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Savar Building Collapse

Germany to provide 2.5m Euros for job reintegration

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As a part of its long-term engagement in the garment sector of Bangladesh, the German government will provide 2.5 million Euros for a project giving job reintegration support to those who have become disabled in the collapse of the nine-storey Rana Plaza in Savar.

The project styled “Promotion of Social and Environmental Standards in the Industry” is being implemented by the German Development Organisation (GIZ) and the Ministry of Commerce of Bangladesh.

The project is to ensure job reintegration support for those who lost limbs or sustained permanent physical disabilities in the Savar building collapse.

In addition, the project will expand its support to other disabled garment workers who were injured in industrial accidents, said a press release of the German embassy yesterday.

The GIZ project complements the fast track initiative taken by the German government and implemented by the German Red Cross in association with the International Committee of the Red Cross for immediate health rehabilitation measures of disabled victims of Savar building collapse.

“Countless people and their families have experienced inexpressible suffering due to this catastrophe in Savar,” said Dirk Niebel, German minister for economic cooperation and development.

“Many of them [Savar victims] have sustained disabilities and lifelong health injuries; we should not abandon them,” he stressed.

“So, I have decided to provide an amount of 2.5 million Euros for additional job integration measures for people with disabilities in the context of the on-going GIZ project Promotion of Social and Environmental Standards in the Industry,” he said.

GIZ, working in this domain since 2005, has gained ample experience in integrating female workers with disabilities, through job related training, in the

RMG sector.

The new component will be implemented in cooperation with CBM (Christoffel Blindenmission), an international development organisation committed to improving the situation of persons with disabilities and those at risk of disability based in Dhaka.