said - "*O, what a fall was there, my countrymen ! Then I and you, and all of us fell down...*" below is a list of some of those who would fall with it:

- Imported components for the Padma Bridge will be without annual US$ 19.10 billion from garment export.
- Local Cosmetics and Saree Industries ('Mala', 'Jhony-Print', etc.) biggest customer garment workers.
- Confectionary and Bakery Shops that flourished in the thousands - the biggest sale for worker's tiffin
- Public transport network –bulk passengers from the garment sector, morning and evening.
- Covered Trucks/Mini Vans, Microbus – designed primarily to serve garment and accessory suppliers.
- Multi-lane Dhaka-Chittagong Highway - not needed as 70 percent traffic originate from garment cargo.
- On-going Khanpur or Pangoan ICDs – should be abandoned as 98 percent garment traffic envisaged.
- Mongla Port - already almost extinct will continue to remain in oblivion.
- Multipurpose Berth (MPB) at Chittagong resurrected by garments will no longer be bursting at the seams.
- Private ICDs suffocating with the run-over of garment containers – will be 99 percent empty.
- Container Trailers, Prime Movers, Mechanical Handling Equipments – will all lie idle.
- Gantry Cranes – newly procured/in pipeline 80 percent users garment – will mostly remain idle.
- Revenue Earnings of Port Authority – nose dive as maximum revenue from garment sector.
- Occupancy at five star Hotels, pipeline Holiday Inn/Marriot etc.-in dire straits as 80 percent directly/indirectly ex-garment.
- Freight and Shipping Companies multi-national and local – 100 percent lured inbound/outbound garment cargo.
- Travel Agencies, Airlines, Cell Phone, T and T, Real Estate, Electricity, ITC and MIS all thrive on garments.
- Multinational Garment Buyers in huge local offices will eclipse and all jobs for locals terminated.
- Banks – will evaporate as major client/sponsor directors ex-garment flourishing even after Hallmark scam.
- 7 new private banks just launched – will not see the light of the day as some Sponsor Directors were ex-garment owners.
- Business Class sales and Travel Tax – the biggest patrons from garments and Biman biggest beneficiary including cargo
- Private airlines will be grounded without this sector.
- Biman's newly acquired wide body aircraft will hardly leave the ground without the garment sector.
- Cargo Village Complex will be rendered extinct as 90 percent cargo traffic to and from Dhaka comes from garments.
- Operation of Freighters and Chartered Freighters will come to a grinding halt without this sector.
- Gas, Electricity and Water in the industrial sector – will be self-sufficient and without garments expansion won't be needed
- Local Electrical item and Cable Industries – will be badly affected.
- Security Companies/Retired Military Personnel will be affected as they are major clients/employers of garments.
- Newsprint and various papers locally produced and imported used for packaging, accessories will close.
- In-bound and major part of Out-bound Traffic in Dry Port like Benapole etc. will fall as 80 percent comes from the garments sector.
- Backward Linkage Industries –like thread, buttons, polybags, plastic products will shut down
- CandF Agents/Forwarders: in the 100s and their staff will face serious problems as 75 percent are garment dependant for import/export
- Courier Services international like DHL, FedEx etc and local like Sunderban etc. will nose dive.
- Printing and Packaging – business will fall as business from garment is their major source of earnings.
- Computer Software for Inventory Control, Attendance, Payroll etc - will nose dive as the garment industry is their main patron.
- Computer Hardware like Computer, CAD, Digitiser, Laser Cutter, Pattern Cutter, etc will be seriously affected
- CCTV, Radio Link, Barcode Printer and Reader, VTS, Team Tracker etc. – major patron is the garment sector.
- Event Management pioneered by the garment sector will be affected seriously.
- Fashion Show and Fashion Designing University pioneered by garments will be affected.
- Waste "Jhoot" business that provides livelihoods to many will disappear.
- Contribution towards internal revenue will drop Corporations and Municipalities in cities, towns and even in remote area earn huge revenue from this sector. Amongst these are Revenue for issuance or renewal of Trade License, Fire License, IRC and ERC, EPB Registration, Customs Scanning Charge, various Port Charges etc.
- Biggest customer for pre-fabricated building structures business is the garment sector.

We are a small country in the midst of giant economies – we should tread with extreme caution. The need of the hour is - responsible utterances and reporting. We must refrain from turning ourselves into a "Vacuum Cleaner" to pick up only the dirt, otherwise the plus side of garments "*will be interred with the bones*".

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