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Private directors, despite owning 56 percent of the shares, do not have a major say, and there is a lack of accountability on the

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The operators themselves maintain a standard in providing quality services, said TIM Nurul Kabir, secretary general of the Association of Mobile Telecom Operators of Bangladesh.

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

A number of western retailers have opened stores in India, which came as a boon for Bangladeshi garment exporters, as the retailers are buying clothing items directly from Bangladesh to sell those in the neighbouring market.

SOURCE: EPB & BGMEA

Retail giant Walmart has already opened stores across the country and several others have followed suit tying up with some local supermarket operators.

SOHEL PARVEZ

A reduced stock of the popular HYV variety BR-29 rice seed at the farmers' end and price reduction by private seed companies are

"Still there are demands for seed up north," said FR Malik, managing director of Mollika Seed Company, adding that companies could exploit the renewed interests of farmers to invest in hybrid rice by supplying increased amount of seeds to the dealers end ahead of the season.

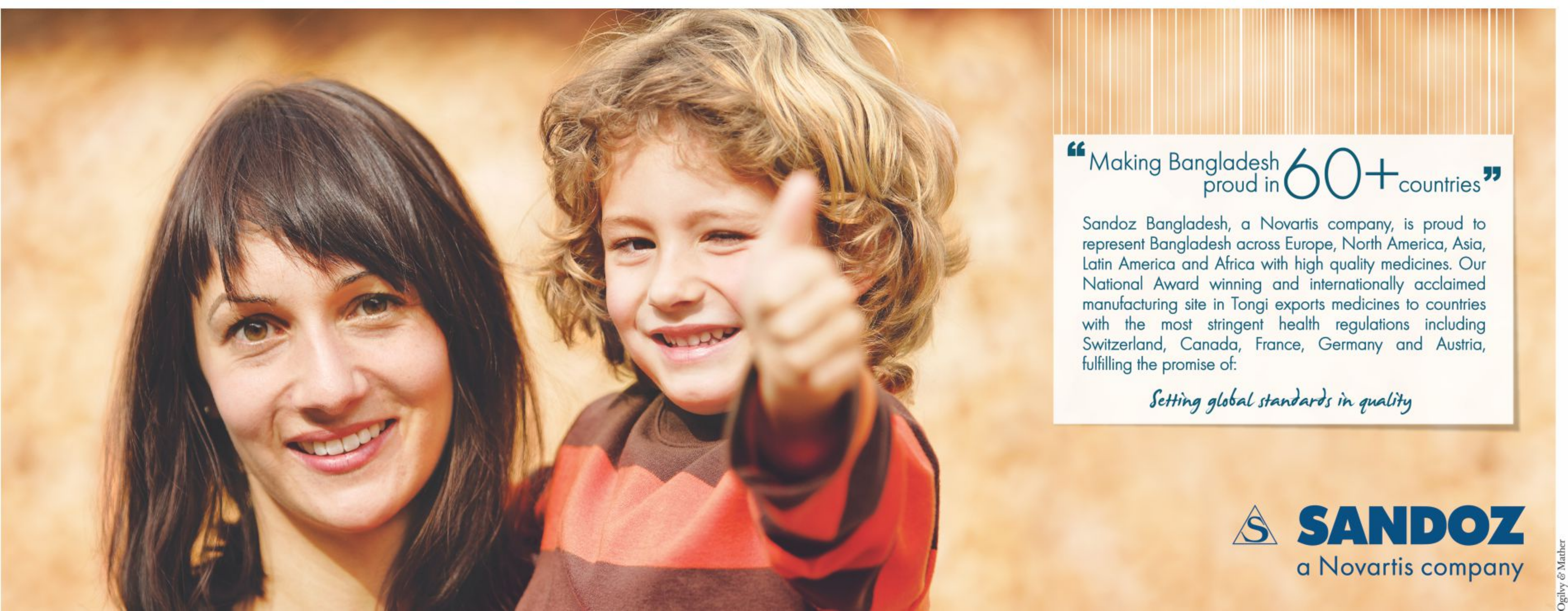


From left, MK Aaref, chief executive officer of EMK Centre; Nash Islam, chief executive officer of Green and Red Technologies; Muhammad Saimum Hossain, chief entrepreneurship officer of Preneurs; and Ahmed Sami, coordinator of LaunchPad Bangladesh, attend the launch of a contest for young entrepreneurs—LaunchPad Bangladesh—at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.

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"We are looking for the five most promising early stage enterprises from all over Bangladesh," said Muhammad Saimum Hossain, chief entrepreneurship officer of Preneurs, a start-up backer and organiser of the competition.

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