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I. Introduction

n recent years, Unethical practices have become a highly discussed topic in the Business world. ∏halal∏ concept is one of these commitments that play an important role in Muslims' consumption. Most of the multinational, Global & local companies use unethical practices to increase their sales of products by providing wrong and over colored information about their products quality and characteristics. For this reason, fair companies can't achieve satisfaction of customer's and their goal. The realm of halal may extend to all consumables such as toiletries, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and services including finance. The marketer and advertiser of Bangladesh don't follow the ethical standard properly. For this reason customer are deceived. It is very necessary to make the people aware of those unethical practices. So it is a crying need to conduct studies in this regard and to disclose the fact.

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The Halal concept emphasizes safety, hygiene and wholesomeness of food. It also provides an excellent platform for healthy eating. Consideration of the place and the process of the animals being slaughtered and most importantly, the condition of these animals would not endanger the health of diners, are a prime focus of what Halal is all about. Today, Halal is no longer a mere religious obligation or observance, but is considered as the standard of choice for Muslims as well as non-Muslims worldwide. The Halal concept is not unfamiliar to non-Muslims, especially those in Muslim countries in Bangladesh.

The concept of halal was taken for granted previously, as nations were generally self-sufficient in food production. Halal is no longer just purely a religious issue. It is in the realm of business and trade, and it is becoming a global symbol for quality assurance and lifestyle choice (cited in IslamOnline.net, 2005).

As a Muslim country, Bangladesh is a pioneer in introducing a comprehensive standard for halal products through Bangladesh standard: Halal Food-Production, Preparation.

The main objectives of the paper are to identify the some factors that affect the Unethical practices of consumer products in Bangladesh and explore some probable solutions and recommendations of unethical practices in consumer product in Bangladesh.

This paper has four parts. First focuses the review of relevant the literature. The literature review includes reviewing some important theories review of previous study is presented. It attempts to differentiate the present study from the past studies about the use of ethical and halal concepts in marketing of consumer products. Then research methodology is presented and data analysis techniques are discussed. The analyses consist of demographic analysis of respondents & descriptive analysis of data. Finally a summary of the main findings of the study has been presented and conclusion as well as recommendations has been made for future research directions.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To understand the use of ethical and halal concept in marketing consumer products in Bangladesh.

- 2. To identify the some factors that affect the unethical practices of consumer products in Bangladesh.
- identify some probable solutions recommendations that helps to eliminate the unethical practices of consumer products in Bangladesh.

III. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Ethics: Ethics (also moral philosophy) is the branch of philosophy that involves systematizing, defending, and recommending concepts of right and wrong conduct. Ethic means moral principles and values that govern the actions and decision of an individual or group (Belch & Belch. 2009).

Business Ethics: Business ethics (also corporate ethics) is a form of applied ethics or professional ethics that examines ethical principles and moral or ethical problems that arise in a business environment. It applies to all aspects of business conduct and is relevant to the conduct of individuals and entire organizations (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 2013). Business ethics are moral principles that guide the way a business behaves. So that it can be said that, Business ethics are ethics that refers to the moral rules and regulations governing the business world.

Halal: Halal is an Arabic term meaning ☐permissible ☐. In English, it most frequently refers to food that is permissible according to Islamic law. In the Arabic language, it refers to anything that is permissible under Islam (Kamali, 2003). Its antonym is haram.

The terms halal and haram will be used strictly to describe food products, meat products, cosmetics, personal care products, food ingredients, beverages and food contact materials. Which foods are halal or which foods are haram is decided according to the Holy Quran and the Glorious Shariah (Lada et al., 2009).

Almighty Allah says in the Holy Quran in 2nd chapter verse 42, "And mix not truth with falsehood, nor hide the truth if you know." Therefore, in Islamic business there is no chance of blending halal and haram or good and bad products. Moreover, a businessman is also a customer for the other business and he may be dealt with unjust if he does unjust.

Highly, the Islamic principles of customer to business framework are also applicable for the business man who wishes to produce goods or services. To summarize, no prayer of an individual marketer will be accepted without using halal money and halal goods or services. Thus, halal money should be the motivation of the businessman and halal goods and services should be the choices of the customers of sustaining their lives to create sustainable value (Islam, 2016).

