

## ***Home Minister's Investigation Report on the Tazreen Fashions Ltd Fire***

*[Word by word translation of the final recommendation of the probe report submitted on December 17, 2013]*

The committee appeals to the government to give due consideration to the following recommendations:

A:

The appalling deaths that took place in Tazreen Fashion Limited is a very sensitive issue, which has sent wide ripples both within the country and abroad. While it is possible the setting of the fire was a willful act of destruction, it is evident that the owner's unpardonable negligence is responsible for these appalling deaths. It is indisputably evident that this is a crime of negligence. Thus the owner of Tazreen Fashion Limited, Delwar Hussain should be convicted under the penal code, section 304 (Ka).

B:

In the history of Bangladesh, no factory fire has surpassed the Tazreen Fashions Ltd fire. It is the biggest factory fire in the history of this nation. The investigation has found that the following are responsible for collusion in this crime:

1. Mr. Mohammad Abdur Razac, factory manager, Tazreen Fashions Ltd
2. Mr. Shahidul Zaman Dulal, quality manager, Tazreen Fashions Ltd
3. Mr. Mohammad Mubarak Hussein Monju, production manager, Tazreen Fashions Ltd
4. Mr. Mohommad. Soheil Rana, APM, Tazreen Fashions Ltd
5. Mr. Harunur Rashid, AGM. Tazreen Fashions Ltd
6. Mr. Al-Amin (Jamelpur), Security in charge, Tazreen Fashions Ltd

7. -8: Mohmmad Delwar Hussein, Managing Director, Tazreen Fashions Ltd and his wife, Director of the factory.

9. Mr. Mahabubul Morshed, engineer, Apostrophe Engineers, Mohakhaili, Dhaka

The aforementioned accused should be brought to justice, under the law 304 (Ka).

C:

We recommend the creation of an urgent task force to the Ministry of Labour, Home Ministry, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Housing and public works to ensure a safe working environment by conducting intensive inspections (visits), to ensure an effective system to extinguish fires, along with fire insurance and implementation of labour law. In addition, action must be taken to ensure compliance with building codes. The prevention of any more heart-wrenching /horrific in the future must be ensured.

D:

In all the districts/areas where factories exist, executive magistrates, with the support of the related district administration, must create mobile courts, in order to implement the Fire Extinguishing and Building Code, Environment Law.

E:

Since the fire appears to be an act of willful destruction, steps should be taken to conduct an in-depth investigation in order to uncover the hidden/unknown forces involved through a powerful investigative body.