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Kabir reappointed BB governor after much ado

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The government yesterday finally reappointed Kabir as the governor of the central bank for two more years as it looks for an old hand to steer the financial sector during its most challenging period



Fazle Kabir

Kabir, who originally took charge on March 19, 2016, saw his tenure end on July 3, a day before he turned 65 years of age. As per the Bangladesh Bank Order, 1972 an cannot hold the post beyond that age.

Given the economic challenges thrown up by the global coronavirus pandemic, the government was not keen on bringing in a fresh face.

So, it preceded to amend the laws to make way for the former finance secretary to stay on beyond the 65year age limit, in what was an unprecedented move.

Although the cabinet approved the amendment to the Bangladesh Bank Order on time, the bill was not placed in parliament during the budget session. The parliament passed the amended bill on July 9.

He would now able to helm the position until July 3, 2022, when he would go past 67 years of age, the financial institutions division said in a notice.

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Tk 40,000cr low-priority projects to be pushed back

The government has decided to put a hold on the implementation of low-priority development projects involving Tk 40,000 crore to free up funds for the productive sectors amid widening revenue shortfall.

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The amount accounts for about 20 per cent of the Tk 205,145 crore annual development programme (ADP) for the current fiscal year.

Fund disbursement for the lowpriority projects would be postponed for now, said the finance division in a circular last week.

The government is being forced to delay the execution of the lowpriority projects amid the drastic fall in revenue collection caused by the coronavirus pandemic and as part of

its belt-tightening measures. The finance division has formulated

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criteria for the ministries to identify 65,040 crore that can be categorised the low-priority projects.

The criteria would render a project low-priority if it is slow-moving, has completion deadline for six to seven years and is construction-related. If these projects are pushed back by six months or a year, it would not cause much problem for the country, said an official of the finance ministry.

The projects under the ADP have been categorised as high, medium and low-priority to ensure the best use of limited resources, the finance division circular said.

The implementation of the highpriority projects would continue as

If the use of funds for a mediumpriority project is deemed very necessary, the ministries and division would spend money under their consideration.

> However, avoidable expenses must be ensured, it said. finance division has been working on the issue for long and has now identified projects

as low-priority ones.

But there are some projects in the low-priority category that would be completed by the current fiscal year or are foreign-funded. This sub-group of projects would not be put on hold.

So, low-priority projects involving at least Tk 40,000 crore would be halted for the time being.

The projects under the health and agriculture sectors, the two most priority areas for the government in its fight against the pandemic, would be out of the purview of the latest move.

The revenue target for the National Board of Revenue was Tk 300,500 crore in the revised budget of last fiscal year. The final figure is not available yet but officials hinted that they might be able to earn Tk 220,000 crore to Tk 222,000 crore at the end.

Because of the lower-than-expected revenue growth, the government has set a higher bank borrowing target of Tk 84,980 crore for the new fiscal year.

In the revised budget for FY20, the bank borrowing goal was Tk 82,000 crore. However, the government took Tk 72,246 crore from the banking sector at the end, still 109 per cent higher than the original budget target of Tk 47,364 crore.

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Acquire skills while at home during pandemic

HR personnel tell Youth Skills Summit 2020

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Technological adaptability, skills on new technologies and a positive attitude should be the key focus areas for preparation for the job market in the post-pandemic era, said several human resource management officials yesterday.

The recruiting process will change for the pandemic because employers in many cases will carry it out online, said Fahim Mashroor, co-founder and chief executive officer

But the employers will have to ensure that productivity does not fall, neither for online recruitment nor for working

'It is challenging, so re-orientation is needed," he said in a session of the Youth Skills Summit 2020, jointly organised by The Daily Star in association with SBK Tech Ventures marking World Youth Skills Day.

Thanks to the adoption of digitalisation in business processes, employees should have the skills and adaptability to advanced technology, so training is necessary, Mashroor

During the session, titled "Preparing for a post-pandemic job market", Zulfiqar Hussain, ĈEO of Grow and Excel, said several formal sector employers announced layoffs during the pandemic.



However, some are starting to hire people based on new technological skills, he said, adding that the pandemic expedited automation in the formal sector where some unnecessary fat was being cut down.

Though some job cuts are happening, the pandemic taught a good lesson on adaptability to technology, which will be a step forward towards the fourth industrial revolution, Hussain said.

"So, there is no alternative to gaining skills," he added. Human resources departments realised very deeply during this pandemic how important it was to provide moral support and to offer training on technology on working from home, said Md Faisal Imtiaz Khan, chief

human resources officer of Rabi Axiata. This is the right time for students, who have a lot of time in their hands, to prepare for the job market by adapting to new technologies, he said.

The new technologies might be blockchain, coding and artificial intelligence, whichever they seem fit, he said. "Please adopt skills whichever new technology it might be on." he added.

It was not easy to make people adapt to new technologies so that they could work from home, said Maher Sabbagh, people and culture director of Japan Tobacco International.

The pandemic has sped up technological adaptation by four or five years because every employee is motivated due to the pandemic and they realise it is necessary, he said.

"The right attitude is important for adaptation in any situation or any new technology, so I put emphasis on it along with a cultural attitude so that he or she can cope up with the new world," he added.

People need to continue with their learning, which is necessary for coping with the post-pandemic job market requirements, said Ghulam Sumdany Don, chief inspirational officer of Don Sumdany Facilitation and Consultancy, while moderating the session. He advised students to engage in extracurricular activities, maintain networking with people and become problem solvers.

