bilateral meeting with the UAE counterpart



Labour Minister listening to the workers at the Embassy



National Day Reception at a local hotel