



Tahmina Mostafa, director of the Meghna Group of Industries (MGI), and Sarwat Siraj, executive chairperson of Bangladesh Cancer Aid Trust, exchange documents after signing a deal at the group's head office in Dhaka on Saturday. Fresh Drinking Water will support the community-based, voluntary organisation for a year. The trust runs education, advocacy and service programmes on the diseases.

Bangladesh loses \$703m a year to tax abuse by multinationals, individuals

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While higher-income countries lose more tax to global tax abuse, the report shows that tax losses bear much greater consequences in lower-income countries.
Higher-income countries altogether lose over \$382 billion every year, whereas lower-income countries lose \$45 billion. However, lower-income countries' tax losses are equivalent to nearly 52 per cent of their combined public health budgets. In contrast, higher-income countries' tax losses are equivalent to 8 per cent of their combined public health budgets.
Assessing which countries are most responsible for global tax abuse, the State of Tax Justice 2020 provides the strongest evidence to date that the greatest enablers of global tax abuse are the rich countries at the heart of the global economy and their dependencies – not the countries that appear on the EU's highly politicised tax haven blacklist or the small palm-fringed islands of popular belief. Higher-income countries are responsible for 98 per cent of countries' tax losses, costing nations around the world over \$419 billion in lost tax every year. Lower-income countries are responsible for just 2 per cent, costing countries over \$8 billion in lost tax every year.
The five jurisdictions most responsible for countries' tax losses are British Territory Cayman (responsible for 16.5 per cent of global tax losses, equal to over \$70 billion), the UK (10 per cent; over \$42 billion), the Netherlands (8.5 per cent; over \$36 billion), Luxembourg (6.5 per cent; over \$27 billion) and the US (5.53 per cent; over \$23 billion).
In a press release, Alex Cobham, chief executive of the Tax Justice Network, said: "A global tax system that loses over \$427 billion a year is not a broken system, it's a system

programmed to fail."
"Under pressure from corporate giants and tax haven powers like the Netherlands and the UK's network, our governments have programmed the global tax system to prioritise the desires of the wealthiest corporations and individuals over the needs of everybody else. The pandemic has exposed the grave cost of turning tax policy into a tool for indulging tax abusers instead of for protecting people's wellbeing."
"Now more than ever, we must reprogramme our global tax system to prioritise people's health and livelihoods over the desires of those bent on not paying tax."
The report called on governments to take three actions to tackle global tax abuse.
One of the actions is to introduce an excess profit tax on multinational corporations making excess profits during the pandemic, such as global digital companies, to cut through profit shifting abuses.
"Multinational corporations' excess profit would be identified at the global level, not the national level, to prevent corporations from underreporting their profits by shifting them into tax havens, and taxed using a unitary tax method."
It suggested the introduction of a wealth tax to fund the Covid-19 response and address the long-term inequalities the pandemic has exacerbated, with punitive rates for opaquely owned offshore assets and a commitment between governments to eliminate this opacity.
It called for establishing a UN tax convention to ensure a global and genuinely representative forum to set consistent, multilateral standards for corporate taxation, for the necessary tax cooperation between governments, and to deliver comprehensive, multilateral tax transparency.

EBL's profits double

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The bank's stocks closed 1.12 per cent lower at Tk 35.30 on the Dhaka Stock Exchange yesterday.
This year the whole banking sector witnessed profits despite the lower lending rate regime, largely because of Bangladesh Bank's policy support, said stock investor Arif Hossain, who has been involved in the stock business since 1994.
The government fixed 9 per cent lending rate and 6 per cent deposit rate for the sake of industrialisation. The rates came into effect on April 1.
The central bank allowed borrowers to defer the repayment of instalments for the current year and exempted the loans from being classified. This policy intervention helped reduce provisioning needs for banks.
Many banks will struggle next year but not good banks, Hossain said, adding that EBL had a good track record of providing handsome dividends and he was hopeful of it maintaining its performance.
The bullish stock market helped many banks and non-bank financial institutions attain higher profits this year.
The DSEX, the benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, rose 28 per cent, or 1,130 points in the July-September period. It had dropped 8.1 per cent, or 436 points, in the same period last year.

