

'MAKE ADB ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE'

Press Release

Human Chain

Against

The Anti-people and Anti-Environment Policies of ADB

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Today, Peoples' Voice on ADB has organized a Human Chain at Picture Palace Crossing (the center Point of the divisional city) of Khulna from 9:30 am to 10:00 am. Around 300 people for all level including human rights activists, trade union leaders, peasant leaders, advocates, teachers, students, peoples' representatives, and representatives form ADB project affected areas, woman representatives and journalists actively participated in the Human Chain.



At the beginning of the Human chain, Ashraf-ul-Alam Tutu, the Member Secretary of Peoples' Voice on ADB and Coordinator of Coastal Development Partnership expressed deep condolence on behalf of all participants at the untimely demise of the Country Director of ActionAid Bangladesh, Nasreen Pervin Huq. Mr. Alam reminisced that Ms. Nasreen was always defendant against injustice and she had contributed greatly to the field of women's rights and development in Bangladesh and other parts

of the world. He added that sudden demise of this devoted social activists would create a vacuum in the development arena. All the participants of the human chain put on BLACK BADGE in order to express their deep mourning at the sudden demise of Ms. Nasreen.

Mr. Alam, the Member Secretary of "Peoples' Voice on ADB" told in her solidarity speech in the human chain " The role of ADB in the economy of Bangladesh is important. But the projects of ADB are used to be designed and implement without reliable impact assessments and without the participation of the community. As a result, the project failed to achieve its objectives and exhibit a clear departure from the norms set by ADB itself as well. Hence the projects have succeeded only in prolonging the sufferings of the people. The 39th AGM of ADB is going to be held in Hyderabad, India. Representatives from Bangladesh will participate in the meeting and will raise their voices against the anti-people and anti-environment policies and projects of ADB. The participants will also claim their demands.



" He, on behalf of Peoples' Voice on ADB, called for action against the Anti-people and Anti-Environment Policies of ADB.

Besides, in the human chain Mr. Shaikh Abdul Jalil, Peasant Leader; Ms. Merina Juthi, women representative; Mr. S.M Salim Bulbul, Director, Conscience; Ms. Ruma Khatun, Ward Commissioner, Khulna City Corporation; and Mr. Babul Halder, BELA also deliver their solidarity speech claiming to make ADB accountable to the People.

2,000 leaflets were distributed in the human chain.

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