

China's big banks face fallout as pandemic forbearance expires

China's largest state-owned banks are readied for rising bad debt and increased margin pressure in the months ahead as forbearance policies designed to give borrowers breathing space during the coronavirus crisis expire.

to survive under the shadow of coronavirus. Second-quarter loan-loss provisions were up 61% to 436% compared to the same period last year at ICBC, CCB, AgBank and BoC, data from China International Capital Corp (CICC) showed.

Plans for a deep seaport at Sonadia nixed

When Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visited China in 2014, the two sides agreed to sign a framework agreement on the deep-sea port for an estimated cost of \$14 billion, but the signing did not eventually take place as Bangladesh backtracked on it at the last moment, said a foreign ministry official in 2016.

There is a nervous tension at HeidelbergCement headquarters

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"Like local companies we can't adopt unfair means to win government projects. Local firms, in many cases, evade tax and VAT but we have to comply fully with regulations and can't compromise on quality," he said, adding that Bangladesh's corruption culture is not suitable for many multinational companies.

HeidelbergCement Bangladesh's net interest cost was Tk 9 crore in the first six months of the year while its interest income was Tk 4 crore a year earlier.

Cars 'made in Bangladesh' on the way

The sector is nearing critical mass thanks to its ability to adopt new technologies and increased efficiency in human resource management.

However, if the annual sales are expected to be less than 5,000, foreign automakers might prefer to just provide original equipment for local companies to use rather than make direct investments.

to increase investment in Bangladesh. He assured providing technological support for Bangladesh to create its own brand of automobiles.

Agro industries hold the key to economic recovery

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Ever since Bangladesh achieved independence, agriculture has played the most significant role in providing food security, creating jobs, generating income and reducing poverty in the country, said CCIFB President Syed Mahmudul Huq.

Development Project, provided an overview of BIDA's initiatives to promote employment and entrepreneurship.

of an enabling environment for investments in digital or smart agriculture, internet-plus rural infrastructure and communication to boost knowledge intensity and efficiency in production and processing.

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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Short Listing Researcher/Research Firm (National)

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. Agency	Bangladesh Police.
3. Procuring entity	AIG (Planning & Research-2), Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
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KEY INFORMATION

7. Procurement method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
8. The period of assignment	October 2020-May 2021.
9. Source of fund	Revenue Budget, Gov.
10. Title of research	Policing Bangladesh in 2041: Search for a Perspective Plan on Law Enforcement.
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13. Time and date of EOI opening	12:30 hrs on 22.09.2020.
14. Pre-bid meeting date	11:00 hrs on 14.09.2020.
15. Brief description of the assignment	The Research titled 'Policing Bangladesh in 2041: Search for a Perspective Plan on Law Enforcement' will be conducted by Researcher(s) or Research Firm(s) within eight months from October 2020 to May 2021 from Revenue Budget under the supervision of the Assistant Inspector General (Planning & Research-2), Police Headquarters, Dhaka. The key objectives of the assignment is: -To assess Bangladesh Police as a state player to attain Vision-2041; -To know the resource, manpower and organizational requirement, which should be necessary at every five years' time up to 2041; -To know the visionary picture of Bangladesh Police in 2041.
16. Qualifications of researcher/research firm	i) Researcher(s) is/are requested to send a write-up not exceeding 2000 words in consistence with the topic as above (in prescribed form stated in Bangladesh Police Gobeshona Nitimala, 2018) providing (a) Educational qualifications (b) Birth certificate/NID (c) Years of research experience (d) Published articles (with reference) (e) Certificate of highest degree (f) Resumes of research associate/associates along with (g) e-TIN certificate (h) No objection letter from the appropriate authority (if working in any public or private university or other autonomous body) to conduct the research. ii) Research firm(s) is/are requested to send a write-up not exceeding 2000 words in consistence with the topic as above (in prescribed form stated in Bangladesh Police Gobeshona Nitimala, 2018) providing (a) Trade licence (b) Research experience (c) Research experience of the chief executive of the firm (d) Educational qualifications of the chief executive of the firm (e) Resumes of research associate/associates along with letter of consent to conduct the research (f) Publications of the firm (books, articles/research articles) (g) Capacity of the firm (infrastructure/logistic-transport, photocopier, scanner etc.), number of researchers and personnel (h) TIN certificate of the chief executive of firm. Attested copies of relevant papers mentioned above must be submitted along with the EOI.
17. Others	The procuring entity reverse the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason thereof.