Halal products are those that are Shariah compliant, i.e. does not involve the use of haram (prohibited) ingredients, exploitation of labor or the

environment, and are not harmful or intended for harmful use. Muslims are obliged by religion to clearly scrutinize products to make sure they are halal. In addition, they are strongly encouraged by the Islamic teachings to shy away from consumables that are doubted. It is estimated that 70% of Muslims worldwide follow halal standards (Minkus-McKenna, 2007) and the Global Halal Market was \$12 billion in 1999 (Riaz, 1999).

Boulstridge and Carrigan (2000) investigated the response of consumer's to ethical and unethical marketing behavior and identify reasons for consumers to perceive an advertisement as Offensive. In contrast, Chinese and Malaysian consumers have given a midpoint offensiveness score to all three items (nudity, indecent language, sexiest image).

Usman et al. (2010) examine cultural influence on the general attitude of Pakistani people towards advertising. The researchers analyze the cultural impact on the attitude of people towards advertisements of brands according to product information, social integration and hedonism / pleasure, whereas power distance and masculinity as culture dimensions.

Long (2011) has conducted unethical practice in business: the development of a framework for thematic analysis. He also examines reports witnessed by business students, and seeks to make sense of the findings through the development of a framework for analysis.

Ramachandran and Venkatesh (2012) have found that marketing mix: An area of unethical practices? The researchers intend to develop the model of ethics in marketing. Their emphasis on empirical study in order to show that many unethical marketing practices may be occurring, especially which are related to pricing and advertising practices.

Crever and Ross (1997) also found that a company's level of ethical behavior is an important consideration during the purchase decision; in the USA consumers expect ethical behavior from companies and they were willing to pay higher prices and reward ethical behavior. They did also discover that consumers would still buy products from unethical firms, but only at a lower price - the cost of poor ethics.

Giebelhausen and Novak (2011) stated that using sex appeal marketing can harm the faithfulness between customers and marketers because customers can understand the intention of marketers behind these manipulative visuals.

Nekmahmud et al. (2016) have conducted a research on the unethical practices of advertising in Bangladesh: a case study on some selected products. They attempts to make the customer awareness regarding unethical practices of advertising in Bangladesh. Ethic is a highly significant considerable issue in case of any advertising. The ethical and truthful advertising is the key to ensure relationship and

sustainable marketing. It also ensures social safety and environment which is good both for sellers and buyers security. That helps to build up a better marketing groups.

METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDY

	IV. METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDY
Nature of research	The study has been designed to know the use of ethical and halal concept in marketing consumer products in Bangladesh. This study is descriptive
Sampling plan and study area	in nature. It is conducted based on primary and secondary data. Target population: The designated population for the study includes all consumers who are regularly using the consumer products. Sample sizes: total sample size of the study is 60 consumers who regularly
Survey area & duration	buy the consumer products. The data are collected from the Rangpur City corporation in Bangladesh. Primary data were collected over a 20 days during the 10 June to 9 July, 2016.
Types of data	This research has conducted with primary and secondary data. Primary sources: the purpose of the study, field survey method is used to collect primary data by taking direct interviews through the questionnaire & observation.
	Secondary sources: The secondary data are collected from different sources such as various articles, news, reports, statements, websites etc.
Data collecting instruments	Questionnaire Development A questionnaire was designed which has been considered as the major tool of study. In the questionnaire in respondents were asked 48 variables those are usually considered for unethical practicing. Here 5-point Likert scale was used to measure the related questions. Where, 1 = strongly disagree, 2 = disagree, 3 = neither agree nor disagree (neutral), 4 = agree and 5 = strongly agree. But three questions we have used dichotomous question. A dichotomous question has only two response alternatives; yes or no, and so on (Malhotra & Dash, 2011). The questionnaire was designed in two parts. In the first part, identify respondents specific demographic criteria; in the second part, includes 48 measurement questions of identifying the some factors that affect the unethical practices of consumer products in Bangladesh
Survey method or style	The questionnaires were distributed directly to the respondents as a study sample. In this study, researcher distributes 60 questionnaires to respondent for measuring the use of ethical and halal concept in marketing of consumer products: what is going, what must do and what must not do in Bangladesh.
Data analysis	The collected data are analyzed by various statistical tools and techniques including frequency distribution through the data processing software SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Science) 20.0 version.

FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

Table 1: Demographic variables

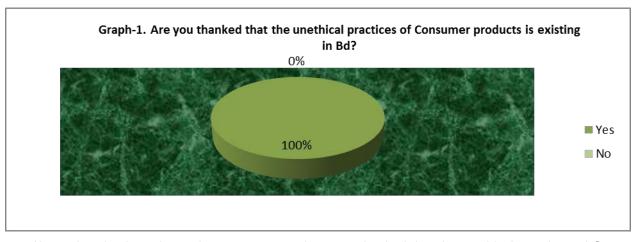
Demographic Variables		Frequency	Percentage (%) of Respondents	
Gender	Male	10		
	Female	50	83.5%	
Area of Living	Urban	5	8.5%	
	Rural	55	91.5%	
Age of the Respondent	Less than 20 years	5	8.5%	
	20-25 years	30	50 %	
	25-30 years	15	25%	
	More than 30	10	16.5%	

Level of Education	Primary education	0	0.0%
	Secondary education	8	13.33%
	Higher education	50	83.33%
	Others	2	3.34%
Occupational Status	Student	40	66.67%
	Service holder	5	8.5%
	Business	5	8.5%
	Household	5	8.5%
	Others	5	8.5%

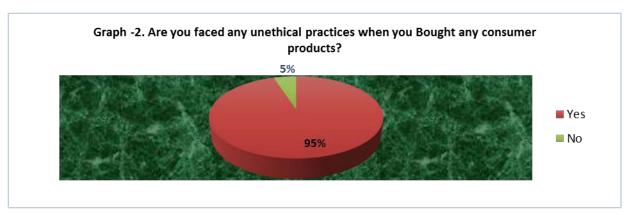
The Table 1, summary of respondents' demographic statistics, shows that 16.5% (n=10) male and 83.5% (n=50) female belong to less than 20 years (n=5) 8.5%, 20-25 years (n=30) 50%, 25-30 years (n=15 25% and more than 30 (n=10) 16.5%. Here,

(13.33%) respondents of this study having secondary and 83.33% of higher education. The analysis also shows that 66.67% respondents were service holder and 8.5% belong to students, business person, housewife and other professionals.

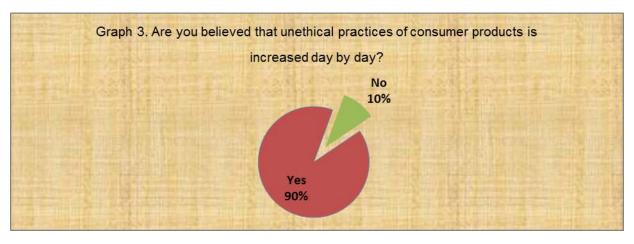
5.1



Above the pie chart shows that 100% respondents are thanked that the unethical practices of Consumer products is existing or going to Bangladesh.



The graph exhibits 95% of respondents faced any unethical practices when you have bought any consumer products.



Above the graph shows 90% of respondents believed that unethical practices of Consumer products are increasing day by day?

