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35 detained Bangladeshis in Texas end hunger strike


Star Online Report

Bangladeshi asylum seekers have ended a near week-long hunger strike at the El Paso detention centre in Texas protesting their potential deportation.

They began to eat from Tuesday following negotiation between local Bangladesh mission and US’ Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
Md Shamsul Alam Chowdhury, minister (consular) of the mission, led the negotiation that took place on Monday and Tuesday, a press release from Bangladesh embassy in Washington said.

A total of 35 Bangladeshis were among the 41 South Asian nationals detained in the El Paso centre. They were on hunger strike for six days.

Release of all the detainees being held at the detention centre will be released by November 15 upon fulfillment of some legal procedures, the press release said.

The conditions of their release were:

1. All the detainees must have some ID card/legal documents/passport duly authenticated by Bangladesh Embassy. It is said to be already under process and will be done by October 22.

2. Each detainee must have a credible sponsor. Most of the detainees provided the names of their sponsors and the Minister (Consular) managed some sponsors from the Bangladesh community leaders from different locations on the spot through telephone. ICE will verify the status of the sponsors by October 23.

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Md. Shamsul Alam Chowdhury, Minister (Consular) of the Bangladesh Embassy led the trouble-shooting mission and put an end to the hunger strike following hectic negotiations with representatives of the ICE/DHS authority on October 19-20.

Following decisions were agreed upon by the two sides at 3:30 pm (3:30 am BDT) on October 20.

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However, there will be some legal issues concerning 17 detainees who have been already issued with the “final removal order” by the El Paso Immigration Judge.
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   c. All detainees undergoing hunger strike must be physically fit before release. The Minister (Consular) along with the representatives of ICE/DHS HQ and El Paso Detention Center Authority met the detainees undergoing hunger strikes and appraised them about the decisions. Mr. Chowdhury talked to them, emotionally motivated them and personally fed them to break their hunger strike. He also purchased cakes, sweets and cookies for them to feed them to break their hunger strike.

The six-day hunger strike was over at 6:20 pm (BDT 6:23 am) on October 20. Earlier, the ICE authority during the meeting on October 20 at El Paso detention Center demanded the followings:

1. To issue the travel documents for all the detainees of El Paso including the persons not taking part in hunger strike. It may please be noted that there are total 48 detainees presently held at El Paso detention center.
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Dhaka, Thursday, **October 22, 2015**

**Bangladeshi detainees' Hunger strike ends in Texas**

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In the discussion, two sides agreed that the release of all 48 detainees will gradually take place from October 26 from El Paso detention Center and will be completed by November 15. However, there will be some legal issues concerning 17 detainees who have been already issued with the "final removal order" by the El Paso Immigration Judge.

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শীর্ষ নিউজ ডেস্ক: যুক্তরাষ্ট্রের টেক্সাস অঙ্গরাজ্যের এল পাসো ডিটেনশন সেন্টারে অনশন করা ৪৮ জন বাংলাদেশি শর্তসাপক্ষে মুক্তি পাচ্ছেন।

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