GP profit slips amid Covid-19 fallouts

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Grameenphone's net profit tumbled 23.87 per cent year-onyear in the second quarter of 2020 because of the ongoing Covid-19 The largest mobile phone

operator of Bangladesh took home Tk 726.55 crore in profit after taxes in April-June, down from Tk 955.28 crore in the same period a year ago.

This had been the lowest single-quarter net profit for GP in recent times. It witnessed 8.2 GP. per cent year-on-year revenue de-3,306.9 crore.

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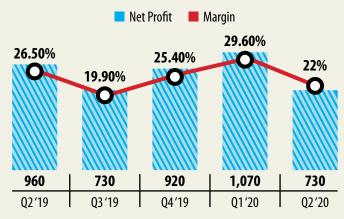
For the past four months, the operator has been experiencing the impact of an unprecedented global pandemic, which has compelled it to drastically change the way it worked and served customers.

"In addition to Covid-19, we have experienced impact from challenging weather and regulatory scenario, all of which combined has driven us to degrowth in our performance compared to last year," said Yasir Azman, chief executive officer of

growth in the second quarter to Tk fair share of struggles, as an essential service, we prioritised "The second quarter of in ensuring uninterrupted 2020 had been challenging services for our customers

The fall in earnings impacted of the economy due to the general the earnings per share: it stood holidays," said Jens Becker, chief at Tk 5.38 in the quarter, down financial officer of the operator, in from Tk 7.07 in the same period

GP PROFIT & MARGIN IN RECENT TIMES in crores of Tk, source: GP



GP recommended 130 per cent interim cash dividend for 2020 and the shareholders as of the record date of August 5 will on the Dhaka Stock Exchange be entitled to it.

The stocks of the largest-listed company in the country traded 0.92 per cent higher at Tk 241.30 yesterday.

declined to 7.45 crore, which was 7.65 crore at the beginning of the Of the total active users, 54.8 per cent, or 4.08 crore, use internet. Customers' average per

At the end of June, the number

of active users for the operator

month data use went up to 2.6 GP raked in Tk 840 crore from

internet data use in the quarter, up 16.66 per cent from Tk 720 crore year-on-year. It, however, fell from the

January-March quarter when it earned Tk 850 crore. This was the first time the earnings from data consumption declined quarter-toquarter.

The market leader's revenue is poised for a fresh blow from the third quarter as 'significant market restrictions have been imposed on the operator from this month.

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Clear salary, Eid bonus by July 25

State minister urges employers of 42 sectors

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The government yesterday asked the employers of 42 different industrial, production, manufacturing, trade and services sectors to clear the payment of salaries and Eid festival bonus by July 25. Begum Monnujan Sufian, state minister

for labour and employment, yesterday made the call as the Eid-ul-Azha is scheduled to be held July 31 or August 1.

Sufian said this after a meeting with the leaders of Sramik Karmachari Oikyo Parishad (SKOP), the highest body of

labour unions, at Srama Bhaban in Dhaka. The workers mostly go to their village homes to celebrate the Eid-ul-Azha. But many factory owners either do not want to pay the salary and bonus or delay in

clearing the payments. The union leaders asked the owners to pay salary and bonuses well ahead of Eid so that they can go home safely.

Both Sufian and union leaders also asked the factory owners not to terminate the workers from their jobs and to pay the arrears. Currently, the country's workforce is employed under 42 different sectors,

for which the government-appointed minimum wage board fixes wages and allowances after a legal periodical review. The SKOP leaders also urged the factory

owners to reopen the shut units so that the workers can get back their jobs. On reviewing the decision on jute mills'

closure, Sufian said the government has no plan to review the decision, said Md Akterul Islam, information and public relations officer of the labour and employment ministry, after the meeting.

all formal and informal sectors like hotels,

textile, transport, garment and so on, said Fazlul Hoque Montu, SKOP president.

"We demanded the salary for July also as Eid is going to be held at the end of this month," he told The Daily Star over the phone after the meeting. SKOP also demanded no termination of

workers from their jobs and no shut down

During the last Eid-ul-Fitr, most of the employers paid the workers 50 per cent of their basic salary as Eid bonus before the The deadline of July 25 has been set for festival and another 50 per cent after the

Shops now pinning all hopes on Eid-ul-Azha

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It has been two months since shops have been keeping their doors open to greet shoppers and register some sales.

But the revenue stream was insignificant in the first month as two-thirds of the month fell in the government-declared shutdown, which aimed at reining in the spread of the rogue coronavirus.

government lifted the restriction on mass movement at the beginning of June to bring the economy back from the verge of collapse, protect incomes and curb job losses. Subsequently, people's mobility increased.

Dhaka now sees a return of traffic jam or long queue of vehicles at signal points. People are trying to adapt to the new normal in these abnormal days amid the rising number of

infections and a higher death toll. Shops also see an improvement in

Even after that, sales have been below the pre-pandemic level as consumer spending has still been mostly limited to essentials.

A section of people does not have enough money to spend because of job and income loss, said Delowar Hossain Babu, general secretary of the Eastern Plaza Shop Owners Association, one of the oldest shopping centres in the capital city.

"We see some sales of mobile handsets and cosmetics. Clothes and footwear sales have been dull. As weddings and other social festivals have almost been put on hold, the sales of saris and other items have been very weak," he added.

Bangladesh has more than two million wholesale and retail shops and Dhaka city is home to 2.4 lakh of them, according to the National Association of Shop Owners of Bangladesh (NASOB) and the



have been below the pre-pandemic level.

Though Dhaka city now sees a return of traffic jam, sales in shops like this

Dhaka Metropolitan Shop Owners meagre to even realise electricity bills. Retail and wholesale trades are

an important pillar of Bangladesh's \$300-billion economy. It accounted for 13.92 per cent of the GDP at 2005-06 prices, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics data showed. 'We were the second customer

at a footwear store we went to this afternoon," said Apurba Saha, who accompanied his friend yesterday to buy footwear and clothes.