Table 2 : Descriptive Statistic					
SL NO	Statements	Mean	Std. Deviation	N	
1.	Misleading Advertising	4.4000	.80287	60	
2.	Wrong information in the product labeling	4.2000	.801102	60	
3.	Using women in the advertising	3.0000	.63473	60	
4.	Using kids in the advertising	3.6429	.65779	60	
5.	Using chemical in the products	4.9571	.81843	60	
6.	Use sexual appeal	3.9571	.53471	60	
7.	Deception of weight measurement	3.8071	.56130	60	
8.	Bribery middleman/ stockholder	3.6000	.71771	60	
9.	Wrong/ colored information of advertising copy	4.1857	.81097	60	
10.	Selling product with an expired date	4.4000	.49166	60	
11.	With Less quality product	3.8000	.40144	60	
12.	Use harmful ingredients	4.6000	.49166	60	
13.	Including's preservative in different products	4.7929	.40671	60	
14.	Unhealthy and unsafety products	3.6000	.49166	60	
15.	Unhealthy and unsafety selling place	4.8000	.40144	60	
16.	Wrong/ Miss measurement of weight	4.0000	.63473	60	
17.	Failure of duty	4.4000	.49166	60	
18.	Untrue advertising message	4.0000	.63473	60	
19.	Over colored information on the packaging	4.8000	.40144	60	
20.	Over colored information into advertising	4.2000	.40144	60	
21.	Pressure selling	4.4000	.49166	60	
22.	Bait and switch	4.0000	.63473	60	
23.	High competitive practices	4.4000	.80287	60	
24.	Providing by different attractive offer	3.2000	.75102	60	
25.	Providing discount or couple or premium	3.0000	.63473	60	
26.	Illegally reserving or storing the products	3.6429	.65779	60	
27.	Attractive packaging, but low quality products	3.9571	.71843	60	
28.	Using the duplicated logo on Branded products	3.9571	.53471	60	
29.	Using the close name to branded product to cheat the customers	3.8071	.56130	60	
30.	Using Alcohol or caffeine in drinks that ban for religious	3.6000	.71771	60	
31.	Using 100% halal words in the packaging, but does not provide the Halal ingredients	3.1857	1.10971	60	
32.	Charge high price but provides low quality	4.4000	.49166	60	

33.	Charge high price than MRP	3.8000	.40144	60
34.	Illegally use the BSTI logo	3.6000	.49166	60
35.	Bargaining by the salesman	4.0029	.40671	60
36.	Providing the wrong information by the salesperson	4.1000	.49166	60
37.	Customers are Cheated by providing warranty or guaranty	3.8000	.40144	60
38.	Don't proper works as a warranty	3.0000	.63473	60
39.	Local manufacture company illegally used foreign brand name	3.4000	.49166	60
40.	Products don't work as given instructions	2.0000	.63473	60
41.	Not delivery proper instructions for using products	2.8000	.40144	60
42.	Using the attractive logo, symbols or name	3.2000	.40144	60
43.	Telling illegal origin of manufacture	4.4000	.49166	60
44.	Use Haram ingredients in the products	4.0000	.63473	60
45.	Fluctuating prices by seller, agent or Middleman	3.4000	.80287	60
46.	Use reference / Expert/ famous person into the ads	4.2000	.75102	60
47.	Discriminating the rural & urban customers	3.0000	.63473	60
48.	Length distribution channels	2.6429	.65779	60

The descriptive statistics Table 2, shows that the mean and standard deviation value of all the questions which has been designed under 5 point Likert scale considering as values 5-strongly agrees and 1strongly disagrees feeling on the statement that was given to the respondent. The observed mean value is 4.0769 or more with little value of standard deviations of all statements. The Overall result justifies that respondents are showing strongly agree to unethical factors.

5.2

SL No	Eliminated unethical factors	Rank
1	Misleading Advertising	1
2	Selling products with an expired date	2
3	Using chemical in the products	3
4	Including s preservative in different products	4
5	Fluctuating prices by seller, agent or Middleman	5
6	Using kids in the advertising	6
7	Use sexual appeal	7
8	Wrong information in the product labeling	8
9	Illegally reserving or storing the products	9
10	Using Alcohol or caffeine in drinks that ban for religious	10
11	Illegally use the BSTI logo	11
12	Unhealthy and unsafely products	12
13	Attractive packaging, but low quality products	13
14	Wrong/ colored information of advertising copy	14
15	Using 100% halal words in the packaging, but does not provide the Halal ingredients	15

Above the table illustrations that the rank of unethical factors. People believed that marketers,

consumers and government should eliminate the above factors that are involved in the unethical practices.

