

Bangladesh: Continuing landless struggle in Dashmina Upazila (Patuakhali District)

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Submission of memorandum to Honorable Prime Minister through Dashmina Upazila Nirbahi Officer.

Today, May 5, 2024 at 11:00 am in Dashmina Upazila of Patuakhali District, in the organization of landless families from different areas of Charshahjalal, Charhadi, Charbanshbaria, Charborhan, and that of Upazila, with the cooperation of Bangladesh Krishok Federation and Bangladesh Kishani Sabha, hundreds of landless men and women of Dashmina Upazila by trawlers, cars and on foot marched to the Upazila market and gathered. The landless people marching from the market through Nalkhola Bazar, A/C land Office, Sub-Register office paraded various roads and gathered in front of Dashmina Upazila Nirbahi Officer's office. The rally was chaired by landless leader Md. Naya Mia Sikdar and conducted by landless leader Abdus Sattar Howlader. Central Committee President of Bangladesh Krishok Federation Comrade Badrul Alam spoke as the chief guest and General Secretary Zayed Iqbal Khan, Assist General Secretary Abdus Sattar Howlader, Assistant General Secretary of Patuakhali district Unit, Kayes Mahmood spoke as special guests. Landless leader Pran Krishna Das, Char Borhan leader Md Idris Kha, Md Sahidul Islam, South Char Shahjalal landless leader Md Ashraf Sikder, UP member Nasima Begum, North Charshahjalal landless leader Abdur Razzak Howlader, Abdul Khalek Sardar, Mokhles Uddin,, Chohrab Hussain Howlader, Md Shah Alam Kha, Sagar Ali Palawan, Md Chohrab Bayati, landless leader Manuja Begum, Beauty Begum, Kulsoom Begum, landless leader of Charhadi Zakir Howlader, Rahim Muslim, Tara Begum, leader of Char Ghurni Md Hiron, Moklesur of Arzbegi, Rahman, Maqbul Hossain, Khursida Begum, spoke, among others.



At the end of the rally, the 10-member landless representative team presented a memorandum signed by 900 landless families and 6-point demands to the Honorable Prime Minister through the Upazila Executive Officer, Dashmina, Patuakhali.

The speakers in the rally immediately called for the cancellation of fake settlements created in Charshahjalal, Charhadi, Charborhan with the help of some dishonest officers and employees of the administration, giving away settlements among the real landless people of the Upazila living in Chars, cancellation of all fake settlements, prosecution of fake settlements providers, identification of Khasland in Upazila, determination of inter-Upazila and inter-district boundaries.

In the speech, the leaders requested the honorable Prime Minister's intervention to resolve the crisis created due to the fake settlement and to take immediate steps to maintain peace and order in

various areas including Charshahjalal.

Bangladesh Krishok Federation President Comrade Badrul Alam said in his speech that there are more than 50 Lakh acres of Khasland land in the country. In order to protect the rights of the landless in this land, the agricultural land settlement and management committee should be activated in the whole country and necessary measures should be taken. He also said that land is the source of people's livelihood. The land guarantees food sovereignty of people. So any kind of corruption and manipulation with land will not be tolerated. The government has to solve the corruption and irregularities that have taken place in North Shahjalal; for some dishonest officials and employees of the government are involved in it. He also urged to stop all kinds of land related irregularities through strong movement across the country. He called for a strong land movement to demand food sovereignty nationwide.



General Secretary Zayed Iqbal Khan said in his speech that the complex related to the land tenure of North Charshahjalal has been going on for a long time. The government can solve it if it wants. But vested interests have kept the problem alive for decades. Even though we continue to try to solve it in an organizational manner, there is still no solution due to the lack of goodwill of the local administration. He sought the direct intervention of the Honorable Prime Minister in this regard.

Claims mentioned in the memorandum:

- 1) Landless families of Dashmina Upazila should be given Khasland settlement;
- 2) Landless families who have been living in Char Shahjalal for 31 years should be given Khasland settlement;
- 3) False settlement of special land should be cancelled;
- 4) In various areas including Charshahjalal, fake settlement providers should be prosecuted;
- 5) Upazila char areas and all Khaslands of the mainland should be identified;
- 6) Inter sub-district and inter-district boundaries should be determined.

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