

Dhaka, KL sign MoU to recruit BD workers in Malaysia

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Dhaka: Bangladesh and Malaysia on December 19 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the purpose of employing Bangladeshi workers in the southeast Asian country.

The agreement was signed in the capital of Malaysia Kuala Lumpur on December 19 by Malaysia's Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri M Saravanan and Bangladesh's Expatriate Welfare Minister Imran Ahmad.

Bangladesh High Commissioner to Malaysia Md Golam Sarwar, Labour Councilors Md Zahirul Islam and Md Hedayetul Islam, among others, attended the signing ceremony.

Earlier, Minister Imran Ahmad landed at Kuala Lumpur airport at 5:00 am (local time) on December 19. This MoU is a follow-up to the approval of Cabinet Meeting, according to the press release of Malaysia's ministry of human resources.

The previous MoU expired on February 17, 2021. This new MoU will be effective for five years till December 2026.

This MoU outlines the responsibilities of the Malaysian and Bangladeshi governments, including employers and employees from both countries, as well as agency responsibilities.

A joint working group made up of representatives from both countries will oversee the MoU's implementation, the release said.

As of November 30, 2021, 326,669 Bangladeshi workers are employed in Malaysia, with the majority working in the manufacturing (111,694) and construction (136,897) industries.

The signing of this MoU is expected to address the urgent need for foreign employment, particularly in the plantation sector, which has already been approved as a special exception by the Malaysian Cabinet for 32,000 people.