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'I WAS PAINTING IN PAIN' (Bal Krishna Gautam)

After his agriculture shop bankrupt, indebted Bal Krishna Gautam—10 years working as a painter in Nepal—decided to work as a painter abroad. Although his previous medical test said that he was unfit for working in Malaysia, he was able to get permit to work in Qatar through Manpower agency named Job P*****t Services Pvt Ltd. This agency supplying professional, skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers from Nepal to clients in 18 countries from Malaysia to USA, and from Europe to Qatar. There are 15 companies in Qatar hire migrant workers from this agency (See in Box);

QATAR

01. National Projects & General Services
02. Tyseer Co. W.L.L.
03. Kettaneh Construction W.L.L.
04. Abdulla Nass Group Co.
05. Black Cat Engineering & Construction W.L.L.
06. Hamad Bin Khalid Contracting Company W.L.L.
07. Al Mana Contracting W.L.L.
08. F & B Contracting Company
09. Al Jabor Trading & Contracting Co.
10. H.B.K Contracting Company
11. Black Cat Engineering
12. Abdullah Nass Group
13. F & B Contracting Company
14. Al Manna Contracting
15. Al Jabor Trading And Contracting Co.

He departed to Qatar on 29 January 2013 and stayed in a room with 5 others workers. His passport kept by the employer and replaced by Qatari ID. The employer tried to deduct his salary from 1.100 to 1.000 Qatari Riyal and didn't pay overtime allowance although it was clearly written in the job contract. When his employer angry, he will postpone the payment of salary to the workers.

Bal said that *'one of the big problems for the workers is we have to hold our need to urinate due to harsh working time and lack of toilets. We have to drink a lot because of the temperature is very hot, but at the other side we can't urinate. Therefore, I think this is the reason why many of the workers have suffer from kidney problems'.*

As Nepali migrant workers, I also feel discriminated compare to migrant workers coming from other countries. One time, I had an accident at work which cause a fracture in my hand.

I went to the doctor, but the doctor didn't write in the medical record that I need to take a rest to recover my hand, so the company asking me to keep on working. *'My hand was very painful but I have to keep painting'* said Bal Krishna.

I'm working for Talween Center

(*تلوين سنتر*) in Doha, a reputable Company specifically dealing with arts & designs, and concentrates on decorative paints targeting the quality market in Qatar. It is the sole distributor of Al-Jazeera Paints which is the leading paint manufacturer in the Gulf countries.

After working for 2 years, I decided to go back to Nepal on 11 April 2015. I have enough working in Qatar. I feel so much pain not only for myself but also to see my Nepali friends being suffered in Qatar.

Testimony of Bal Krishna was collected during the workshop 'Labour Migration to Qatar', Kathmandu, 26-29 June 2015, participated by returnee mi-

Workshop 'Labor migration to Qatar', Kathmandu, 26-29 June 2015



'although India is the biggest sending migrant workers to Qatar, the government of India was not consider it as an important issue. They knew that 279 migrant workers already died in Qatar, only in 2014. It's a man-made tragedy that could have been avoided, but they keep on silent', said Sis Valarmathi from NDWM Tamil Nadu (National Domestic Workers Movement) and bro Kankarao from CFTUI (Confederation of Free Trade Union of India).



grants, organizations from India (NDWM & CFTUI) & Nepal (GEFONT, CUPPEC, NTUC, CAWUN), BWI Nepal Affiliates Council, NIWIDA Co, CESLAM, FEPB, Media Plus & supported by ACV Bie & WSM Belgium.

Nuraini' case: 1^{1/2} year fighting for access to medical treatment

Medical treatment for Nuraini at Police Hospital after months of struggle



Nuraini' parents (seen in picture) who came far from a remote district of Sumbawa, West Nusa Tenggara, tirelessly seeking justice for their daughter – Nuraini- since January 2014

finally responded by BNP2TKI (a state institution responsible for placement and protection of migrant workers), by being responsible for her medical treatment. Nuraini who worked

as a migrant domestic worker in Kuwait for 10 years without salary, came home paralyze and traumatic after trafficked and legs tied for months. The Police Hospital diagnosis said that her disease is not *osteosarcoma* (bone cancer), but a type of *muscle atrophy* (muscle wasting because of disease or injury that makes it difficult to move arm or leg) and it can be cured after surgery and few months of physiotherapy & psychotherapy.

KSBSI and SBMI filed the Comments to the ILO Committee of Experts based on the ILO Constitution Article 23 regarding the failure of the Government of Indonesia and Kuwait to ensure the effective observance of Convention 29 and 105 on 'Abolition of Force Labour' for Indonesian migrant domestic workers working in Kuwait. Nuraini' case is one example of thousands of similar cases which don't appear in public.