Saha, who also has a stake in a fabric store in Gausia market, said the presence of customers increased but that sales are not enough for many shops even to clear monthly rent, staff salary and other bills.

"It can't be said that a lot has changed. Improvement has been very slow," said Azharul Hoque Azad, managing director of traditional clothing brand Sadakalo, adding that sales in some of the stores are too

To withstand the crisis, many operators are offering discounts and giving increased thrust on boosting sales online -- an area entrepreneurs have not explored much before the outbreak of the coronavirus.

The majority of consumers are still fond of shopping in a brick-andmortar store and not too tech-savvy.

"The extent of the crisis is such that it will not be possible to get rid of it. We are increasing our adaptability to make a turnaround," said Khalid Mahmood Khan, a director of Kay

Owing to the slump in turnout of shoppers, the local fashion house improved its Facebook page to assist customers and took initiatives to revamp its web portal to equip itself to face the new reality and recover the sales lost from the brick-and-mortar

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No jobs, few crops: Coronavirus and pests leave Nepal fearing hunger

Two months ago, Krishna Prasad Jaisi lost his job as a chef in neighbouring India when the coronavirus pandemic shut down the hotel where he worked. With the business still closed, he's unsure he'll ever get his job back.

"I have heard that they are cutting down the number of workers there," said the 33-yearold, who returned to his home in Nepal when his job disappeared.

To find another way to support his family of five, Jaisi is trying his hand at farming this year, having leased a half-hectare of land near Pyuthan, in central-west Nepal, to produce staples such as maize and paddy rice.

But that too is now under threat. Fall armyworm, a pest new to Nepal this year, is devouring his maize field - and he is facing waves of locusts as well, as climate change brings conditions conducive to the spread of the insects.

"Larva of this worm are scattered almost everywhere in the field," Jaisi said, standing amid half-eaten maize leaves.

"I have seen this pest for the first time and I don't have much idea about its control," he said.

He and other villagers successfully drove from their fields a first small swarm of locusts early this month, by using smoke and beating utensils against pans. But now a second swarm is arriving, he said. "I am worried if the paddy and remaining maize will remain after

the second swarm," Jaisi said. With crucial migrant jobs, remittances and crops disappearing this year, families in Nepal - one



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face a growing risk of hunger and worsening poverty this year, officials warn.

Lockdowns in countries that normally employ large numbers of Nepali migrant workers - from India to Saudi Arabia and Malaysia - have left many with little prospect of new jobs or alternative incomes.

Giriraj Bhandari, another resident of Pyuthan, contracted the coronavirus while working as an electrician in Dubai. After recovering and returning home he now hopes to find a job in his own country, using the skills he acquired abroad.

But with Nepal's economy - like many around the world - struggling under coronavirus restrictions, he and his family admit he may have

"The prospect of getting a job

of South Asia's poorer countries during this time is very dim so he is planning to earn from agriculture until he gets a job," said his wife Rima, as her husband waited out

14 days of quarantine. She said the pest attacks on farm fields this year leave her uncertain whether she and her husband will be able to feed their family, with other job options rare.

"The extent of damage that these insects have done in our neighborhood point toward a bleak future in farming," she said.

Arjun Kumar Kakshyapati, the mayor of the municipality of Pyuthan, said about three-quarters of maize in the area had been affected by armyworms this year.

distributed "Though we subsidised pesticide, its effectiveness was not as expected," he said.

He said he expects about half of

the maize crop in the area to be lost this year to armyworm infestations.

So far only one ward of the municipality was hard-hit by the first locust swarm that arrived, in the first week of July, the mayor said. But a second and third swarm have been spotted and they "may cause more damage," he added.

More than 2,000 people have returned to the municipality of Pyuthan from abroad - and more are still coming, said Kakshyapti.

The municipality has about 38,500 residents.

The mayor said most of those returning would try to farm to earn an income, leaving them vulnerable to pest problems and crop damage.

Continuing crop losses to armyworms and locusts - plagues the community has not been prepared for - "would invite a dire situation", he said.

"The crop harvest this year could be very lean and with income sources gone for many people, a majority of families could struggle for food, let alone education and other needs," he added.

But the municipality is trying to help, using limited funds to try to make resuming farming easier, the mayor said. Each ward in the area has received a 300,000 rupee (\$2,500) emergency allocation, he said, to provide farming inputs as needed.

And "for those who don't have land for farming we have planned to give them employment in other sectors such as construction" he added. Last year, about 300 people were hired by the municipality to carry out work such as building or maintaining irrigation channels. This year that should rise to 800, Kakshyapti said.

Trump on UK's Huawei ban: 'I did this myself'

REUTERS, London

US President Donald Trump said he was responsible for Prime Minister Boris Johnson's decision to ban Huawei from Britain's 5G network, a remark that London brushed off and Beijing said said proved the British move was political.

Johnson on Tuesday ordered Huawei equipment to be purged completely from Britain's 5G network by the end of 2027, risking the ire of China by signalling that the world's biggest telecoms equipment maker was not welcome in the West.

Washington had long been pressing for such a step, and is still calling on other European countries to make

similar moves. "We convinced many countries, many countries - I did this myself for the most part - not to use Huawei, because we think it's an unsafe security risk, it's a big security risk," Trump told reporters in the White House Rose Garden.

"I talked many countries out of using it: if they want to do business with us, they can't use it. Just today, believe that UK announced that they're not going to be using it." Britain has said that its ban on Huawei is motivated by its own security concerns and by

worries that supplies of Huawei gear could be interrupted by U.S. sanctions.