How to reduce or eliminate the unethical factors						
SL NO	Statements	SD (%)	D (%)	N (%)	A (%)	SA (%)
1.	Proper monitoring of the market by Government	00	00	00	40	60
2.	Establishing by Consumer's Rights	00	00	00	30	70
3.	Creating social Awareness	00	00	5	45	50
4.	Increasing Public awareness	00	00	10	60	30
5.	Increase morality into the business people	00	5	10	55	30
6.	Using digital measurement/ weight machine	00	00	00	20	80
7.	Proper Monitoring to the advertising media	00	5	5	30	60
8.	Monitoring by BSTI or ISO	00	00	5	50	45
9.	Government Rules & Regulations	00	00	10	30	60
10.	Increasing Market monitoring by Mobile court	00	5	15	40	40
11.	Ensure the punishment those are involved in unethical practices	5	5	10	30	50
12.	Developed the society with morality	5	5	20	30	40
13.	Training to the Sale person and Businessman about Ethical values & norms	5	5	20	40	30
14.	Providing the right information about the market	00	5	10	50	35
15.	Demonstrations price list or MRP, Mfg. / Expire date	00	00	10	40	50

Above the table shows that consumers assumed that above the variables helps to eliminate the unethical practices of consumer products Bangladesh. Most of the customers strongly agreed that proper monitoring of the advertising media, using digital measurement/ weight machine, establishing consumer's rights, proper monitoring of the market by the government, demonstrations price list or MRP, Mfg. / Expire date and creating social awareness can eliminate the unethical practices.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

Marketer should try to gain the morality and credibility besides gaining the profit according to the Holy Qur'an. They should establish the consumer's right in Bangladesh. Other recommendations to improve ethical standards and norms in the business sector follow:

- 1. Marketer should follow the Islamic principles.
- 2. The Bangladesh government has undertaken a number of reforms with the intent of monitoring, controlling and diminishing the prevalence of corruption and unethical practice in consumer product in marketing and society at large.
- 3. According to the Holy Qur'an a marketer following Islamic principles, will not earn his bread and butter form the money earned by selling illegal and harmful products. Even, Allah has strictly prohibited mixing of good and bad or right and wrong (Islam, 2016). So marketer should increase about the religious ethic and avoid illegal selling by applying Islamic marketing.

- 4. Company must have to maintain the social responsibility.
- 5. Company should consider the customers right and to do work accordingly.
- Moral education should be emphasized, particularly, innovative practices aimed at promoting a high standard of morals and ethics in business. Training institutes should be encouraged to arrange training courses, workshops and conferences on business ethics.
- 7. To increase publicity in relation to contradict the misleading statements in the media.
- More awareness is to be created and the board has to function effectively and ban advertisements which do not follow the ethics.
- 9. Codes of ethics should be developed and utilized to motivate personnel, increase their capability, judgment power, and effective managerial skill. Personnel subject to professional and ethical codes of conduct of their respective organization should be encouraged to adhere to those codes.
- 10. Misleading advertising, selling products with an expired date, using chemicals in the products, including preservative in different products, uses sexual appeal, wrong information on the products labeling are the main variables that affect the unethical practices of consumer products. The marketers need to avoid this unethical practice immediately.

VII. Conclusion

Plainly unethical practices may frequently happen in the most zones in Bangladesh. One lesson that we ought to comprehend is that most organizations appear to be occupied with unethical practices and can thusly deceptive the customer. Numerous organizations, even they are allocated to carry on morally, however, their practices demonstrate anomalies and cheats. As the unethical practices occurrence characteristics in modern society are: the criteria's of justice, integrity, and the eligibility, non-compliance, the creation of a false impression, the presentation of false and inaccurate facts, the conversion of social values to products, the manipulation of impulsive consumers, the control of sub consciousness, the impact on persons economic behavior or possibility of the impact. So every company should provide correct information to the customer by advertising or different promotional tools. Misleading advertising, selling products with an expired date, using chemicals in the products, including preservative in different products, uses sexual appeal, wrong information in the product labeling are the main factors that affect the unethical practices of consumer products in Bangladesh. In Bangladesh this practice is increasing day by day. Marketing practices should be ethical and credible. Informative, appetitive, correct, creative and Islamic marketing makes a good effect on the economy of the country. Marketer, manufactures or company, seller, business person should try to gain the morality and credibility besides gaining the profit. Most of the customers strongly agreed that proper monitoring of the advertising media, using digital measurement/ weight machine, establishing by consumer's rights, proper monitoring of the market by the government, demonstrations price list or MRP, Mfg. / Expire date and social awareness can eliminate the unethical practices. Only one Islamic principles can remove the unethical practices from the whole world. According to the Islamic principles, a marketer will produce products or services with best quality not dealing with the customers unjustly for the ultimate solution of the customers (Islam, 2016). We trust that each organization will regard the every one of Government's standards direction and run of shopper right's. They pick up benefit by giving the educational, right, appetitive data to shopper and built up the general public with profound quality.

