

Bangladesh must

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ministries to maintain strong foreign relations with the countries.

BISS research director Mahfuz Kabir said Bangladesh's trade with Asian giants (India and China) has seen heavy deficits. Policymakers need to find ways of increasing exports to these countries.

BISS Senior Research Fellow M Ashique Rahman said Bangladesh needs to avoid the inclination to join any alliance as

the superpowers will be drawing the country towards them.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam said, "We are working hard to improve regional connectivity meant for development, peace and stability. We also expect the same from others."

DU International Relations Department chair Prof Lailufar Yasmin, BISS DG Sheikh Pasha Habib Uddin, foreign ministry's DG (South Asia) ATM Rokebul Haque also spoke.

Swallowing yaba

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During interrogation, Shahidul said it was his second time carrying yaba from Cox's Bazar to Dhaka. He has gobbled around 100 packets of yaba - each containing 50 pills.

Mitu swallowed around 55 yaba packets and the duo was supposed to deliver the packets in Rangpur.

Asked about the risks of carrying yaba pills in the stomach, Shahidul said he did it for the money and did not know anything about the health risks.

DNC AD Mehedi Hasan said in most cases, the smugglers use a female carrier to smuggle the pills without drawing attention from law enforcers.

There have also been incidents of the carriers dying after the yaba packets burst inside their stomachs.

On September 27, 2020, 31 packets of yaba were recovered from the stomach of dead yaba dealer Abdus Sukur, 38, in Rajshahi. Each packet contained 50 yaba pills.

On April 27, 2019, doctors of DMCH found 11 small packets containing yaba pills, while conducting an autopsy on one Md Julhas, 35, after his sudden death in Dhaka's Kamalapur area.

Dr Shoebur Reza Choudhury, chief consultant of the Central Drug Addiction Centre in Dhaka, said people will die from an "abnormal overdose" of the drug if any of these packets leak or burst inside their stomachs.

It can be life-threatening if anyone carries a huge number of yaba pills in this manner.

Sharp rise in child

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the report, children are not safe even within the boundaries of their homes.

"We all have to work together to stop child abuse. Otherwise, it will keep on growing," she said.

Amran Khan, assistant director of social welfare ministry, said, "Child helpline 1098 helped a lot to reduce rape and early marriage of children. Besides, community-based child protection is being implemented at ward level."

MJF launched a "Child Safety Committee" to help disadvantaged children, who are being forced into child labour and tortured, and ensure their social security and human rights.

Raleza Shaheen, MJF coordinator of child development; Roksana Begum of Breaking the Silence; CPD Executive Director Moslema Bari; and Mamtaz Begum, executive director, Mukti Nari - O Shishu Odhikar Unnayan Shongstha, also spoke.

Show austerity

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"We've set priorities. Hospitals, irrigation, agriculture, fertiliser productions and industries, for instance, have been given top priorities. These sectors will be brought under strict monitoring to ensure uninterrupted power," Nasrul said.

The power division has also sought assistance from the DCs to set up solar-power panels in districts, he added.

Replying to a question, the state minister said he is expecting gas supply from Bhola North Gas Field in two to three months.

Asked whether the power price will be increased, he said they will adjust the price every month, but it depends on fuel price. It is hard to tell whether the price will increase.

Earlier, Education Minister Dipu Moni said DCs made proposals for formulating code of conduct for MPO-enlisted teachers of private educational institutions. "We are considering it to be a good proposal. We'll work on it."

The Jhenidah DC proposed forming a policy to ban politics for MPO teachers and prohibiting their involvement in other profitable jobs in addition to their teaching duties.

Talking with journalists after the meeting, PM's Economic Affairs Adviser Dr Mashur Rahman said that DCs have pointed out some incongruities in planning.

"In many cases, it is seen that infrastructures are built without appointing enough manpower. As a result, these infrastructures get damaged," he said.

"They also pointed out that bridges are built in places where they are not necessary," Mashur said, adding that measures will be taken in this regard.

Majority not enrolled

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services and we need to create an inclusive environment where they can thrive," said Sheldon Yett, Unicef representative to Bangladesh.

Data from the survey also shed light on the difficulties that children with disabilities face as adults. Only one-third of persons with disabilities of working age are employed, with women with disabilities far more likely to be unemployed compared to men.

While 90 percent of persons with disabilities

who are registered with the government receive disability allowances, the vast majority of them - about 65 percent - remain unregistered, the press release said.

Early identification and management of childhood disabilities are critical to maximising the potential of children. It is also critical to create an inclusive environment where families and service providers can support children with disabilities to participate actively in all spheres of life, read the release.

They issued 5,000

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process and informed higher authorities.

While probing the activity, police traced the four and arrested them. However, law enforcers said they are just ground-level members of the gang who used to collect clients.

Asif Mohiuddin, additional deputy commissioner (CT), told

The Daily Star, "It is not clear whether the criminals hacked the server or managed an official's password and username. We are investigating the matter."

