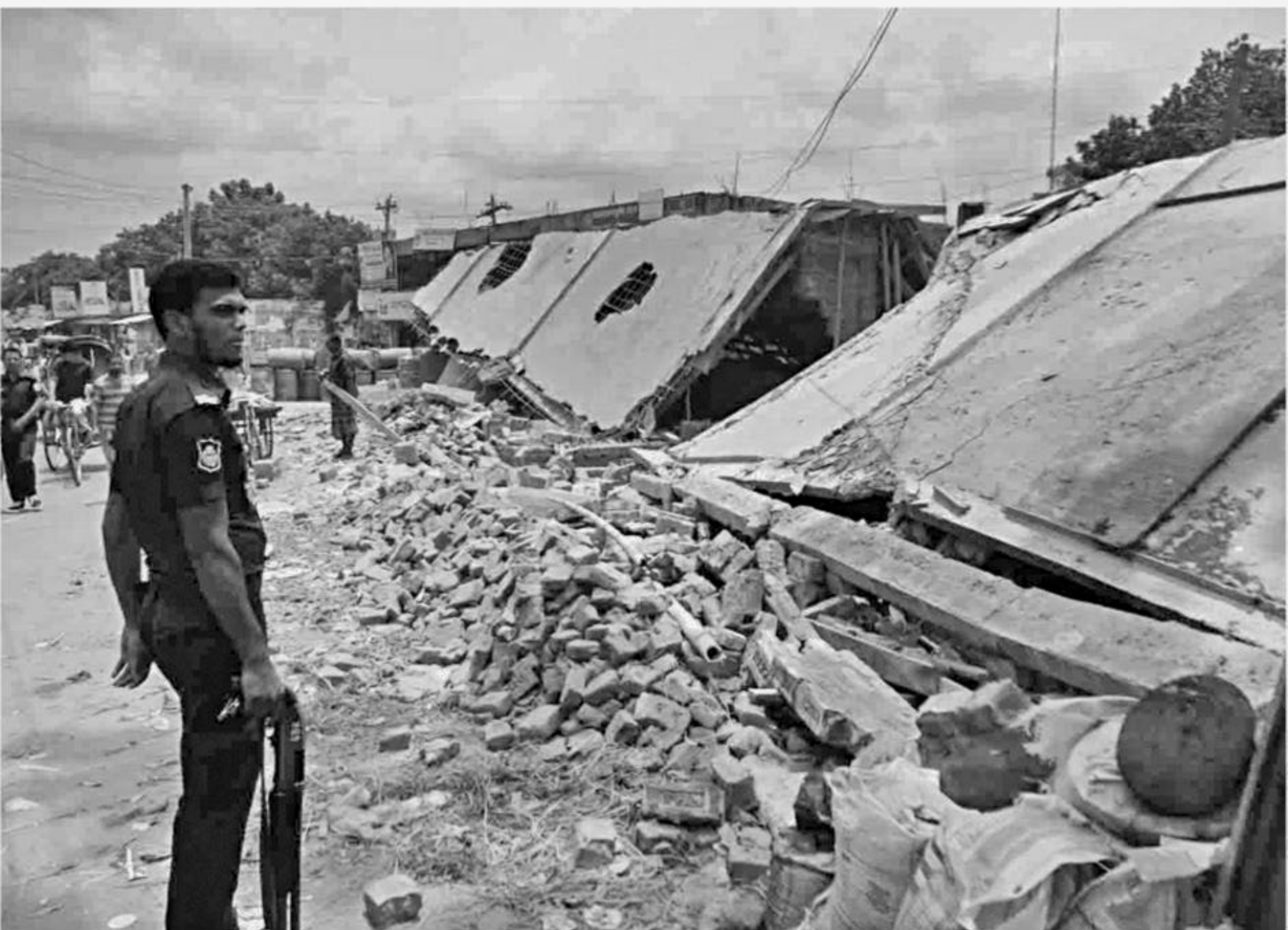




The local administration demolishes an illegally built market on the government land allocated for the post office in Louhajang upazila under Munshiganj district yesterday.

Trafficked, 8 Tangail men in Indian jail for 9 months

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Eight people from Mirzapur and Delduar upazilas under the district have been languishing in jail at Dinajpur Balughat in India for the last nine months after brokers trafficked them there in the name of sending to Maldives for job.

