Rajendra Kumar Mandal from Nepal’s Saptari district, went to Qatar in 2018. His family paid around NPR 100,000 to a recruitment agency to get him there. His work permit indicates he was a heavy vehicle driver employed by the Reliable Transport Contracting Services and earned QR3500 a month.

But his son, Ramsagar Mandal, contradicts the documents. “My dad worked in a construction site, as a marble foreman,” said Ramsagar. “He would get much less salary than he was told... around NPR40,000 (QR1200).”

In March 2020, Rajendrra fell from the roof of the building he was working on, according to his colleagues. After his demise, his wife received no compensation from Qatar, except his unpaid salary and end of service benefits (NPR250,000). Rajendra’s family, who were informed about his death by a Nepali co-worker, received his body after nearly three months.