



# **NGO NETWORK AND FRIENDSHIP MEETING**

## **Current Status in Working Conditions in Bangladesh**



# **Working Conditions: Determinants**

- **Political**
- **Security**
- **Economic & Social**
- **Environmental**

# Political Conditions:

- Political situation is now very conducive. Bangladesh is by and large peaceful and stable now.
- Next general elections would be held in December 2018 or January 2019.
- Election Commission is holding dialogue with all the stakeholders including political parties, civil society representatives, media, etc. targeting reforms in electoral process for free, fair and inclusive general elections.
- All major political parties participated in all local government elections held in recent months.

# Security Conditions:

- 'Zero-tolerance' policy to counter terrorism and violent extremism.
- Strong legal and regulatory regime, including sustained cooperation/ collaboration with neighbours and international partners.
- Bangladesh is a committed party to UNSG's Counter Terrorism Strategy.
- Bangladesh has formulated National Counter Terrorism Strategy, which is in implementation under the National Task Force chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- Bangladesh is currently one of the pilot countries of Geneva-based Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund), where civil society, government and the local communities are working together to prevent radicalization.
- The terrorist attacks at Holey Artisan Cafe in Dhaka on 1 July 2016 is under investigation. As per internal investigation/assessment, no evidence found on any ISIS establishment/ structure in Bangladesh.
- The government has initiated different measures to create awareness among students, teachers, religious clerics, and people of all walks of life against the ideology of terrorism and violent extremism.
- The law enforcement agencies have thwarted few terrorist attempts of the home-grown radicals by way of neutralizing, arrests of the radical elements and they remain alert with enhanced intelligence network to thwart any such attempts in future.
- Bangladesh government is committed to continuing work towards promoting secular, pluralist and non-communal values and principles across all spheres of our society to counter extremism narratives.

# Economic & Social Conditions:

- Bangladesh has emerged as a “development surprise” in terms of GDP growth and socio-economic parameters.
- Bangladesh has already graduated to a lower middle-income country from a low income one and aspires to become a middle income country by 2021 and a developed country by 2041.
- Bangladesh has achieved almost all the MDGs and is determined to achieve SDGs as well.
- Bangladesh economy has emerged as one of the most sustained growth economy in the world. The economy grew at an average rate of 6.20% over the last decade.
- The GDP growth picked up to 7.11% in 2015-16 and 7.24% in 2016-17 (est.).
- Per capita income reached US\$ 1602 in 2016-17 (est.), which was only US\$ 543 in 2005-06.
- Several transformational projects including 6.15 kms long Padma Bridge, 2400 MW Ruppur nuclear power plant and other large coal-based power plants, Pyra deep sea port, Dhaka Metro Rail, Dhaka Elevated Expressway, Karnaphuli River Tunnel, Bangabandhu Satellite, etc.

# Environmental Conditions:

- One of the most vulnerable countries facing negative impact of global warming and climate change.
- Bangladesh is formulating National Adaptation Plan, incorporating long-term adaptation strategies to address climate change impacts.
- Bangladesh has initiated Climate Change Trust Fund with own resources. Different projects related to climate change adaptation are being implemented under this Fund.
- Flood is almost a regular phenomenon in Bangladesh. Every year at least 22% of our land area is inundated. But in case of a severe flood (generally once in every ten years), around 66% of our area is inundated.
- Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 is expected to address environmental conditions including climate change impacts, floods, etc. in the long-run.



**Thank You**