"We have informed the matter to the registrar general's office to take steps," he said. "We will grill the accused after taking them into remand through court."

AL seeks to keep BNP

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that they want to be on the streets like they did on January 11 and January 16. The AL will hold "normal" rallies. However, if the situation is different, action will be taken as per central instructions, they added.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Abu Ahmed Mannafi, president of Dhaka South

AL, said, "Leaders and activists of all levels will join the rallies and be watchful on the streets so that the BNP can't incite any violence."

During the last four demonstrations by the BNP, the AL also staged rallies at different places in the capital to keep watch on the BNP activists.

Earth's inner core

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"We believe the inner core rotates, relative to the Earth's surface, back and forth, like a swing," they told AFP.

"One cycle of the swing is about seven decades", meaning it changes direction roughly every 35 years, they added.

They said it previously

changed direction in the early 1970s and predicted the next about-face would be in the mid-2040s.

The researchers said this rotation roughly lines up with changes in what is called the "length of day" - small variations in the exact time it takes Earth to rotate on its axis.

EC likely to announce

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On April 24, 2018, President Abdul Hamid took oath as head of the state for the second consecutive term, which will expire on April 24 this year.

Hamid's first five-year tenure had expired on the same date in 2018, after he took office in 2013.

According to Article 123 of the constitution, the presidential election must be held 90 to 60 days before the expiry of the five-year term.

As per the constitution, Hamid cannot become president for another term, as he was elected for two terms.

Five injured

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20, Md Shaheen, 30, and Abul Kalam, 25.

Injured Saiful said he was heading towards his office in Moghbazar from his Sabujbagh residence at the time of the explosion.

"I fell on the road and saw blood oozing from my body. I don't know how the explosion took place," he said.

Harun-or-Rashid, additional commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan

Police's Detective Branch, and Md Asaduzzaman, chief of DMP's Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit, visited the spot right after the incident.

Harun told journalists on the spot that they found a large number of splinters. He said they were working to know why the explosive was kept there. The CTTC's bomb disposal unit is examining the splinters, he added.

CCC to allocate

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dedicated areas in the local government act, but the law is not followed strictly."

Abdul Aziz, a banker, said, "In the late 1990s, late ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, then mayor of CCC, took such an initiative and dedicated some spots for pasting posters. It worked only for a few months."

Contacted, ATM Shahjahan, assistant professor of urban and regional planning department at Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology, said, "In fact, there is a prohibition for pasting posters without

dedicated areas in the local government act, but the law is not followed strictly."

Contacted, CCC Mayor Rezaul Karim Chowdhury said, "We want to bring this [putting up posters indiscriminately] under control, and so, we are going to dedicate spots for pasting posters and impose fines against those who violate the rule."

Navana Pharmaceuticals Limited				
Statement of Financial Position (Un-audited)				
As at 31 December 2022				
(Amount in BDT)				
Particulars	Notes	As at		
		31-Dec-2022	30-Jun-2022	
Assets				
Non-Current Assets:				
Property, Plant and Equipment	3.00	3,708,051,685		3,421,837,366
Intangible Asset	3.01	660,000		770,000
Capital Work in Progress	4.00	199,027,819		403,007,534
Right-of-Use Asset	5.00	187,384,430		204,018,990
Investment in Marketable Securities (Fair Value)	6.00	169,427,247		159,028,097
Total Non-Current Assets		4,264,551,181		4,188,661,986
Current Assets:				
Inventories	7.00	1,134,199,016		1,009,145,823
Trade and Other Receivables	8.00	589,172,658		547,819,881
Advances, Deposits and Prepayments	9.00	1,851,955,753		1,204,469,458
Goods In Transit	10.00	261,902,280		67,575,600
Cash and Cash Equivalents	11.00	650,489,616		66,427,585
Total Current Assets		4,487,719,322		2,895,438,346
Total Assets		8,752,270,503		7,084,100,333
Equity And Liabilities				
Equity:				
Paid-up Share Capital	12.00	1,074,162,170		802,301,500
Share Premium	13.00	450,209,562		-
Revaluation Reserve	14.00	1,966,271,633		1,966,271,633
Capital Reserve		605,590,148		605,590,148
Unrealized Gain/ (Loss) Reserve	6.00	(76,189,889)		(95,356,927)
Retained Earnings		229,642,054		204,242,971
Total Equity:		4,249,685,678		3,483,049,324
Liabilities				
Non-Current Liabilities:				
Loan from Directors	15.00	30,000,000		30,000,000
Lease Liabilities	16.02	104,350,155		100,720,006
Long Term Loan	17.02	25,820,495		141,390,720
Deferred Tax Liability	18.00	46,927,303		42,362,502
Total Non-Current Liabilities		207,097,953		314,473,228
Current Liabilities:				
Short Term Loan	19.00	3,602,714,114		2,682,055,890
Lease Liabilities (Current Maturity)	16.01	24,691,658		29,254,646
Long Term Loan (Current Maturity)	17.01	5,845,498		28,125,222
Trade and Other Payables	20.00	544,077,764		547,142,023
Dividend Payable		118,157,839		-
Total Current Liabilities		4,295,486,872		3,286,577,781
Total Liabilities		4,502,584,825		3,601,051,009
Total Equity and Liabilities		8,752,270,503		7,084,100,333
Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share		30.00		39.56
				43.41

Annexed notes are integral part of these financial statement.