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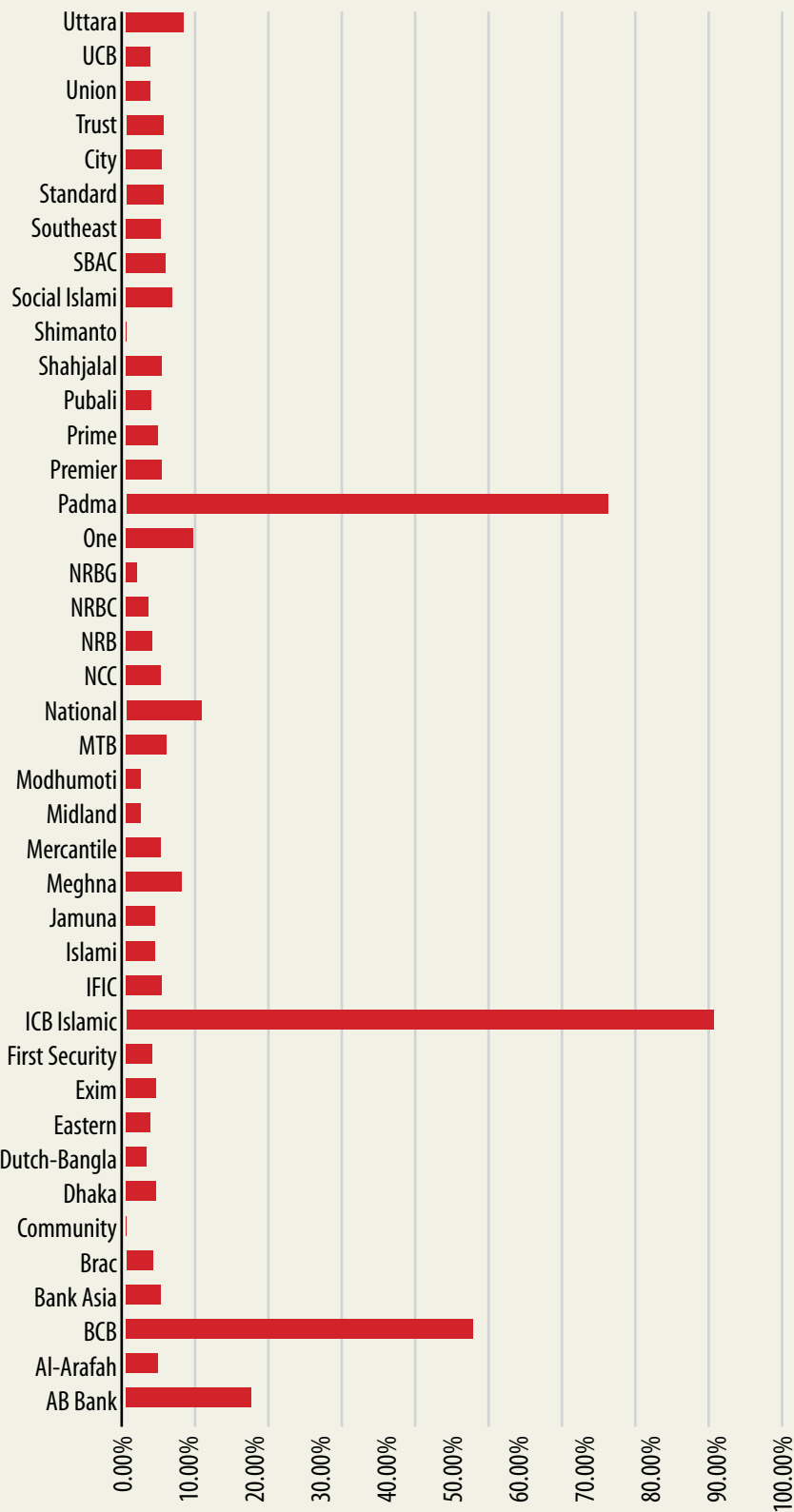
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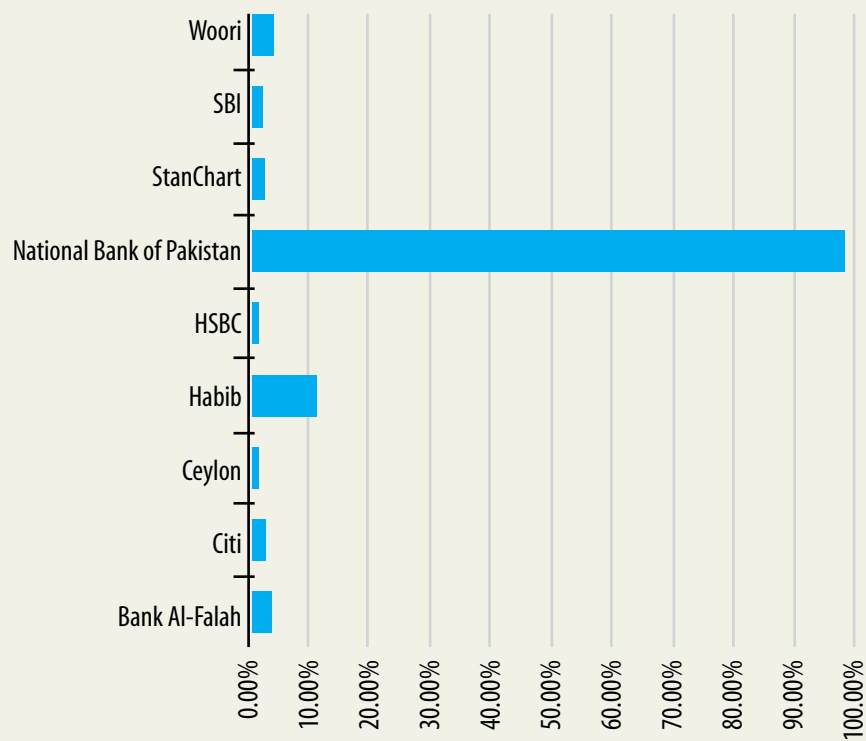