It denied that Trump alone was responsible for the Huawei ban. Asked about the comments, British Health Secretary Matt Hancock said: "Well, we all know Donald Trump, don't we." China said Trump's remark showed Johnson's decision was about geopolitics rather than security.

"This once again demonstrates that the relevant bans on Huawei are completely unrelated to national security, rather this is

highly politicised manipulation," foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said. "The UK deciding to ban the use of Huawei will hurt the UKs own interests. The world is big. The UK is a relatively small place." As Britain prepares to cast off from the European Union, fears over the security of Huawei have forced Johnson to take sides in the global rivalry between the United States and China.

Trump identifies China as the United States' main geopolitical rival, and has accused the Communist Party-ruled state of taking advantage over trade and not telling the truth over the novel coronavirus outbreak, which he calls the



plague". Washington and its allies say Huawei technology could be used to spy for China. Huawei has denied this.

Britain has acknowledged that without equipment from Huawei it will take it longer to roll out faster 5G mobile networks. China said investment in Britain will suffer.

"Now I would even say this is not only disappointing - this is disheartening, said Liu Xiaoming, China's ambassador to



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Govt to establish technical education institute in Ctg

Chowdhury said they hope to create 90,000 job opportunities through the

The project will help Bangladesh diversify its export basket beyond the garments industry to other labour-intensive sectors such as leather, footwear, plastics and light engineering, said Mohammad Anis, the World Bank's acting country

director for Bangladesh.

Besides, the project will also improve worker quality and productivity while providing them with the access to modern technology and skills training, he added.

Meanwhile, Mehrin A Mahbub, the World Bank's spokesperson for on the proposed technical education technology centre.

institute has been completed.

It is also expected that once the establishment is built, it will attract private investment, promote trade and stimulate growth of micro, small and medium enterprises, she said. Md Obaidul Azam, the project director, informed that a 10-acre plot at the BSMSN has Dhaka office, said a feasibility study already been approved for the

College Education Development Project (CEDP)

Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education Level-11, Probashi Kallyan Bhaban, 71-72, Eskaton Garden Road, Ramna, Dhaka-1000

Invitation for Tenders

| 2 | Agency | University Grants Commission/National University. | | | | |
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| 3 | Procuring entity name | College Education Development Project (CEDP). | | | | |
| 4 | Procuring entity code | N/A. | | | | |
| 5 | Procuring entity district | Dhaka. | | | | |
| 6 | Invitation for | Supply of Furniture, Fixtures and Digital Accessories for Development of Digital Classroom and Seminar/Workshop Room for National University, Gazipur. | | | | |
| 7 | Invitation Ref. No. | CEDP/PMU/P-193/2020/GD-106D(Re-Tender)/653 | | | | |
| 8 | Date | July 14, 2020 | | | | |
| KEY | INFORMATION | | | | | |
| 9 | Procurement method | Open Tendering Method (National). | | | | |
| FUN | IDING INFORMATION | , | | | | |
| 10 | Budget and source of funds | GoB. | | | | |
| 11 | Development partners | International Development Association (IDA), World Bank. | | | | |
| PAR | RTICULAR INFORMATION | | | | | |
| 12 | Project code | 224017200 | | | | |
| 13 | Project name | College Education Development Project (CEDP). | | | | |
| 14 | Tender Package No. | GD-106D(Re-Tender). | | | | |
| 15 | Tender package name | Supply of Furniture, Fixtures and Digital Accessories for Development of Digital | | | | |
| | | Classroom and Seminar/Workshop Room for National University, Gazipur. | | | | |
| 16 | Tender publication date | 14.07.2020 | | | | |
| 17 | Tender last selling date | 05.08.2020 | | | | |
| 18 | Tender closing date and time | 06.08.2020 at 2.00pm. | | | | |
| 19 | Tender opening date and time | 06.08.2020 at 3.00pm. | | | | |
| 20 | Name & address of the office | | | | | |
| | Selling tender document | College Education Development Project (CEDP), Level-11, Probashi Kallyan Bhaban, 71-72, Eskaton Garden Road, Ramna, Dhaka-1000. | | | | |
| | Receiving tender document | | | | | |
| | Opening tender document | | | | | |
| 21 | Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting | PMU Office, CEDP, Level # 11, Probashi Kallayan Bhaban, 71-72, Eskaton Garde | | | | |
| | (optional) | Ramna, Dhaka, Time & Date: 22 July 2020, Time: 11.00am. | | | | |
| INF | ORMATION FOR TENDERER | | | | | |
| 22 | Eligibility of tenderer | The minimum years of general experience of the tenderer in the supply goods and related services as supplier shall be 05 (five) years. The minimum specific experience as supplier in supply of similar goods of least 01 (one) contract successfully completed within the last 05 (five) year with a value of at least Tk 3,50,00,000.00 (three crore fifty lac). The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be Tk 4,00,00,000.00 (four crore) only. Other requirement mentioned in TDS. | | | | |
| 23 | Brief description of goods or works | Furniture, Fixtures, Digital Accessories, Interactive Flat Panel, Acoustic setup, Air conditioning, Cabling & Lighting, Networking, Access Control, CCTC Surveillance etc. for Development of Digital Classroom and Seminar/Workshop Room for National University, Gazipur. | | | | |
| 24 | Brief description of related services | Related services shall be in accordance with Section 4: Particular Conditions of Contract, Section 6: Schedule of Requirements and Section 7: Technical Specification of the tender document. | | | | |
| 25 | Tender document price | BDT 2,500.00 (two thousand five hundred). | | | | |
| 26 | Identification of tende | | | | | |
| | Supply of Furniture, Fixtures and Digital Acc of Digital Classroom and Seminar/Worksl University, Gazipur. | essories for Development Gazipur 10,00,000.00 (ten 04 months | | | | |
| 27 | Name of official inviting tender | A. K. M. Mukhlesur Rahman. | | | | |
| 28 | Designation of official inviting tender | Project Director. | | | | |
| | | College Education Development Project (CEDP), Level-11, Probashi Kally | | | | |

Bhaban, 71-72, Eskaton Garden Road, Ramna, Dhaka-1000.

