

Unpaid wage woes spark protest in Sitra as authorities intervene

Workers of a well-known construction company allege non-payment of wages for five months



Workers in their uniform taking part in a protest yesterday in Sitra



- **Over 340 workers took part in the protest**

- **The company also allegedly not granted vacation**

- **Embassies, Labour court register complaints**

- **Most workers were with the company for over 20 years**

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Hundreds of workers staged a protest yesterday at a prominent

construction company in the Kingdom, demanding immediate payment of their pending wages in Sitra.

The situation escalated as police intervened and removed the protesters from the location. The workers were advised by the police officers to file complaints against the company before being taken to the station.

The protest saw the participation of over 340 workers who claimed non-payment of salaries for the past five months.

When contacted by *The Daily Tribune*, some of the workers expressed their dire circumstances, stating that they are facing extreme difficulties in meeting basic needs like food and water due to the outstanding wage issue. They shared that they have been relentlessly pursuing

“During today’s protest, the police escorted a group of five to six protestors to the police station, where they recorded their complaints. The authorities have assured them of a response by the following week

A PROTESTING WORKER

the payment for the past five months, either in full or permission to resign and leave the country.

It was learned that a majority of the striking workers have been associated with the company for over 20 years.

One protesting worker, a Pakistani national, revealed that he had not received wages from

January to April.

He mentioned that some workers have already quit their jobs, “but are still waiting for their pay.”

Furthermore, the company also allegedly denied vacation requests made by employees.

The worker claimed that they had reported the issue to the police a few weeks ago, but no

action was taken.

Following yesterday’s incident, the police escorted five or six workers to the station and registered their complaints, according to the worker’s account provided to *The Daily Tribune*. Police officers, he told *The Daily Tribune*, have promised a response in a week.

He further said the Paki-

stani embassy has also stepped in to assist. “They have asked us to email all the issues and the names of the affected workers.”

Similarly, the embassies of India and Bangladesh have taken action after receiving complaints from their nationals.

In addition, a complaint was lodged at the labour court yesterday.

“We hope to get a response in the upcoming week,” he said. The protesting workers, however, acknowledged the support received from government officials but emphasised the need for a prompt resolution to this issue.

The Daily Tribune’s attempted to contact the company officials by phone but received no response.



Minister of Health, Dr Jalila bint Al-Sayed Jawad Hassan, yesterday emphasised the urgent need to address the issue of obesity during an international gathering focused on the World Health Organisation’s (WHO) strategy to combat obesity. The minister stressed Bahrain’s commitment to tackling this challenge in alignment with the goals of development, during the event took place on the sidelines of the 76th session of the World Health Assembly at the Palace of Nations in Geneva. With over 100 participants from around the globe, the function commenced with speeches from delegates from Bahrain, Seychelles, Portugal, and the Philippines.

Ministry announces vaccinations, awareness programmes for pilgrims

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The Ministry of Health has announced its initiative to provide preventive vaccinations and awareness programmes to all Bahraini pilgrims before their departure to the holy sites.

This significant step is in line with the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Highness Royal Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Dr Waleed Khalifa Al Manea, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health, made this announcement during a workshop organised by the Ministry under the theme “We care about your health, you complete your pilgrimage.”

The workshop was attended by administrators, paramedics, and chefs of the official Hajj campaigns for this year.

Key figures present at the event included Shaikh Adnan Al Qattan, Chairman of Bahrain’s Hajj Mission, Khalid Al Maloud,



Participants during the workshop

Secretary-General of Bahrain’s Hajj Mission, and Dr Ibrahim Obaid, who heads the Bahrain

Medical Hajj Mission’s coordinating and medical committees. The workshop aimed to en-

hance the competence of medical personnel involved in the Hajj campaigns and emphasised the collaboration between the medical committee of Bahrain’s Hajj mission and the medical cadres in the campaigns.

Dr. Al Manea highlighted that the Ministry has established a medical committee within Bahrain’s Hajj mission to deliver healthcare and treatment services.

The workshop provided valuable lectures to the medical staff on various topics, including managing cases of hypoglycemia, diabetic foot, high blood pressure, and heart attacks. Discussions also encompassed the proper storage of medications and insulin needles during Hajj, the significance of infectious disease control and vaccinations, as well as guidelines for handling cases of heat exhaustion, sunstroke, joint pain, and ensuring food safety in terms of preservation, preparation, and transportation.