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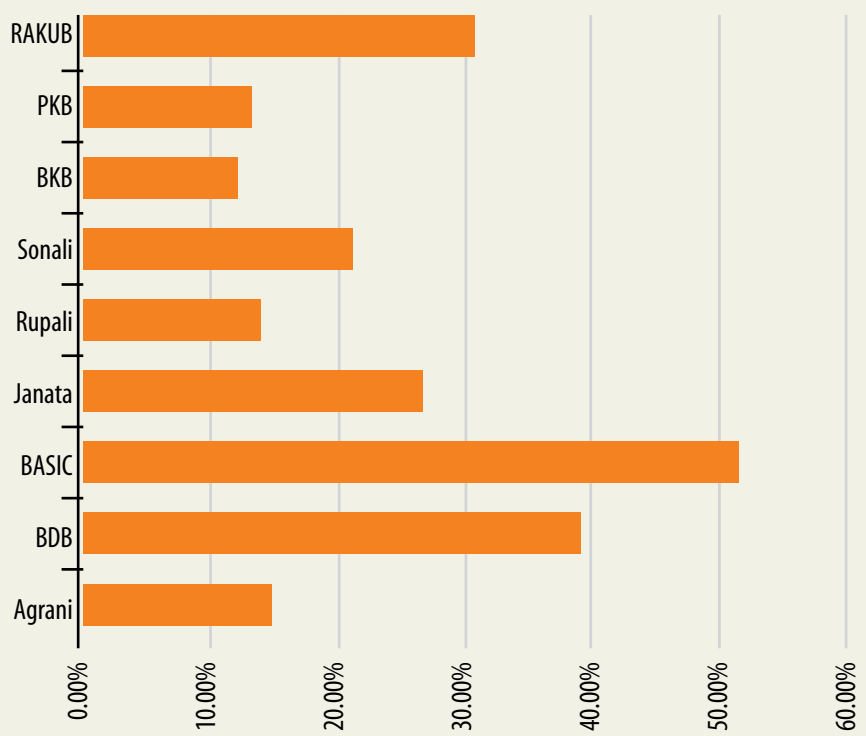
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Binge, Bangladesh's first IPTV, diving deep into Bengali original video content