Tel: 02-55138526

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Contact details of official inviting tender

GD-1142

Fax: N/A

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A. K. M. Mukhlesur Rahman

Project Director, CEDP



Romo Rouf Chowdhury

Bank Asia reelects vice chairman

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Romo Rouf Chowdhury has been re-elected vice chairman of Bank Asia at the 432nd meeting of the bank's board of directors

An engineering graduate of Durham University, Chowdhury is one of the sponsor shareholders as well as sponsor directors of Bank Asia and holds directorship of various sister concerns of Rangs Group and Sea Fishers Group, says a press release issued yesterday.

He is currently the chairman of Rancon Agro Machineries, Rancon Electronics, Rancon Infrastructures and Engineering, Rancon Car Hubs and Rancon Hospitality. He is also the vice chairman of Rancon Holdings, Rancon Motorbikes and Ranks Petroleum.

Besides, Chowdhury is managing director of Rancon Motors, Rangs, Rangs Properties, Rancon Automobiles, Ranks Telecom and 10 other companies.

Decathlon Bangladesh donates 1 lakh fabric masks

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Global sports retailer Decathlon Bangladesh has donated 1 lakh fabric face masks among public administrative offices.

The offices include the Dhaka north, south and Chattogram city corporations, Bangladesh Army, Chattogram Metropolitan Police, Industrial Police, Bangladesh Land Port Authority, Bangladesh Administrative Service Association, Bangladesh **Export Processing Zones** Authority, Bangladesh **Garment Manufacturers** and Exporters Association, and International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh.

Decathlon makes the masks in Bangladesh for export to France through suppliers including Tarasima Apparels, a concern of Bitopi Group. It has been sourcing from Bangladesh for over 15 years through its Uttara office. It is present in over 60 countries, says a press release issued on Sunday.

Apple wins EU court battle Airlines down on knees pleading for help from passengers

A European court on Wednesday annulled an EU order that Apple repay Ireland 13 billion euros (\$15 billion) in back taxes, in a major legal setback for Brussels.

commission's historic ruling against Apple was delivered in August 2016 by Competition Commissioner Margrethe Vestager in a shock decision that put Europe on the map as a scourge of Silicon Valley.

The iPhone-maker and Ireland had appealed the order, which Apple CEO Tim Cook slammed at the time as "total political crap".

Vestager was derided as Europe's "tax lady" by US President Donald Trump because of the case, as well as a series of antitrust fines she imposed on Google.

The clear cut decision by the EU's general court could now face another appeal at the top European Court of Justice, with a decision expected no earlier than 2021, but Vestager initially said only that Brussels was studying the judgement.

The EU in 2016 accused Ireland of allowing Apple to park revenue earned in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and India and sparing it almost any taxation.

advantage over other companies, allowing it to avoid Irish taxes between 2003 and 2014 of around 13 billion euros (\$14 billion). EU officials

constituted illegal Ireland. But the EU court said the

argued "state aid" by

commission "did not succeed in showing the requisite legal standard

The commission "was wrong" to declare that Apple units based in Ireland "had been granted a selective economic advantage and, by extension, state aid.

"Apple welcomed the decision and reiterated that the profits in question were always intended to go to the United States and not



Women wearing masks to curb the spread of the coronavirus stand near new Apple store prepared for its opening in Beijing, China.

"This case was not about how much tax we pay, but where we are required to pay it," an Apple spokesman said in an email to AFP.

"We're proud to be the largest taxpayer in the world as we know the important role tax payments play in society," Apple added. Dublin also hailed the decision.

The government said it had "always been clear" Apple received no special treatment, adding: "The correct amount of Irish tax was charged... in line with normal Irish taxation rules. "Vestager said the EU would "carefully study the judgement and reflect on possible next steps, which could include an appeal.

"The Commission stands fully behind the objective that all companies should pay their fair share of tax," she added.

Some observers have expressed doubts on the Apple case, wondering whether the EU was right to use antitrust law to crack down on tax optimisation strategies by multinationals.

In similar cases, the same EU court struck down an order by Brussels that Starbucks pay 30 million euros in back taxes to the Netherlands. In a separate decision, however, it said Fiat must pay roughly the same amount to Luxembourg.

Airlines are pleading for help from their clients as they face paying customers back for flights cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic that could starve them of cash, the industry said Wednesday.

"We are asking passengers for help... that's true, and we're doing it on our knees," the head of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), Alexandre de Juniac said on French TV and radio station BFM Business.

Coronavirus lockdowns forced most flights to remain grounded and air travel is recovering slowly, putting airlines in perilous financial shape.

Airlines operating flights to and from Europe are supposed to reimburse passengers for cancelled flights within two weeks under EU law, but with the support of France and a number of other countries, airlines are offering vouchers or making clients wait sometimes much longer to get their cash back.

Consumer groups have cried foul and the European Commission has opened a case against 10 EU member states including France for failing to enforce the regulations.

De Juniac said the industry was still trying to convince the European Commission to allow it use vouchers or give it more time to reimburse passengers.