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Appendixes

	Unethical Factors						
SL NO	Statements	Strongly Disagree (%)	Disagree (%)	Neutral (%)	Agree (%)	Strongly Agree (%)	
1.	Misleading Advertising	00	00	10	15	75	
2.	Wrong information in the product labeling	00	5	10	50	35	
3.	Using women in the advertising	5	15	5	45	30	
4.	Using kids in the advertising	00	10	15	60	15	
5.	Using chemical in the products	00	00	5	40	55	
6.	Use sexual appeal	5	15	20	30	30	
7.	Deception weight measurement	10	15	5	40	30	
8.	Bribery middleman/ stockholder	10	20	20	30	20	
9.	Wrong/ colored information of advertising copy	5	15	10	25	45	
10.	Selling product with an expired date	10	20	20	40	10	
11.	With Less quality product	5	5	10	30	50	
12.	Use harmful ingredients	00	00	20	25	55	
13.	Including's preservative in different products	00	5	15	30	50	
14.	Unhealthy and unsafety products	00	5	10	40	45	
15.	Unhealthy and unsafety selling place	5	5	15	30	45	
16.	Wrong/ Miss measurement of weight	10	15	5	40	30	
17.	Failure of duty	5	10	10	35	40	
18.	Untrue advertising message	00	10	20	30	40	
19.	Over colored information on the packaging	10	15	5	40	30	
20.	Over colored information into advertising	5	15	10	25	45	
21.	Pressure selling	30	20	20	10	20	
22.	Bait and switch	5	15	10	25	45	
23.	High competitive practices Providing by different attractive offer	00 10	10 20	10	50	30 25	
24. 25.	Providing by different attractive onei Providing discount or couple or premium	15	15	20 25	25 35	10	
26.	Illegally reserving or storing the products	00	00	5	45	50	
27.	Attractive packaging, but low quality products	00	00	10	60	30	
28.	Using the duplicated logo on Branded products	10	20	40	20	10	
29.	Using the close name to branded product to cheat the customers	20	30	40	5	5	
30.	Using Alcohol or caffeine in drinks that ban for religious	10	20	40	20	10	
31.	Using 100% halal words in the packaging, but does not provide the Halal ingredients	10	20	20	40	10	
32.	Charge high price but provides low quality	00	10	40	25	25	
33.	Charge high price than MRP	40	30	10	15	5	
34.	Illegally use the BSTI logo	5	5	10	30	50	
35.	Bargaining by the salesman	5	5	10	35	45	
36.	Providing the wrong information by the salesperson	5	5	10	35	45	
37.	Customers are Cheated by providing warranty or guaranty	30	20	10	25	25	
38.	Don't proper works as a warranty	20	20	50	10	0	
39.	Local manufacture company illegally used foreign brand name	25	15	40	10	10	
40.	Products don't work as given instructions	10	20	10	30	30	
41.	Not delivery proper instructions for using products	5	5	10	35	45	
42.	Using the attractive logo, symbols or name	00	00	5	35	60	
43.	Telling illegal origin of manufacture	10	20	30	25	15	
44.	Use Haram ingredients in the products	10	20	20	40	10	
45.	Fluctuating prices by seller, agent or Middleman	10	20	40	20	10	
46.	Use reference / Expert/ famous person into the ads	00	10	5	35	50	
47.	Discriminating the rural & urban customers	00	5	10	30	55	
48.	Length distribution channels	00	00	10	40	50	

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