



on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh

SAFETY NOTIFICATION TO WORKERS IN JONAYID SWEATER LINK

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The Accord is a legal agreement between international garment brands and unions that represent workers. The purpose of the Accord is to protect the safety of garment workers by inspecting factory buildings, identifying risks to worker safety, and making sure that factory owners eliminate these risks by renovating and repairing the buildings.

The Accord inspected Jonayid Sweater Link for fire, electrical and structural safety on 26th February 2017. The factory Jonayid Sweater Link was escalated to stage 3 through group notice under Accord Article 21 together with all the factories under the same ownership as Mahid Apparel Ltd., an Accord factory which was escalated to stage 3 for failure to implement workplace safety measures.

As a result, Accord signatory brands will no longer do business with Jonayid Sweater Link and the Accord will no longer monitor remediation at this factory. The Accord therefore wants to inform all workers at Jonayid Sweater Link about the outstanding remediation works that may pose a safety hazard for the workers.

At the time of escalation, the following remediation works were incomplete at Jonayid Sweater Link:

- Fire separation between the exit stairs and the working areas. As a result, in case of a fire incident, fire could spread quickly through the factory.
- Safe installation and maintenance of electrical equipment and wiring. This could create serious electrical hazards in the factory which might lead to fire incidents.
- Structural retrofitting. This could result in the failure of the structure and injuries to workers.

If workers choose not to work at Jonayid Sweater Link because they notice any safety risks, or if Jonayid Sweater Link closes, the brands that have signed the Accord will make an effort to help workers find jobs at nearby factories that are safe. There is no guarantee that a job will be available, but the brands will try to assist.

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Also, the government of Bangladesh has established a helpline for RMG workers at: 0800-4455000. There is no charge for calling this number.

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