Denim Expert: a champion in sustainability

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"Suppliers cannot do this alone, and so, help from the buyers is needed to build a good business model with trust and responsibility," he added.
For instance, when the pandemic was at its peak, buyers could have communicated with fabric suppliers suggesting to inform them of any delays in payment so that they could save themselves from losses.
However, international buyers did not communicate with their local suppliers and instead, cancelled work orders amounting to \$3.18 billion citing the Covid-19 fallout.
"Bangladeshi suppliers fell in deep trouble as a result of such bad business behaviour by international retailers and brands," Mostafiz said.
In the traditional business model, sellers have to assume this risk alone while buyers are not responsible.
"Therefore, such a one-sided business model needs to be remodelled to ensure more sustainability for the industry," he added.
Although the economy has somewhat recovered since its reopening in June, Denim Expert is still trying to recover from the losses incurred due to order cancellations.

However, Swedish retail giant H&M has shown a fine example of what a good business partnership should be as it came forward to start sourcing products from Denim Expert during these tough times, said Mostafiz, who began his journey as a denim supplier to European customers in 2009.
Denim Expert differs from its peers in many ways.
For example, a few transgender and disabled people alongside human-trafficking victims are employed in the company's factory, which initially had just 700 workers in 2009.
Some of Mostafiz's buyers cancelled their orders altogether while others are making payments against previous work orders. According to the managing director, there are two important lessons the pandemic has taught him.
First, he was not ready to face so many order cancellations from known buyers while the second is that he was not prepared for natural disasters like the Covid-19.
The future of Bangladesh's denim and garment business is very bright though, as buyers are returning with a lot of work orders since stores have reopened in the western world despite the threat of a potential second wave of infections.

However, competition in the denim goods sector is growing as Pakistan is also strong in this particular field of garments and has its own cotton, something Bangladesh lags behind in.
Regarding the price of garment items, Mostafiz said Bangladeshi apparel suppliers do not get premium prices from buyers due to the absence of good partnerships.
The relationship is restricted to that of just buyers and sellers, and as a result, the buyers do not worry about any disadvantage faced by sellers, he added. Bangladesh is also a global champion in establishing green garment factories. Still, local suppliers do not get premium prices from buyers. This is not just because of weak negotiation skills, but also for the lack of partnerships.
Regarding the WEF award, the managing director said the company was awarded in the "Excellence in Sustainability" category.
"We are proud of our green factories in Bangladesh. We have a lot of achievements in sustainability globally," he said, adding that such awards would help build a positive image of Bangladesh, particularly the country's garment sector.

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4	CCC/S.E Mech/20/17	Supply of Tyre Tube for Compactor & Echar Dump Truck Size-7.00-16.	509798	08/12/2020	09/12/2020	09/12/2020
5	MEVEMS00707	Supply of 50 Nos. Tyre Tube- Size-11.00-20-14.	512494	08/12/2020	09/12/2020	09/12/2020
6	CCC/S.E Mech/20/18	Supply of 50 Nos. Tyre Tube- Size-8.25-20.	512493	08/12/2020	09/12/2020	09/12/2020
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8	MEVEMS00710	Supply of 200 Set Tyre Tube- Size-7.50-16-14.	512633	08/12/2020	09/12/2020	09/12/2020
9	CCC/S.E Mech/20/20	Supply of 84 Nos. Tyre Tube for Departmental Vehicle.	512465	08/12/2020	09/12/2020	09/12/2020
10	CCC/S.E Mech/20/22	Supply of Spear Parts for 33 Nos. Conservancy Vehicle.	512798	08/12/2020	09/12/2020	09/12/2020
11	CCC/S.E Mech/20/24	Supply of Water Pump, Air Compressor, Battery Charger & Filot Gan.	512772	08/12/2020	09/12/2020	09/12/2020
12	MEPRSP00708	Supply of Spear Parts for Double Cabin Pickup.	513561	08/12/2020	09/12/2020	09/12/2020
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14	CCC/S.E Mech/20/23	Supply of Spear Parts for Ambulance Dead Body Career & Microbus Vehicle.	512783	08/12/2020	09/12/2020	09/12/2020
15	METK004010R	Engine Overhauling with Necessary Parts Renew/Repair of Mitsubishi Truck No. 4010.	513568	08/12/2020	09/12/2020	09/12/2020
16	MERPTK00102	Engine Overhauling with Necessary Parts Renew/Repair of ISUZU NKR Truck No. 11-0079.	512630	08/12/2020	09/12/2020	09/12/2020
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