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**IMA Research Foundation-Bangladesh** has become a regular member of **IMA (International Migrant Alliance)**, a founding assembly call which consists of 81 members from 5 continents across the world for fighting migrant's rights which took place in Hong Kong from 13<sup>th</sup> June to 18<sup>th</sup> June of 2008. IMA Research Foundation-Bangladesh would like express its solidarity on Empower migrant workers, immigrants, and refugees through their self organization, help in their program for education, organization and mobilization, to struggle for their rights and welfare, and to challenge imperialist globalization.

The deepening crisis of world capitalism viciously exploits and oppresses millions of people in the world. Imperialist plunder, war and terror victimize, kill and displace whole families, communities, and nations, especially women and children. Desperate with the failure of "free-market globalization" to ease their own crises, imperialist powers terrorize peoples through wars of aggression and fascism.

The current neo-liberal globalization strategies as implemented by neocolonial states and puppet regimes cause and exacerbate poverty, hunger, landlessness, unemployment, economic and financial crises in many oppressed and underdeveloped countries which in turn breeds unbridled forced migration and displacement of peoples in the world. These internal conditions leave the people of oppressed and underdeveloped countries, poverty-stricken and persecuted, without any option: migrate or leave their country and family in order to be safe and survive.

Being forced to migrate and displaced, these peoples bear insufferable conditions and attacks on their rights and welfare. They are regarded as cheap labor and as a very lucrative business for recruiters and governments of sending and receiving countries. Through the various strategies of labor-export by sending countries, migrants are turned into commodities for export in exchange for foreign-exchange revenues to curb their countries' trade and budget deficits and pay for ever-increasing foreign loans.

In host countries, they are the most lowly-paid and exploited workers. They are made targets of discrimination and hate. Imperialist states tell their workers and people that im/migrants and refugees are the source of their own domestic crises. They are made scapegoats of the effects of ruthless neo-liberal policies by claiming that migrants steal local workers' jobs and feed off welfare funds.

In general, migrants - whether legal or undocumented, temporary or residents, guest workers and refugees - are subjected to threats of and actual arrests, detention and deportation. The rights of undocumented migrants, including their children, more so their existence, are not even recognized. Making them the most vulnerable group of migrants, they are criminalized and subjected to harsh and inhumane treatment in violation of international labor and humanitarian standards.

**IMA Research Foundation-Bangladesh** strongly denounces of expose and oppose labor export policies which institutionalize the commoditization of labor and consequent abuse of migrant workers. As well, we demand for thorough going socio-economic reforms that will create decent jobs and promote equity in Bangladesh. Despite records amount of remittances are receiving from Migrants, Their rights should immediately solved. Migrants are our national hero, IMA salutes them wholeheartedly.

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