The victims are Ripon Miah, 30, Mohammad Sabuj, 26, Babul Miah, 35, and Joynal Miah, 43, of Fotepur village, Mohammad Sohel, 28, of Adabari village, Julhas Miah, 35, of Mohera village, Alamgir Hossain, 26, of Dhalla village in Mirzapur upazila, and Sujon Miah, 26, of Kamanna village in

Delduar upazila.

Local brokers Nazrul Islam, 45, and Mohammad Ali, 40, of Thalpara village under Fotepur union of Mirzapur upazila took Tk 2 lakh from each of the eight people two years ago, giving assurance of sending them to Maldives for job.

They, however, continued dilly-dallying for months showing different reasons.

When local village leaders pressured Nazrul and Ali in this regard, they took the eight people to an office at Banani in Dhaka on August 14 last year.

They sent the family members and relatives who came with the eight people at the office back to their

houses, saying that the eight will fly to Maldives at night.

About three months later, the fortune seekers informed their families about their imprisonment in India.

Joynal's brother Johirul went to India and became confirmed about the eight people's confinement there.

Later, several arbitrations were held in the area led by Fotepur UP Chairman Humayun Talukder in this regard.

"As we pressured broker Nazrul to arrange bringing the eight people back to the country, he took time till June 15 next for the purpose. Meanwhile police arrested him on May 22 and

sent him to Tangail District Jail," said the UP chairman.

Police arrested Nazrul as Sirajul Islam, a relative of three of the eight victims, filed a case on May 21 under Human Trafficking Prevention Act, said Nazmul Haque Bhuiyan, officer-in-charge of Mirzapur Police Station.

"Police are quizzing broker Nazrul after taking him in remand. We are also talking at different levels to coordinate the process for bringing the eight people back to the country," he added.

Meanwhile, another broker Mohammad Ali remains absconding.

Underage marriage bid foiled, 2 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Jahurul Islam, Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Aditmari upazila, foiled an underage marriage bid and arrested the prospective bridegroom and the matchmaker at Mahisashahar village in the upazila on

Tuesday night.

The UNO, also an executive magistrate, sentenced each of them to one month's jail on the spot in presence of public representatives and local people, police said.

The convicts are Abdul Gafur, 25, son of Ansar Ali of Namuri village and match-

maker Belal Uddin, 45, son of late Amir Uddin of Aditmari village.

The girl, Kajali Akhter, 14, daughter of Shahidur Rahman, is a Class X student at Mahisashahar High School.

Being informed by a human rights activist, police, led by the UNO,

raided Shahidur's house on the night and arrested Gafur and the matchmaker. Kajali's parents and Gafur's father managed to flee from the scene.

The arrestees were sent to the district jail yesterday morning.

Girl 'raped' in Pirojpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A 15-year-old girl has been 'raped' at Bekutiya village in Kawkhali upazila of the district.

Family sources said one Rana of Khanakhunari village in Sadar upazila picked up the girl from Kadamtala Bazar in the area where she went to buy clothes on Saturday afternoon.

"He then took me to his maternal uncle Limon's house at Bekutiya village and violated me till Tuesday," the victim told this correspondent during a visit to her house yesterday.

On Tuesday afternoon, Rana came to the bazar with the girl and informed her family members. They then went to the spot where Rana handed her over to them.

"Rana demanded Tk 3 lakh from us, saying that he will marry my sister," said the victim's brother.

Punitive action will be taken against the culprits after getting complaint in this regard, said Enayet Hossain, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station.

Alleged bike lifter beaten to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An alleged thief died in a mob beating in Hosenerkhil Nishchintagram area under Fatikhkhari upazila of the district early yesterday.

The deceased, Rafikul Islam, 27, son of late Sirajul Islam, had long been engaged in motorcycle lifting, said Sub-Inspector Mir Kashem, in-charge of Dantmara Police Investigation Centre in the upazila.

Police said Rafikul tried to lift a motorcycle from the area around 8:00pm on Tuesday. Sensing the matter, locals chased him but failed to catch him.

After quite some time, when he returned to the area around 2:00am, locals caught him and beat him mercilessly. He died on the spot, the SI added.

On information, police went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

Illegal structures on Kuakata beach demolished

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Patuakhali district administration yesterday demolished around 100 illegal structures on Kuakata sea beach in Kalapara upazila of the district.

The structures were built recently by a section of local influential people near the flood control embankment.

Led by Assistant Commissioner (Land) Deepak Kumar Roy, also an executive magistrate, the drive started around 10:00am and continued until 4:00pm.