MAHMUDUL HASAN

Binge, the country's first internet protocol TV (IPTV), is now coming up with Bengali original video content, buoyed by the tremendous response in the first three months of its launch.

The video content, which would be a family- and thriller-oriented telefilm and four dramas, would be released this month.

And to facilitate customers to watch the content, Binge has cut down the price of its Android smart devices by Tk 1,000 to Tk 3,999.

"We have a big and brilliant content creating team and our main emphasis is now making Bengali crime thriller, drama, comedy, video content based on real-life crime and many more," Noor E Tazrian Khan, marketing lead of its parent company Red.Digital, told The Daily Star yesterday.

The dramas can be viewed in higher definition on both big and small screens (smart TV and mobile handsets), Khan added.

One of the shows on the platform, which came at launch in May, called August 14 was a smash hit.



The series is inspired from a true incident of 2013, when a police officer and his wife were brutally murdered by their daughter.

"Our first such real life-based was a hit and everyone appreciated the quality of the content. So, we will bring more such web series," Khan added.

Red.Digital, a subsidiary of Robi Axiata, the country's second-largest mobile operator, rolled out the Binge Android smart device and streaming platform -- both of which were developed by local Genex Infosys -- at a time when the demand for video content hit the roof as people stayed home to

flatten the curve on coronavirus that was tearing through the country at a breakneck speed.

Subsequently, in just over three months, it has logged in 1 lakh subscriptions.

Powered by the internet, the Binge Android smart device, which resembles a set-top box, lets one can play more than 150 live TV channels, more than 3,000 series, films, exclusive originals and many more digital entertainment contents.

Dubbed the future of video entertainment, the IPTV differs from the regular cable or satellite TV in that instead of transmitting

content via light pulses in fibre-optic cable or radio waves from a satellite, it sends shows and movies through the standard internet connection.

In case of regular cable or satellite connection, broadcasters send out signals and viewers receive them, meaning one is only able to watch what is being broadcasted. Unless there is some sort of recording device, one does not get to dictate what's on when. You just tune in when you can and watch what's available.

But most IPTV uses video on demand (VOD) or time-shifted media instead of broadcasting a range of shows on a specific schedule.

The subscription fee for the Binge streaming platform, which can only be accessed through the device, is Tk 399 per month.

"Bringing all classes of viewers to this platform is our ongoing plan," Khan said, adding that it is also making content for children.

Red.Digital also has global domination in sight: it plans to take Binge to the Bangladeshi and Bengali-speaking diaspora spread all over the world.



RAJIB RAIHAN

Covered vans parked on Outer Ring Road in Chattogram city, most of which are usually built by bolting a modified shipping container onto the chassis at a cost of Tk 2 lakh to Tk 2.5 lakh. The average price of a van is Tk 20 lakh. Shipping containers brought in from abroad are supposed to return with export goods or empty. But they are being sold in the local market evading customs duty due to customs authority's negligence and absence of monitoring. Of the 3.5 lakh-odd trucks and covered vans engaged in the transportation of goods among Dhaka, its adjacent districts and Chattogram port, nearly 70 per cent carry textile and garment items, while the rest transport products for other sectors.

Capitalist urges imperil Bichanakandi's ecological balance

DWOHA CHOWDHURY, from Sylhet

Stone lifting from Bichanakandi is harming the ecological balance of the famous tourist destination in Sylhet's Gowainghat upazila.

The area is located on Bangladesh's border with India's Meghalaya where a waterfall flows just inside the Indian border and the stream created a lake-like spot that connects with the nearby Piyain river.

Stone lifting started there after 18 March, when the Sylhet district administration imposed a shutdown on all tourist attractions, including Bichanakandi, in order to stop the spread of coronavirus.

Taking the benefit of the ban, some traders started stealing stones, especially during nights, locals said.

In a recent visit to the spot, this correspondent also found a group of people busy lifting and carrying stones away with small boats. They were storing the stones in several nearby places for selling later on.

The spot, which is close to the border, is under the jurisdiction of the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), which prohibits entry of tourists inside 500 metres of the area.

Some locals have complained that the stone lifting is taking place inside the area under BGB's jurisdiction also.

"We have no information of stealing or lifting stones within 200 metres of the perimeter. It might happen in areas outside our jurisdiction," said Ahmed Yusuf Jamil, the commanding officer of BGB Battalion-48.

Over the last decade, all nearby villages of Bichanakandi have been damaged by the stone traders.

Illegal stone lifting must be stopped at any cost to save the environment, said Abdul Karim Kim, general secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon.

"But unfortunately, such things are happening in front of the law enforcers and administration," he added.

Nazmus Sakib, Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Gowainghat upazila, said he has ordered the local police and BGB to take steps to restrict stone lifting from Bichanakandi.



SHEIKH NASIR

Top, Visitors are seen at Bichanakandi in June last year. Bottom, thanks to illegal lifting of stones, the bank of the stream is bereft of the boulders that made it a renowned tourist attraction in Sylhet. The photo was taken on 20 August this year.