

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 Mashiur 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," Mashiur 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."

From a postal worker

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seen wearing combat dress during training. Al Moin said Rab retrieved the content from Mashukur's smart phone, which showed several training camps of militants.

Briefing reporters at the Rab media centre, Moin said Ronobir, an expert on improvised explosive devices (IED), became the military wing chief a year ago.

Under the direction of their ameer, he organised several shura committee meetings in different parts of the country, including Cumilla.

The Rab official said Ronobir, along with other shura members, was present at the

signing of an agreement between Jama'at Ansar and separatists in Chattogram Hill Tracts in 2021, regarding training of the military wing members.

He was involved in the disappearance of four youths from Sylhet in November 2021, he said.

"He visited the hill tracts on several occasions and supervised the training of the outfit's military wing members," Moin said.

The other arrestee Bashar was an operative of Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami Bangladesh before he joined the Jama'atul Ansar in 2016 or 2017. He was in Rab's list of 50 youths who left their homes for Hijrat in the last two years.

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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being a good decision to keep the city clean.

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," Shahjahan, also former general secretary of Bangladesh Institute of Planners, said, "Mass awareness is a must to successfully implement the rule."

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	1,475,493,028	1,356,630,333	747,501,671	694,774,789
Gross Profit		1,256,492,634	1,080,827,732	648,358,431	537,486,803
Less: Operating Expenses					
Administrative Expenses	23.00	100,786,936	82,384,963	59,288,682	44,692,136
Selling & Marketing Expenses	24.00	616,649,993	614,865,227	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	487,238,471	445,899,210
Operating Profit		350,469,578	234,630,352	161,119,961	91,587,593
Less: Finance Expenses	26.00	142,607,229	95,052,933	77,309,393	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	18,993,226	45,951,686
Deferred Tax Expense/(Income)		4,564,801	(248,773)	(13,600,983)	(4,434,828)
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

(Amount in BDT)

Particulars	Share Capital	Share Premium	Liability against Share	Revaluation Reserve	Capital Reserve	Unrealized Gain/(Loss) Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance as at 1 July 2022	802,301,500	-	-	1,966,271,633	605,590,148	(95,356,927)	204,242,971	3,483,049,324
Profit after Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	143,556,922	143,556,922
Received from IPO Share Subscription	-	-	-	750,000,019	-	-	-	750,000,019
Allocation of Shares for IPO	271,866,670	478,139,948	(750,000,019)	-	-	-	-	-
13% Cash Dividend for FY 30 June 2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	(118,157,839)	(118,157,839)
Less: Adj. with IPO Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	(27,929,786)	(27,929,786)
Add: to Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on IPO	-	-	-	-	-	19,167,038	-	19,167,038
Balance as at 31 December 2022	1,074,162,170	450,209,562	-	1,966,271,633	605,590,148	(76,189,889)	229,642,054	4,249,685,678

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Statement of Cash Flows (Un-audited)

For the period from 01 July 2022 to 31 December 2022

(Amount in BDT)

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	</		