"Why are we asking for this? Not for fun. Our business is more to pamper passengers than to pose problems for them, in particular financial problems," he said.

But "the cash flow of airlines is in an apocalyptic situation," he added.

IATA said last month it expected the world's airlines to suffer \$84 billion in losses this year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

While few have so far gone bankrupt, airlines have begun to shed tens of thousands of employees and several countries have stepped in to aid or rescue carriers.

Paris's struggling shops brace for muted sales season

Kabir reappointed BB governor after much ado

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the financial institutions division said in a notice.

Kabir's prime task now is to ensure smooth implementation of the Tk 103,117 crore stimulus packages to put the economy back on track again from the ruins caused by the pandemic. The central bank has been tasked with administering most of the packages.

Kabir studied at Faujdarhat Cadet College for his

secondary and higher secondary education, followed by his undergraduate and graduate studies at the Department of Economics of the University of Chittagong.

He was appointed as the Bangladesh Bank governor on March 16, 2016, for four years after Atiur Rahman resigned amid a huge row over the heist of \$101 million from the Bangladesh Bank's account at the US Federal Reserve Bank.

On February 16, the government extended his tenure by three months and 13 days so that he could stay on until he is 65. His tenure expired on July 3.

Pandemic leaves plastic goods exporters in a bind

According to the BPGMEA, the sector's sales is growing by about 20 per cent every year on the back of spiralling demand from domestic and export markets.

The association estimated, domestic market sales hit Tk 30,000 crore in fiscal 2018-19, up from Tk 25,000 crore in the previous year. Pran-RFL Group, which sends plastic goods to 60 countries, including Australia and EU nations, have failed to receive the expected amount of export orders due to global impact of coronavirus, said Kamruzzaman Kamal, director for marketing of the group.

Bangladesh produces world-class household plastic products and RFL exports different items, including household items, bathroom fittings, kitchen sink and medical kit, he said. He said he is hopeful that the sector will get back to its growing momentum as soon as the

GP profit slips amid Covid-19 fallouts

Market sources say as all telecom carriers reduced data price following a government request after the coronavirus pandemic hit the country, data earnings were impacted. In the early days of the lockdown, which began on

March 26, it was tough for the users to top up mobile phones as shops had to be shut owing to the movement control order. As a result, earnings from voice call also declined for all operators.

Per month earnings per customer came down to Tk 146 for GP, from Tk 159 during the same period last year.

Despite the challenges, the carrier managed to add 90 lakh users to its 4G network during the quarter to end at 1.52 crore. It set up 132 new 4G/LTE sites in the last three months, bringing in 77.1 per cent of the population under the coverage of the fastest data network.

Shops now pinning all hopes on Eid-ul-Azha

"Many are still too afraid to leave their houses, let alone go shopping," said Shahrukh Amin of Almira, another fashion

As the unprecedented collapse in sales continues to bleed businesses, space owners expressed generosity, standing by tenants by reducing or waiving part of the rent. Even after that, many retailers are shutting stores or squeezing businesses to sustain. "We have to trim the size of businesses for a year," said Amin, who accommodated two more brands in his space on Banani-11 to make it a multi-designer store.

Operators of 10-15 per cent shops are closing outlets because of losses in sales and high rent, said NASOB President Md

"Businesses have been very bad. None is buying out of impulse," he said.

Now, shop operators are looking at the Eid-ul-Azha festival to regain the losses they have incurred since the outbreak of the coronavirus, which was first reported in the country on March 8.

The second-biggest festival of Muslims is ranked the third-biggest shopping season after Eid-ul-Fitr and Pahela Baishakh, the months after Eid. As a result, many would have to surrender spaces after Eid unless first day of Bangla calendar year. festival."

The deadly virus dashed the dreams of

good sales in the first two festival seasons. The coming Eid-ul-Azha remains the last hope for the year.
"We expect sales will increase marking

the Eid. We will be able to recover the losses to some extent if the government extends the shopping time by two hours, Helal Uddin said Earlier this week, the NASOB appealed

to the public administration ministry seeking an extension for shop opening hours to 10:00 am to 9:00 pm from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm now. The association urged the government to grant the extended opening hours from July 20.

Farhana Nazira, an owner of Farhana Fashion, said sales would increase if the government allows them to keep the door pen until 9:00 pm ahead of the festival. The entrepreneur, who has a showroom

in Mirpur-1, is aware of the health risk but added the risk of spreading the virus ersisted as shops are open until 7:00 pm. "We will be able to recover some losses if we are allowed to keep stores open for two

more hours," she said. "We will pass lean seasons for a few they can make some sales during the

REUTERS, Paris

Usually thronging as summer sales kick off, Paris' Printemps department store is among French retailers bracing for a fall in bargain hunters and revenues this year as the coronavirus outbreak keeps tourists away, further hammering the sector. Clothing chains and department stores across the

world have been hit hard by closures during lockdowns. In France, retailers were already suffering after transport strikes in January. Pierre Pelarrey, who runs Printemps' flagship store in central Paris, a magnet for foreign shoppers, said business

was likely to be half what it was this time last year. "We know we're not going to have international clients,"

France's official bargain season runs from July 15 until Aug. 11, although many stores have already started promotions in recent weeks, with up to 50 per cent or even 70 per cent off prices. One bright spot was the return of some French shoppers,

Pelarrey said, with many of them more motivated than

"After coming out of lockdown, people that have come to the store are really buying. One out of two will buy something," he said.

Amusement parks desperate to welcome visitors again 50 per cent of their salaries with full festival administration, they said they could not do anything

"With the income made during the two festivals, we can meet operational expenses for a whole year," he said. Dinajpur's Shopnopuri, one of the oldest

private-sector amusement parks in Bangladesh, has been struggling to pay the salaries of its 35 staff members since late March.