In September last year, the district administration dismantled over 100 illegal structures in the same area which were gradually built again.

On June 3, 2011, the High Court directed the authorities concerned to remove all structures from the beach area. The court also asked them to take necessary steps to stop encroachment, earth filling and construction of structures along the beach.

The HC directive came following a writ petition filed by a non-governmental organisation (NGO).

Arrest those who incited Bithi to commit suicide

Demand schoolmates, Tangail townspeople at human chain

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Students of Zila Sadar Girls' High School formed a human chain in the district town yesterday, demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the people responsible for the death of a fellow.

People from all walks of life, including rights activists, joined the human chain in front of the deputy commissioner's office in the town.

They later submitted a memorandum to the DC and superintendent of police in this regard.

They also warned of tougher programmes if the demand is not met within next seven days.

The victim is Bithi Rani Paul, 14, a Class IX student of the school, and daughter of Satyaranjan Paul of Enayetpur Paul Para area in the town.

Bithi's private tutor Madhab Chandra Paul, 28, a teacher of Haji Abul Hossain Institute of Technology in the town, and son of Sushil Chandra Paul o the area, developed a relationship with her.

Madhab developed physical relation with the

girl, promising to marry her, said the participants.

When the matter became public, some locals arranged an arbitration where Madhab was asked to marry the girl but he declined.

Following the incident, Bithi took her life by hanging herself from the ceiling of her room on May 19.

Later, the victim's father filed a case with Tangail Model Police Station, accusing Madhab and five others in this connection.

Madhab went into hiding soon after filing of the case, said the speakers.



PHOTO: STAR

Students of Zila Sadar Girls' High School form a human chain in Tangail town yesterday demanding immediate arrest of the people responsible for the suicide of Bithi Rani Paul, a Class IX student of the school.

SNIPPETS

Lightning kills schoolboy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A schoolboy was killed by lightning at Atoshkhali village in Baufal upazila of the district yesterday morning. The deceased is Abdur Rahim, 13, a Class VI student of Atoshkhali High School in the area. Police and family sources said a thunderbolt struck Rahim when he went to a nearby field to bring their cattle during a rain. He died on the spot, said his father Abdur Razzak.

Youth electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A youth was electrocuted in Akkelpur upazila of Joypurhat district on Tuesday. The deceased was identified as Momin Ahmed, 25, son of late Azahar Ali Mandal of Ali-Mahmudpur village. He was a worker of lathe firm in the area. Police said Momin came in contact with a live electric wire when he was working at his workshop. He later died on way to the upazila health complex.

10 shops gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

At least 10 shops were gutted in a fire at Pashchimbazar in Fenchuganj upazila of Sylhet district early yesterday. Fire Service and Civil Defense sources said the fire originated from a short circuit at a shop and soon engulfed the adjoining shops at around 2:00am. On the information, fire fighters rushed to the spot and doused the blaze after two hours of hectic efforts, said Md Atikur Rahman Mithu, vice president of Fenchuganj Bazar Samity. The loss caused by the fire could go up to Tk 15 lakh, he said.

Trader stabbed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Criminals took away Tk 10,000 from a milk trader after injuring him in Mirzapur Primary School road area at Mirzapur village in Sadar upazila of Habiganj district on Tuesday night. The injured is Bahar Uddin, 45, of Mirzapur village. Police said a gang of 5/7 stabbed Bahar and took away Tk 10,000 while he was returning to the area from the town. He was rushed to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital, said Nazim Uddin, office-in-charge of Sadar Police Station.

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Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)

As at April 30, 2015

	30 April 2015 '000 Taka	31 July 2014 '000 Taka
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	4,689,682	4,697,000
Deferred tax assets	3,650	5,414
Total non-current assets	4,693,332	4,702,414
Current assets		
Inventories	16,753,506	16,640,124
Advance, deposits and prepayments	1,426,806	1,551,217
Interest receivable	6,315	12,951
Deposit into Bangladesh Bank	350,000	350,000
Investments	184,163	166,675
Cash and cash equivalents	77,376	69,750
Total current assets	18,798,166	18,790,717
TOTAL ASSETS	23,491,498	23,493,131
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity attributable to owners of the company		
Share capital	846,668	806,351
General reserve	274,500	274,500
Dividend equalization reserve	145,000	145,000
Revaluation reserve	4,197,058	4,197,058
Retained earnings	417,497	437,501
Total equity	5,880,723	5,860,410
LIABILITIES		
Non-current liabilities		
Sponsors' loan	202,500	202,500
Long term loan - secured	750,000	-
Total non-current liabilities	952,500	202,500
Current liabilities		
Long term loan - secured - current maturity	-	29,910
Bank overdraft	1,710,097	1,974,686
Advance received against allotment	10,962,067	11,161,171
Creditors	3,972,499	4,250,423
Provision for taxation	13,612	14,030
Total current liabilities	16,658,275	17,430,221
Total liabilities	17,610,775	17,632,721
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	23,491,498	23,493,131