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income (Un-audited)

For the period from 01 July 2022 to 31 December 2022 (Amount in BDT)

Particulars	Notes	Half Yearly		Second Quarter		
		July-Dec-2022	July-Dec-2021	Oct-Dec-2022	Oct-Dec-2021	
Net Sales	21.00	2,731,985,726	2,437,458,065	1,395,860,103	1,232,261,592	
Less: Cost of Good Sold	22.00	1,475,493,092	1,356,630,333	747,501,623	694,774,709	
Gross Profit		1,256,492,634	1,080,827,732	648,358,481	537,486,803	
Less: Operating Expenses						
Administrative Expenses	23.00	100,786,936	82,384,963	59,280,682	44,692,136	
Selling & Marketing Expenses	24.00	616,649,993	614,965,227	332,820,480	328,509,489	
Distribution Expenses	25.00	188,586,128	148,947,190	95,129,309	72,697,585	
Total Operating Expenses:		906,023,057	846,197,380	487,230,471	445,899,210	
Operating Profit		350,469,577	234,630,352	161,119,961	91,587,593	
Less: Finance Expenses	26.00	142,607,229	95,052,933	77,309,339	42,273,407	
Add: Other Income/(Loss)	27.00	(15,041,693)	70,129,296	(3,675,944)	59,675,686	
Profit before WPPF & Tax		192,820,655	209,706,715	80,134,678	108,989,872	
Contribution to WPPF		9,181,936	9,808,223	3,815,937	5,012,182	
Profit before tax		183,638,719	199,898,492	76,318,741	103,977,690	
Less: Income Tax		40,081,797	76,062,807	5,392,244	41,516,859	
Current Tax	28.00	35,516,996	76,311,579	38,993,226	45,951,686	
Deferred Tax Expense/(Income)		4,564,800	(248,773)	(13,600,983)	(4,434,827)	
Profit after Tax		143,556,922	123,835,685	70,926,497	62,460,831	
Other Comprehensive Income						
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Marketable Security		19,167,038	17,238,872	7,460,356	17,238,872	
Total Comprehensive Income		162,723,960	141,074,557	78,386,853	79,699,703	
Earnings Per Share (EPS)		29.00	1.57	1.54	0.77	

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Statement of Changes in Equity (Un-audited)

For the period from 01 July 2022 to 31 December 2022

Particulars	Share Capital	Share Premium	Liability against Share	Reserves	Capital Reserve	Unrealized Gain/(Loss) Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance as at 01 July 2021	1,074,162,170	450,209,562	-	1,966,271,633	605,590,148	(76,189,889)	229,642,054	3,483,049,324
Profit after Tax	-	-	-	70,926,497	-	-	62,460,831	133,387,328
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Marketable Security	-	-	-	19,167,038	-	19,167,038	-	38,334,076
Transfer to Capital Reserve	-	-	-	-	605,590,148	-	-	605,590,148
Dividend Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	(118,157,839)	(118,157,839)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	1,074,162,170	450,209,562	-	1,966,271,633	605,590,148	(76,189,889)	282,432,915	3,483,049,324

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Statement of Cash Flows (Un-audited)

For the period from 01 July 2022 to 31 December 2022

Particulars	Notes	Half Yearly	
		July-Dec-2022	July-Dec-2021
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Cash Received from Customers		2,675,574,518	2,355,297,392
Cash Received from Other Income		35,607,023	3,358,433
Cash Paid to Operational & Others		(2,631,526,234)	(2,311,379,331)
Net cash flows from operating activities:		79,655,306	47,276,493
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Cash Paid for Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment		(846,628,977)	(701,072,623)
Realized Gain/(Loss) from Sale of Marketable Securities		(21,762,449)	66,770,864
Cash received from Dividend Income		671,590	-
Cash Received/(Paid) from Investment in Marketable Securities		(8,767,888)	(331,934,982)
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities:		(858,951,949)	(966,236,741)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:			
Cash Received from IPO Proceed		750,000,018	-
Payment for IPO Expenses		(16,036,004)	(8,655,000)
Bank & Lease Interest Paid		(153,814,509)	(95,052,933)
Receipts against Short Term Borrowings		920,658,223	1,141,690,562
Receipts against Long Term Borrowings		(137,849,949)	36,410,301
Payment against Lease Liability		(932,839)	-
Net cash from/(used in) financing activities		1,362,024,941	1,074,392,930
Change in Cash			