"It's a very difficult time for us," said Md Delwar Hossain, the park's managing director. To create a modern entertainment and tourism park, more than Tk 100 crore needs to be spent, according to industry insiders. Such

complexes are typically set up with bank loans. "Although we are out of income, we have to pay banks loan instalments every month," said Prabir Kumar Shaha, managing director of the Dream Holiday Park in Narsingdi.

The park was opened in 2012 and currently employs about 300 people with a daily footfall of 1,000. Although the owners have not laid off any of staff members yet, they have been paying bonuses for the last three months.

"The district administration can supervise us while allowing us to operate our parks. Other than our losses, the government is also losing a huge amount of revenue from the parks, ⁷ Shaha said, adding that they also provide a good amount of tax to the local administration.

The park pays Tk 10-15 lakh in value-added tax each month.

The government also charges 7.5 per cent VAT on ticket sales and 15 per cent VAT on food. On May 10, the BAAPA had written to the state minister of civil aviation and tourism to

allow parks to resume operations. They also previously wrote to the finance minister to allocate funds for the sector in the

budget for fiscal 2020-21. The association said they have yet to receive

any directive from the government in this regard despite all sorts of requests.

When we sought permission from the district

without consent from the concerned ministries, said an executive of an amusement park. However, Md Mohibul Haque, senior

secretary of the civil aviation and tourism ministry, told The Daily Star that the ministry sent a letter to the deputy commissioner's office asking it to allow the amusement park in Savar to open their doors if the situation is deemed to be under control. "We didn't close these parks. However, for the

request of the park operators, we sent a letter to Dhaka district authority today (yesterday) as we got requests from only the authority of this district," Haque said. Until 5 pm yesterday, the Dhaka district

administration had yet to receive a response from the ministry, according to Md Shahidul Islam, deputy commissioner of Dhaka district. More than 20,000 people are employed by

the 100-odd privately-owned amusement parks in Bangladesh.

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Tk 40,000cr low-priority projects to be pushed back

The government is likely to face a severe revenue crunch this fiscal year, as it did last year. This can't all be made up by borrowing from the scheduled banks or the Bangladesh Bank without adverse consequences, said Zahid Hussain, a former lead economist of the World Bank office in Dhaka.

"It is good to know that the finance division has started to prioritise ADP projects to identify areas of expenditure savings. The timing is commendable because it will not be possible to get any mileage from these efforts without an

"I believe a fairly large amount can be saved without causing any major disruption to the development process. It is important to keep in mind that the development process may also be disrupted if the government does not have enough funds to finance their operating expenditures."

Development expenditure fell to a 27-year low in the just-concluded fiscal year because of the coronavirus

pandemic. Development activities almost halted after the government was forced to implement a countrywide shutdown from March 26 to rein in the rising cases of coronavirus infections, causing ADP implementation to virtually collapse in the following two months, when spending typically heats up to

Subsequently, the ministries and divisions ended up spending Tk 161,000 crore in fiscal 2019-20, which was 80.18 per cent of the total allocation, said a senior official of the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division of the planning ministry.

show a flattering result for the full year.

This was the lowest ADP implementation rate since fiscal 1993-94 and the second-lowest since the 1980s, for which official statistics were available.



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Amusement parks desperate to welcome visitors again

Complexes continue to haemorrhage money during indefinite closure

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With amusement parks across the world slowly starting to reopen while keeping social distancing guidelines and other restriction in place to prevent mass coronavirus infections, it remains unknown when similar establishments in Bangladesh will resume

The owners of amusement parks in the country have struggled for the last threeand-a-half-months to bear the exorbitant maintenance expenses, pay salaries and instalments on bank loans as income dropped to zero when the government recently enforced nationwide shutdown in March in a bid to curb the spread of coronavirus.

While the authorities have allowed smallscale stores and shopping centres to reopen in May and transport services to ply from June 1, the amusement parks have yet to receive the

Hotels, restaurants, shopping malls, transport and airlines have been reopened, said Anup Kumar Sarkar, executive director of the Concord Group of Companies, whose concern Concord Entertainment, operates Fantasy Kingdom and Foy's Lake.

Concord owns Fantasy while Foy's lake, which is owned by Bangladesh Railway, was leased on a 50-year contract.

"Why do we have to still keep the amusement parks out of operation? Although the tourism industry and amusement parks have suffered irreparable damage, so far, no specific direction has been found when it comes to opening the parks," he said.

Established in 2001, Fantasy Kingdom, located in Ashulia, provides a range of fun activities, including a separate water park named Water Kingdom and private retreats at Motel Atlantis.

More than 300 people are employed by the

"We haven't laid off any workers so far. But if we cannot reopen, we will have no other option," Sarkar said.

The park, which hosted more than 2,000 visitors daily on average in the past, has been losing an estimated Tk 10 lakh each day from the lack of ticket and food sales since the







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Fantasy Kingdom in Ashulia looks eerily quiet and deserted amid the coronavirus pandemic as amusement parks in Bangladesh haven't been allowed to reopen yet. The photos were taken last week.

shutdown began on March 26.

Located at the heart of Chattogram, the Foy's Lake complex in Pahartoli has an area of 336 acres, complete with an amusement park and water park with a picturesque view surrounded by hills, a lake and forests. It also has a resort of 38 rooms and 11 bungalows.

About 1,000 people visit the famous lake

"If you do not switch on these machines and rides, these get damaged," Sarkar said, adding that they still have to pay the electric bills and other overheads.

Tourism and amusement destinations under the Bangladesh Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (BAAPA) have already developed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to reopen the parks.

