

Industrial Safety in the Readymade Garment Sector: A Developing Country Perspective

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Abstract

The readymade garment (RMG) sector has been playing an important role in the overall economic development of Bangladesh. In the post-quota globalized world, issues relating to social compliance have become increasingly important in the export-oriented RMG Sector. With the collapse of the Savar Spectrum Sweater factory, the Phoenix Fabrics Mill Ltd., the fire at KTS Fabrics Mills and Chowdhury Knitwear Garments, industrial health and safety issues have been identified as a burning issue in the RMG sector and lots of pressure have been imposed on industry proprietors as well as on the government regarding the safety of workers and their overall welfare. This study presents an overview of the safety issues in the RMG industry of Bangladesh. Relevant factual cases support our analysis of the industry's safety scenario as a whole. Some of our thoughts and findings are followed by a set of recommendations and conclusions.

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