

Press release

Bangladesh: Rallies and marches held on food and climate issues

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A rally on food and climate was organized by the Bangladesh Krishok Federation and the Asian Peoples Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD). Before the rally, a protest march paraded the various roads of Dhaka city.

The rally was presided over by Bangladesh Krishok Federation President Comrade Badrul Alam and conducted by General Secretary Zayed Iqbal Khan.



General Secretary of Bangladesh Workers Federation AAA Fayez Hossain, President of Readymade Garments Workers Federation Lovely Yasmin, President of Motherland Garments Workers Federation Saleha Islam Shantona, President of Bangladesh Bhasman Nari Sraomik Union Hosne Ara Begum, EX student leader of '90's movement Raju Ahamed, Khalilur Rahman, a prominent social and human rights activist, Rehana Begum, the vice-president of the Bangladesh Krishok Federation, Jamal Hossain Howladar, a farmer leader, Murshidul Haque, Convener, Tele Consumer Association of Bangladesh (T CAB), labor leader Nasir Uddin, among others, spoke at the meeting held under the chairmanship of Comrade Badrul Alam.

President Comrade Badrul Alam said that climate change, Covid-19 and the Russia-Ukraine war have intensified the global food crisis. Inflation is alarming. Ongoing hunger and poverty as well as the impact of inflation are echoing the sounds of famine in the country. He said the Food and Agriculture Organization's observance of World Food Day on October 16 is becoming meaningless when hunger and poverty are a common reality everywhere. In the current global reality, economic recovery from Covid-19, the effects of climate change, and combating the situation caused by war is an urgent task. If these things are not done, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) announced by the United Nations by 2030 will become a farce. To combat climate change, Comrade Alam emphasized on phasing out the use of fossil fuels and introducing renewable fuels.

Leaders at the gathering emphasized the importance of keeping food and the source of food production, namely the land, the sea, above profit. Food and agriculture are human rights of people. This right must be preserved at any cost. They said that the recent increase in food prices has created an extreme crisis in public life. The government's initiative to deal with this crisis is not very satisfactory. On top of that, the government is increasing the crisis one after another by frequently

increasing the price of electricity and fuel oil. Frequent and long-term load-shedding has brought relief to public life despite hikes in power and oil prices. Both agriculture and industry are affected by the lack of electricity. A severe famine appears likely next year.

The following demands were raised from the rally:

1. Keep the right to food, land and water
2. Protect the fish and oceans
3. Land should be used for food production, not for luxury
4. Climate Sensitive Food Systems now
5. Climate and Food Justice Now
6. Government finances and programs for adaptation now
7. We want climate sensitivity for people and society.

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