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Rana Plaza and Tazreen claims programs: New models for mass claims processing

Dr. Mojtaba Kazazi, a former judge of the High Court of Tehran and Executive Commissioner for Rana Plaza and Tazreen claims scheme said that the experience of dealing with mass claims for Rana Plaza and Tazreen victims has shown the importance of documentation through making proper lists and identifying the nature of disabilities and losses resulted from the accident in order to properly address claims. Sharing his insight at a seminar titled "Rana Plaza and Tazreen claims programs: New models for mass claims processing" organized by The Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) on 15 February, 2016 at the Arbitration Room of the Supreme Court Bar Association, Dr. Mojtaba Kazazi said the process of making these claims has set a worldwide precedent.

The global and local collective efforts to provide relief to the victims of the Rana Plaza building collapse and the Tazreen factory fire in a transparent and consistent manner, led to the creating of two claims programmes in Dhaka: the Rana Plaza Claims Administration and the Tazreen Claims Administration. Dr. Mojtaba Kazazi shared his experience on dealing with the consideration and settlements of the complaints made by the victims of Rana Plaza destruction and Tazreen fire incidents. In addition he discussed the various aspects of section 121 of ILO convention as relevant to making mass claims.

Dr. Kamal Hossain also gave a presidential speech during the seminar stating that the steps that were taken to give remedies to the victims of Tazreen and Rana Plaza incidents are positive ones. He recommended we use this experience to make mass claims in relation to the victims of road accidents and shipwrecks.

Moreover, Advocate Idrisur Rahman, Professor Heather Goldsmith, Dr, Uttam Kumr Das (ILO), Barrister Maksud and Barrister Shahriar Shakur, many other lawyers of Supreme Court, Labour Law specialist, human rights' workers, academics and journalists were also present in the seminar.

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