Under the guidelines, authorities will allow only healthy people to enter their facilities and encourage the use of masks or face coverings for guests and staff, provide a means to wash or sanitise hands frequently and manage crowd density to keep people 3 feet apart from

The parks are also planning to reduce touch employs about 250 people.

areas where possible and frequently sanitise high-touch surfaces like railings, protect employees with various approaches, including barriers, protective coverings and distancing and proper treatment facilities on site.

"We are ready with all safety measures. If the authorities advise us against particular rides for risk of infection, we will not open those rides," said Tushar Bin Yousuf, chief executive officer of Nandan Park.

Launched in 2013, the popular park has been closed since March 20 and currently

On a normal day before the coronavirus outbreak, the park hosts upwards of 2,000 visitors with an average invoice value of more than Tk 500 per person.

The main income of the amusement parks comes from visitors during the two Eid festivities, according to Yousuf.

"We have already lost one Eid. If we cannot host visitors for the upcoming Eid, we will be devastated," he added.

For five days around Eid, about 25,000 people visit the park.

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Govt to establish technical education institute in Ctg

JAGARAN CHAKMA

As part of the government's initiative to expand Bangladesh's technical education sector, a general engineering technology centre will be set up at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar (BSMSN) in Chattogram.

Once complete, the institute is expected to produce skilled manpower for industrial units located at the economic zone and subsequently save billions of dollars lost through outward remittance each year, said Paban Chowdhury, executive chairman of Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (Beza).

Beza in cooperation with the commerce ministry will build the institute on a 10-acre plot under the Export Competitiveness for Jobs Project financed by the World Bank.

The institute is expected to produce skilled manpower for industrial units at the economic zone and save outward remittances spent as wages for foreign professionals each year

Students enrolled at the institute will have access to sophisticated technology, be taught with up-to-date curriculums and have skills and management training

"After graduation, they will be absorbed by different industries," he added.

Bangladeshi entrepreneurs spend around \$6 billion annually to hire foreign experts, particularly from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, to help operate their businesses, according to various sources.

However, if skilled manpower was readily available, local entrepreneurs would not need to hire workers from abroad, said Chowdhury.

According to the Beza official, the development of similar educational facilities could attract investment since there is always demand for skilled workers.

If the institute produces efficient technicians, companies might also be able to manufacture high quality products Therefore, the general engineering technology centre

will be a model for other technical education institutes in the country, he said. The project has an estimated cost of \$119.12 million, of which the World Bank will fund up to \$ 100 million while

the government the rest, according to Beza. Although the project is being conducted under the commerce ministry, Beza is taking all kinds of initiatives to set up the institute, Chowdhury added.

Beza expects construction to be complete within the

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JAGARAN CHAKMA

Shipments of plastic products from Bangladesh fell 16 per cent year-on-year to \$101 million in fiscal year 2019-20 following the outbreak of coronavirus all over

Over 142 plastic items are currently manufactured in Bangladesh and the country mainly exports intermediate products like film plastic, ousehold items and garment accessories to the US, Canada, the EU, China, India and Nepal.

Manufacturers achieved 22 per cent year-on-year growth in exports to hit \$120 million in fiscal 2018-19. They even set a target to send goods worth about \$150 million abroad in the next

But exports fell when buyers, especially from Germany and Italy, drastically reduced their orders in the last quarter of previous fiscal year due to the ongoing pandemic, said Md Jashim Uddin, president of the Bangladesh Plastic Goods Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BPGMEA).

Germany and Italy are still two of the hardest hit European countries by Covid-19. As of July 14, Germany has 198,963 confirmed coronavirus cases and the number is even higher for Italy -- 243,230.

German buyers used to place orders with Chinese



Pandemic leaves plastic goods

exporters in a bind

cheaper, quality products, he said

New buyers started to come Europe, particularly Germany-based supermarkets, which source household plastic products from Bangladesh, aiding in the rise of exports in fiscal 2018-19.

The orders fell as European

sourcing from Bangladesh to avail closure of shops and supermarkets market worth \$546 billion and to stop the spread of the deadly pathogen, he added.

In fiscal 2017-18, exports had seen a 16 per cent year-onyear drop when China stopped importing PET (polyethylene terephthalate) bottle scraps, according to the Export Promotion Bureau.

Bangladesh has only a 0.6 per manufacturers, but they started countries went for the wholesale cent share of the global plastic

the BPGMEA aims to occupy 3 per cent of the global market by 2030. The south Asian nation

produces several types extrusion material, moulding, thermosetting conversion like manufacturing of PVC pipes, bags, shopping injection moulding products, garment bags, woven bags, PET/PE bottle, laminated packages, making of

profile, rigid sheets, garment accessories, household products, cosmetics, medicine packs etc.

The government is providing 10 per cent cash incentive to exporters. As of now, total investment in Bangladesh's 12th highest export earning sector is around Tk 21,000 crore.

The plastic makers have created at least 12 lakh jobs in a total of 5,030 small, medium and big factories across the country.

Some 175,500 people are doing job in small units, 444,000 in 1,480 medium units and 10,000 in big units.

Currently, there are around 100 plastic product manufacturers, who also aid export earnings of almost \$800 million per year through direct and indirect backward linkage supplies to different sectors, especially the apparel sector, Jashim Uddin noted.

The plastic sector was quite dependent on raw material imports, for which global competitiveness had an influence on their business, he said.

The main raw material for producing plastic goods is polyolefin, which is derived during the refining of crude oil and cracking or distillation of natural gas liquids.

Despite having no polyolefin manufacturing Bangladeshi businesses expected the plastic sector to post 25 per cent growth every year.

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