Sd/-
Chief Financial Officer

Statement of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

For the 3rd Quarter Ended April 30, 2015

	Aug 2014 - April 2015 '000 Taka	Aug 2013 - April 2014 '000 Taka	Feb 2015 - April 2015 '000 Taka	Feb 2014 - April 2014 '000 Taka
Revenue	1,950,380	1,602,763	599,311	741,436
Cost of sales	(1,381,130)	(1,049,014)	(371,844)	(493,737)
Gross profit	569,250	553,749	227,467	247,699
Other income	10,669	7,813	4,801	5,031
Administrative & selling expenses	(186,860)	(182,404)	(63,232)	(56,632)
Operating profit	393,059	379,158	169,036	196,098
Finance income	14,376	15,971	3,722	4,743
Finance charges	(180,592)	(146,396)	(73,691)	(53,894)
Profit before Income tax	226,843	248,733	99,067	146,947
Income tax expenses	(85,577)	(56,245)	(33,645)	(25,782)
Profit for the period	141,266	192,488	65,422	121,165
Other comprehensive income	-	4,197,058	-	4,197,058
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	141,266	4,389,546	65,422	4,318,223
Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to owners of the company	141,266	4,389,546	65,422	4,318,223
Earnings per Share (Taka): Basic	1.67	2.27	0.77	1.43

Sd/-
Chief Financial Officer

Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

For the 3rd Quarter Ended April 30, 2015

	30.04.2015 '000 Taka	30.04.2014 '000 Taka
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash received from customers and others	1,782,955	1,611,444
Cash paid to employees/suppliers	(1,795,007)	(1,894,495)
Cash flows from operating activities	(12,052)	(283,051)
Interest paid	(201,794)	(130,462)
Income tax paid	(89,232)	(65,064)
Net cash flows from operating activities	(303,078)	(478,577)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(6,356)	(5,760)
(Increase) / decrease in fixed deposit reserve	(17,487)	(11,375)
Net cash flows from investing activities	(23,843)	(17,135)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Increase / (decrease) in long term borrowings	720,090	(122,125)
Increase / (decrease) in short term borrowings	(264,589)	702,551
Dividend paid	(120,953)	(71,676)
Net cash flows from financing activities	334,548	508,750
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	7,627	13,038
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	69,749	39,932
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period	77,376	52,970

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Chief Financial Officer

Sd/-
Director

Statement of Changes in Shareholders Equity (Unaudited)

For the 3rd Quarter Ended April 30, 2015

(Figure in '000 Taka)

Particulars	Share capital	General reserve	Dividend equalization reserve	Revaluation reserve	Retained earnings	Total
Balance as at August 01, 2014	806,351	274,500	145,000	4,197,058	437,501	5,860,410
Net profit after tax for the period	-	-	-	-	141,266	141,266
Current period revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend equalization reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Appropriation to general reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Issue of bonus shares	40,317	-	-	-	(40,317)	-
Payment of dividend	-	-	-	-	(120,953)	(120,953)
Balance as at April 30, 2015	846,668	274,500	145,000	4,197,058	417,497	5,880,723

For the 3rd Quarter Ended April 30, 2014

(Figure in '000 Taka)

Particulars	Share capital	General reserve	Dividend equalization reserve	Revaluation reserve	Retained earnings	Total
Balance as at August 01, 2013	716,756	254,500	125,000	-	390,128	1,486,384
Net profit after tax for the period	-	-	-	-	192,488	192,488
Current period revaluation	-	-	-	4,197,058	-	4,197,058
Dividend equalization reserve	-	-	20,000	-	(20,000)	-
Appropriation to general reserve	-	20,000	-	-	(20,000)	-
Issue of bonus shares	89,595	-	-	-	(89,595)	-
Payment of dividend	-	-	-	-	(71,676)	(71,676)
Balance as at April 30, 2014	806,351	274,500	145,000	4,197,058	381,345	5,804,254

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Director



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